



East Essex Triathlon Club

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on the 5th June, 2024

In attendance: -

Ben Brooks, Mike Shean, Paul Gribbon, Toby Knight and Ian George.

Apologies received from: -

Charlotte Brooks, Jenny Harley, Liz Payne, Mike Grout, Jack Martin, Laura Mason, Zena Shean, Gemma Kemp and Chris Muers.

Matters arising from the last Committee Meeting

There were no matters arising from the last committee meeting apart from an update from Mike that the issue with the public Facebook page has now been fixed.

Kids Triathlon

Everything is on track for the kid's triathlon on Saturday the 22nd June, 2024 although as usual we could always do with some more marshals. Toby suggested contacting Matthew Aitken and Andy Rouyer-Brown as they may be able to provide some marshals as part of the Duke of Edinburgh awards. **IG to action.**

We also all agreed to order the medals and trophies as we did last year. The cost for these will be only around £500 so within budget.

We have 131 entries so far and hopefully we can get this up to 150.

Grays Triathlon

We only have 35 sign-ups to this race, and everyone agreed that unless we get at least 50 entrants then we should cancel the race. Asking all our marshals to attend with so few entrants seems pointless and this does not even take in to account the financial cost.

Ian will send another message round to all our members trying to get as many entrants as possible especially as we only have 9 members signed up so far. **IG to action.**

We agreed that we should defer any decision until the 22nd June which is the date of the kids triathlon.

Club Relays

We didn't get much take up for the Eastern Regional Relays, so IG suggested the National Relays instead on Saturday the 24th August, 2024. IG to send a message to all our members to try and gauge some interest. **IG to action.**

Advertisement/Banners

Ben suggested arranging for a banner that advertised the Club and all our events. This could be put on display at Runnymede and BSV for example. Mike suggested that Mike Grout would be the best person to organise this so Ben said he would contact Mike Grout. **BB to Action.**

Financial Update

Paul kindly provided a brief financial update and commented that our finances were on track and in line with expectations.

Any other business

Mike mentioned that Zena was very concerned about the Tuesday evening track sessions and the fact that there seemed to be lots of members of the public on the tack at the same time as us. This has created several safeguarding issues that need to be addressed. IG to contact Kathryn Davies at BSV to arrange a face-to-face meeting to discuss this and several other issues we have with BSV in general. **IG to Action.**

Hoodies and Zoodies. The prices on the website need to be updated as they are out-of-date. IG agreed to update the website to reflect the new price and the £2 cost of embroidery. **IG to Action.**

We need to agree a date for the open water swim time trial at Westcliff-on-Sea as the initial date was a Monday which would clash with our usual Monday evening swim session. Ben suggested either Wednesday, Thursday or Friday evening (or Saturday morning) towards the end of June or the beginning of July. Paul said he would look at the tide times so we can agree a suitable time and date. **PG to Action.**

Ben suggested perhaps arranging a mob match (aquathlon) with JBR Triathlon. Ben will contact Jennie Pennington at JBR. **BB to Action.**

Toby also picked up on Chris Muers comment about trying to get more juniors to join our Club. In addition to the banner, Toby also suggested advertising the Club and our races on the local Facebook pages.

Date of next meeting

To be agreed.