



East Essex Triathlon Club

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on the 26th September, 2023

In attendance: -

Jenny Harley
Paul Gribbon
Ian George
Zena Shean
Liz Payne
Jack Martin
Laura Mason
Ben Brooks

Apologies received from: -

Jo Phelps
Paul Gribbon
Toby Knight
Gemma Kemp
Camila Wilkes
Matthew Dodd
Chris Muers
Sue Fuller

Matters arising from the last Committee Meeting

There were no matters arising from the last committee meeting on the 25th July, 2023.

End-of-Season Party

Jack and Laura have booked the end of season party at the Rayleigh Club for Friday the 17th November, 2023. The cost will be £56 per person and to keep the costs down there will be no wine on the table and it will be up to Members to buy their own drinks although a drink on arrival will still be provided. The club would still be happy to pay for table decorations etc, however there will be no club subsidy this year.

East Essex Events 2024

The committee agreed that we should charge £30 for the adult Aquathlon and £25 for the Kids Aquathlon in 2024 up from £28 and £23 respectively in 2023.

For the kids Triathlon we agreed that this should increase to £30 which again is up from £28 in 2023.

Given the ever-increasing costs (especially from BSV) and the reduced number of entrants, as a committee we felt that this increase was reasonable even when you take in to account the new race pass for 2024 which will replace the BTF day entry for non-BTF members.

IG to get in touch with BSV with a view to booking these two events for Sunday the 14th April, 2024 and Saturday the 22nd June, 2024 respectively. IG is going to be away on 15th June 2024.

For the Gray's triathlon, we all agreed to keep the entry fee the same at £45. The reason for this is because a lot of entrants are first timers, and the introduction of the race pass will affect them more, so we felt we needed to keep the entry fee the same.

Sheds

It was agreed that the sheds needed to be cleared out to assess the damage and to get rid of lot of the items that are no longer used such as the old turbo trainers. The committee agreed to do this on either Saturday the 28th October, 2023 or Saturday the 4th November, 2023. Jack suggested that we could organise a Saturday morning run from BSV with the Club providing tea and cakes and then look to clear the sheds out afterwards. IG to publish a Facebook post to try to get other Members to help.

Sunday Morning Club Rides

Jack suggested that going forward for the autumn/winter rides, we should look to organise a different ride each Sunday such as an easy ride, a faster ride, and an off-road ride. Hopefully this should attract more riders, however Zena did comment that ride leaders will probably need to help to lead a slower group. We all agreed that this would of course depend on who turned up on the day. These rides will be organised via Facebook and will continue to be ad-hoc social rides rather than Club coached or led rides.

Finance Update

Paul confirmed that the current Club balance is £3,200 which is likely to reduce to £2,300 once we have paid for the Bridge Triathlon and then around £1,500 at the end of the year once we have covered all other expenses such as the annual award trophies. IG to order the trophies once after the last league event at Hogg Hill on the 22nd October, 2023.

Any other business

IG mentioned that Tri Sport Essex had been in touch regarding more club co-operation and the committee agreed that any Tri Sport Essex member would be more than welcome to come along to any of our sessions subject to them paying the extra £1 additional charge for non-members. Also, the plan is to help each other to advertise our events. The Tri Sport Essex try-a-tri was booked for Sunday the 7th July, 2024.

It was agreed that the Christmas Run would take place on Saturday the 23rd December, 2023 and will follow the usual format.

We briefly discussed what gifts we can offer for our events next year and Jenny kindly agreed to investigate this and revert to the committee.

Jack advised that for next year he would like to step-down as the Club Captain and suggested Ben Brooks would be a fantastic replacement for 2024. Ben seemed keen on the idea, and this would of course be ratified at the AGM next January/February.

Date of next meeting

Tuesday the 7th November, 2023.