



East Essex Triathlon Club

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on the 2nd December, 2024

In attendance: -

Ben Brooks, Charlotte Brooks, Zena Shean, Jenny Harley, Jack Martin, Matthew Dodd, Liz Payne, Sue Fuller, Paul Gribbon, Kay Bennett and Ian George.

Apologies received from: -

Mike Grout, Toby Knight and Mike Shean.

Matters arising from the last Committee Meeting on the 21st October, 2024

Sue commented that she felt the £5 increase for the kid's membership was too steep and suggested increasing this from £8.50 to £10 for renewals and from £12 to £15 for new members instead. Everyone agreed this was a better idea.

It was also agreed that as the Bridge Triathlon will be taking place in 2025, we would be using this as our Club Championships.

AGM

We all agreed to continue with a Friday evening at the Cricket Club and agreed on Friday the 31st January, 2025. IG to contact Brian Dawbarn to book the cricket Club and e-mail all Members with the date and a copy of last year minutes. IG will also post a website article and send this out via Facebook and the WhatsApp Group.

Kids Awards

It was agreed that this should take place on the 18th January, 2025. Liz and Kay kindly agreed to organise this at Base Jump in Rayleigh. Charlotte and Ben both also agreed to attend to give out the trophies. Zena was also going to organise a voting box at track for junior TOTY.

2025 Events (Competitor Freebies)

Jenny suggested that TOTE bags would be a good idea as a freebie for our events in 2025. Everyone agreed that this would be a great idea. Jenny would investigate the polices and will revert to the committee.

Welfare Officer

Toby asked to step down from his position as Club Welfare Officer. The club will look to advertise this position to other Members prior to the AGM along with the role as Club Secretary which also remains vacant. IG to add this to the e-mail circular regarding the AGM.

Financial Update

Paul commented that the Club currently has around £6,700 in our account which would reduce to around £5,000 come the end of the year once all outstanding items (such as the end of seasons trophies) had been paid for. Paul commented that this was a significant improvement from the £1,500 we had at the end of 2023. All the committee thanked Paul for his continued diligence in keeping costs under control and returning the club to a much better financial footing.

Weekend Runs/Rides

Ben and Charlotte had kindly set up some WhatsApp groups to try and encourage more members to attend. Everyone agreed that the Saturday morning Parkruns have been a good idea so the plan would be to continue with these although this Saturday will just be a short easy run given that it is Cross Country on Sunday. The Sunday rides will continue to be organised ad hoc but are very much weather dependent.

Christmas Run

The date was set for Saturday the 21st December, 2024 and Zena very kindly offered to make the necessary arrangements. The run would be starting a little later this year as there will also be a solstice run which Ian Tovell is organising that will start earlier. Richard Fuller agreed to take charge of the present swap again this year.

Any other business

Zena mentioned the on-going situation with the lifeguards at Runnymede. Over the past few months, we have just had the one lifeguard, however Runnymede are now insisting on two which would cost £50 in all making the Monday evening session no longer financially viable. Everyone agreed that having two lifeguards was not necessary given we have a club coach pool side and the duty manager (who is a qualified lifeguard) was always on-site. Zena to arrange a meeting with Runnymede to discuss this.

Sue commented that the membership prices on Entry Central needed updating as some of them did not make any sense. Sue will liaise with Mike Grout to ensure that these are updated to reflect the current position.

Zena also suggested looking at doing a mob match with local clubs at the Riverview Café in Hullbridge next summer. Everyone agreed this would be a good idea and this will be revisited next year.

Paul Gribbon asked if we had had any feedback following the end-of-season party at Westcliff Rugby Club. No comments had been received although everyone thought the food could have been better. Trying to find a date and venue was always going to be difficult. For 2025 we could look to organise something in January 2026 and perhaps the Club could contribute although given that all our events end after Hogg Hill at the end of October, it was always felt that November is still the best month.

Charlotte sent round some ideas for our event leaflets, and everyone agreed to go for the second option. Charlotte will speak to Mike Grout about getting these printed so we could look to distribute these in January after all the events open on the 1st January, 2025.

Date of next meeting

Monday the 3rd March, 2025 at 7.15 pm at Runnymede.