



## **East Essex Triathlon Club**

### **Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on the 9<sup>th</sup> January, 2024**

#### **In attendance: -**

Paul Gribbon, Sue Fuller, Ben Brooks, Jenny Harley, Ian George, Zena Shean and Chris Muers.

#### **Apologies received from: -**

Camilla, Wilkes, Toby Knight, Liz Payne, Jo Phelps, Mike Shean, Matthew Dodd, Jack Martin, Laura Mason, Liz Payne and Gemma Kemp.

#### **Matters arising from the last Committee Meeting**

There were no matters arising from the committee meeting on the 7<sup>th</sup> November, 2023 apart from Jack Martin being the lucky recipient of the London marathon club place.

#### **2024 East Essex Events**

All the three Club events have now been booked and entries are now open on EntryCentral.

Entries have been slow to come through, but everyone accepted that our events don't fill up quite as quickly as they used to and there is just not the urgency to enter as there once was. A steady trickle of entries is coming through so hopefully these will eventually fill up.

Zena kindly agreed to take on the role as Race Director for the Aquathon (on the day) as Ian is going to be away.

As discussed at the last meeting, Mick Grout kindly arranged for some flyers to help advertise the events which will be distributed at different events and venues.

#### **Financial Update**

Paul will cover the latest financial update at the AGM, but the club's financial position is as forecast.

## **The AGM**

The AGM is all booked for Friday the 26<sup>th</sup> January, 2024 at Rayleigh Cricket Club and it will follow the usual format but without the free bar and Pizza. Ian and Paul will make a short presentation as usual. Jack, are you happy to also do a short presentation as outgoing Club Captain?

## **Membership Secretary and Club Secretary Roles.**

These roles are still to be filled for 2024. Zena suggested Mike Grout as Membership Secretary given his knowledge of EntryCentral. Ian will contact Mike along with Stuart Forgione as a possibility for Club Secretary.

## **Any other business**

- Ian will send out a newsletter to members covering various topics such as Club Membership, our 2024 events etc.
- The kids cycling sessions had been booked for 2024 and Chris will let Ian know the dates to include this in the newsletter. Zena also suggested opening this up to Southend Wheelers.
- It was noted that Camilla had launched Membership for 2024 on EntryCentral and this would also be mentioned in the newsletter to try and encourage members to join up as soon as possible.
- Ben thought it would be an idea to have some type of suggestion box so members could suggest what sessions or events they would like to see. Ian will add this to the newsletter and suggest they contact Ben with ideas.
- It had also been pointed out what a good job Ben had done with the Club Instagram page and how popular it was with Members.
- Zena suggested having the next meeting at a different venue and on a different day. Ian to ask the committee for comments/suggestions when sending the minutes round.
- Ben mentioned possible funding from Active Essex and was going to send a link round to the committee.
- Zena also suggested trying to arrange a meeting with Kathryn Davies to discuss our needs. Basildon AC do this regularly. Ian to contact Kathryn.

## **Date of next meeting**

5<sup>th</sup> March 2024 although this could change if we decide on a different date and venue.