

**Oxford Tri Club Committee Meeting  
Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2009**

**Present**

Ian Loades (IL)  
Claire Loades (CL)  
Peter LARBALÉSTIER (PL)  
Claire Innes (CI)

Heather Grimes (HG)  
Hanno Nickau (HN)  
Phil Richards (PR)

**Apologies**

Jerry Greatorex (JG)  
Nick Hales (NH)  
Adam Moore (AM)

Simon Jones (SJ)  
Jane Bell (JB)  
Anita Donaldson (AD)

Item	Action	Who
1.0	<p><b>Minutes from Last Meeting</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Risk assessment has been done for turbo sessions.</li> <li>- We have had a couple of guest athletes - seems to be working ok.</li> <li>- Coaches page is up - it would be good if coaches could complete some profile information.</li> <li>- We need financial statement for next meeting - <b>Action: IL to ask AD</b></li> <li>- IL to chase up who is taking money at the turbo sessions. <b>Action: IL</b></li> <li>- Membership is now at 237</li> <li>- Minutes Ok</li> </ul>	
2.0	<p><b>Pre- Blenheim swim review</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Overall, the sessions went extremely well and a huge thank you to everyone who gave up their time, both on the administrative side and those who shepherded in the water. <b>THANK YOU!!!</b></li> <li>- A huge thank you to Mike for organising the sessions. Also to Nick for getting the paypal system up and running.</li> <li>- The overwhelming feedback from those who took part has been positive.</li> <li>- It would be good to have some feedback from the volunteers as to how they thought it went. Please let the Committee know if you have any thoughts.</li> <li>- It was generally felt that we do not want to exceed the capped number of 70. Not just safety in the water, but the administration becomes fairly onerous at these numbers.</li> <li>- Suggestion was made to have coloured hats for groups of swimmers, so if you are shepherding, you can see at a glance where your group members are. Agreed to buy cheap hats for this purpose.</li> <li>- Some of the coloured latex hats for volunteers seem</li> </ul>	

	<p>to have wandered off. Pete to count up and Phil to email membership to see if anyone has one. <b>Action: PL/PR</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- It was suggested that we have a funnel system whereby people enter the water one at a time and hand their card over at the last minute in exchange for their band.</li> <li>- Also suggested numbering the pegs and bands so you actually can tell who is who!</li> <li>- Next year, formally remind Worton Farms that these events are taking place.</li> <li>- Safety officer to do a quick litter pick of the area after sessions.</li> <li>- Have a more structured session plans circulated further in advance for sessions.</li> </ul>	
3.0	<p><b>BAR Training Events</b> <b>Parking</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- there have been some problems with residents and parking in Bletchington. It is the public highway and there are no parking restrictions where the complaint was made. HOWEVER, we do not want to upset the locals and we need to ensure that we park away from the green area, but only park in the pub carpark if you are actually intending on going in the pub afterwards.</li> <li>- Suggestion was made that there is a field that Kidlington Running Club use - Pete to contact them to see if we could do the same. <b>Action: PL</b></li> <li>- Long term, look at an alternative venue altogether.</li> </ul>	
4	<p><b>Blenheim Volunteers</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Feedback from IMG has been excellent. IL will forward the feedback email from IMG and post on website.</li> <li>- Thank you to everyone who volunteers, feedback from club members has been really good as well.</li> <li>- Volunteers were treated much better this year - fed and watered.</li> <li>- 26 volunteers on Saturday, 20 on Sunday.</li> <li>- It was decided that we would as for some free slots for next year and maybe raffle them to those who volunteered. Maybe top up free places with the Gatorade bursary&gt;</li> <li>- IL to contact SN re free places. <b>Action: IL</b></li> </ul>	
5	<p><b>Club Kit</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Simon has been in contact with Endura who have apologised for the delay. They have agreed to a 10% discount off the whole order and agreed that in future, if they are more than a week out on delivery date, they will give us 50% off.</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- There have been some comments that it has been difficult to get hold of the current kit that we have. IL to speak to SJ re distributing kit amongst other committee members who can take to sessions (e.g. Dragon swim, BAR, turbo sessions etc). Caroline Slay has also offered to help out. <b>Action: IL</b></li> <li>- It was suggested maybe have the kit available on line at some point.</li> <li>- Take the kit to Thame.</li> </ul>	
6	<p><b>Open Event</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- HG presented some costings (timing chips etc) and the committee gave the go ahead to start spending! Budget was put at £2500 and if expenditure needs to go over this, then main Committee must be notified.</li> </ul>	
7	<p><b>Website</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- It was agreed that we need a separate meeting for this. Perhaps when Nick is next over in the UK.</li> </ul>	
8	<p><b>AOB</b></p> <p><b>8.1 Club Relays</b>  Jerry has proposed the club subsidises the club relays to include transport, camping and food (approx £900). Committee took a vote to decide whether the club should subsidise in some way (not necessarily as proposed). 5 said yes, 2 said no. However, not in favour of current proposal. Possibly make contribution to entry fee. Jerry to resubmit proposal. <b>Action: JG</b></p> <p><b>8.2 Summer Holiday swimming at Rosenblatt</b>  Phil has booked Rosenblatt for the summer, but they can only do Monday 8-9pm and only 3 lanes (max 24 swimmers). Phil will announce early July. Use sign up system again. It is possible that we may have better access to the Dragon at some point (Mike has a contact). For Rosenblatt sign up, have a couple of dummy sign ups to accommodate anyone who wants to do a trail session.</p> <p><b>8.3 Minutes</b>  HG to speak to NH re placing minutes on the website. They are currently in two places and not up to date (HG does not know how to put them up!). <b>Action: HG</b></p> <p><b>8.4 Profiles of Members</b>  CI suggested that it would be a good idea to have some profile of a cross section of the club members. This will hopefully push forward the fact that we are a club for all abilities, and not just for the serious racers. Excellent idea, CI to sort out. <b>Action: CI</b></p> <p><b>8.5 Car Stickers</b>  Good idea. IL to get Guy Roberts (who suggested it) to</p>	

	<p>follow up and get some quotes. Possibly base them on the banner at the top of the webpage. <b>Action: IL</b></p> <p><b>8.6 Lane ropes at Dragon</b></p> <p>There is no way we are allowed to use the big lane dividers - these are for galas only - sorry!</p> <p><b>8.7 Thame Sprint</b></p> <p>There are a lot of club members doing this, and we have asked for our own wave. Agreed in principle, IL to email those who are doing it and ask for any objections by Friday at the latest - if no objections, then go ahead with Ox Tri wave. Get a discussion going on the forum for this. <b>Action: IL</b></p> <p><b>8.8 Mike D has suggested a one off open water race down the Thames. After some discussion, it was decided that as a Club we cannot sanction it.</b></p> <p><b>8.9 Guest Coaches</b></p> <p>We have been approached by the chap based in Abingdon who has the endless pool and offers swim coaching. He would like to come and coach one of our club sessions. It was agreed that it would be a good idea to have guest coaches in (fresh eye etc) - however, we would not be endorsing his product. We would not want him to give our members the hard sell - but if anyone does use him and can give us some feedback that would be great. PR will contact him to come and guest coach. <b>Action: PR</b></p> <p><b>8.10 Financial Review</b></p> <p>We must have this by the next meeting - <b>Action: AD</b></p>	
9	<p><b>Date of Next Meeting</b></p> <p>20<sup>th</sup> July - 7.30 - OXSRAD (venue is booked) - no swimming on this date.</p>	

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