

White Oak Tri Squad AGM

Weds 19th Nov 2008

Chairman - John Setford

Minutes - Alex Cooper

Present :- Dave Blackett , Roy Knight , Paul Fisher , Jane Blackmore , Paula Smith, Jel Utting , Martin Heap , Cedric, Alex Cooper , John Setford , new member? (name)

Chairs Report

The issue of membership was discussed with the view that it was too complicated and there were too many different options of membership available with the over riding need to increase the number of White Oak members who paid annual full fees to enable the club to run successfully. £10 associate membership was discussed as being too cheap and the view that was it really necessary. Club members can currently pay weekly , monthly , half yearly etc and this was viewed as being too difficult to keep track of who had paid and who hadn't and also where membership had lapsed .

With the new club (Dartford and White Oak Tri club) launching from May it was discussed this would be an ideal time to start a new membership scheme with a membership card , welcome pack information for new members and an up to date record of club members details (this will be compulsory anyway due to health & safety requirements for the Dartford lake).

It was proposed to raise the associate membership cost to £20 and yearly fees to £110 to stay the same but include the £20 cost of associate membership . Proposal agreed.

The issue was raised over the ongoing name of the club - John needed to register the club with the BTF by the end of the month and the decision was agreed to register as Dartford and White Oak Tri but leave the website as it is currently but look at registering a new domain incorporating the new name going forwards when required.

Proposal

To use timing chips for the 2009 Adult White Oak Tri race
Agreed by all .

The price for the Adult race will therefore need to increase to £26 and £29 respectively for BTF / non BTF members but the use of timing chips for the race was seen as a very positive move and the right way forward to ensure the continued success of the race but still keeping the cost of entry to be highly competitive.

By using timing chips it was discussed that this would free up some of the marshals from their current jobs and therefore we could look at the possibility of being able to change the run from 3 laps currently to 2 by using the whole of Swanley Park.

Treasurer Report

Dave Blackett resigned as treasurer - many thanks to Dave for all his hard work over the past 2 years and best wishes to Dave and his wife for their new arrival next year.

The main point of discussion from the accounts was the use of the White Oak pool on a Sunday evening between 9 and 10 where the club are regularly losing money due to the lack of interest in people attending at this time . The proposal was put forward to either cancel this timeslot or try and re-arrange the pool time to be 7 - 8pm on a Sunday evening . This was agreed and Paul will be looking into switching the clubs time slot.

Again the issue of membership was discussed and the need for a proper membership card and the idea of trying to obtain discounts at local retailers etc for White Oak members - again this was something everyone felt would be a positive thing and encourage members to sign up to the club for a year .

Training

Proposal - to combine the cycle training of White Oak Tri and Seeds cycling club , to form a united training group to encourage better training and new members to both clubs .

Proposal to pay £200 to Seeds cycling club for White Oak members to be a part - would need to re-look at and discuss with Graham if numbers changed dramatically.

Motion agreed

Proposal - to try and work out a similar arrangement with Dartford Road runners - John discussed that he would continue to look into getting some agreement from DRR on this .

Election of Committee

Chair - John Setford

Treasurer - Paul Fisher

Secretary - Alex Cooper

Membership secretary - Roy Knight (from start of new club in May)

Events secretary - James Drain

Social Secretary - Jane Blackmore

Date for Adult Triathlon - 12th July 2009