



EDINBURGH TRIATHLETES COMMITTEE MEETING

Sunday 25 May 2019

Minutes

Attendees	Apologies
Paul Chowdhry Mike Brown Francesca Osowska Julia Löcherbach Ian Gillon Jean-Paul Vitry Bruce Wilson Leigh-Anne Baker Ciara Webb John Whittaker	Gavin Calder Jules Blanc Phil Parr-Burman Carrie Bush Gary Willis

Action grid

1. All to note actions and highlighted actions in minutes below, *and act accordingly!*

New Year's Day Race: 25th Anniversary

2. John Whittaker set out current budget issues with the New Year's Day race. Costs were generally rising (hire of Commonwealth Pool and charge from City of Edinburgh Council). Profits for the 2020 race could fall from around £5,000 to around £1,000.

3. 2020 would be the 25th anniversary of the race. The Committee agreed that, if possible, the race should be enhanced as a special commemorative edition. Ideas included:

- Special competitor gift;
- Invite to previous winners to race in a dedicated wave;
- Invite previous race directors;
- Invite elite athletes;
- Have an improved expo.

4. However, this would require an expanded budget, particularly given the rising costs highlighted above.

5. It was therefore agreed to:

- Write to Edinburgh Leisure about the rising costs of pool hire: **action: JW to draft, PC to send;**
- Send an email round the club asking for people to use their personal contacts to help develop a sponsorship relationship with New Year's Day (ideally a



long term commitment): **action: PC**; in similar vein: **action: CW speak to her contact at Standard Aberdeen**;

- Ensure that we were clear about the benefits of sponsorship of the race: **action: JW to draft an “offer” document**;
- Consider increasing race entry fee and running two waves: **action: JW**;
- Consider cancellation insurance: **action: JW**.

Ratification of head coach decision

6. The Committee agreed the decision of the head coach selection panel. Gavin Calder would be appointed as head coach. **Action: PC tell GC; L-AB tell coaches; FO tell members.**

Joining meetings by Skype

7. It was agreed that committee members should be able to join meetings by Skype (or similar). It was for the committee member who wished to join remotely to make arrangements with the host.

Committee positions

8. There would be a number of changes to committee this year. PC had served his two-year term and would be replaced by MB. A new vice-president would be required. GW, L-AB and FO were all stepping down. A new partnership manager and secretary would be required. PC would discuss with GC his views on whether coaching coordinator post was required in addition to head coach role. Once this was clear, FO would highlight vacancies to members. **Action: PC and FO.**

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9. There had been some debate as to whether non-coached open water swimming sessions should be advertised via the club Facebook page and the egroup. **Action: FO seek clarity from TriathlonScotland.**

Date of next meeting

10. Sunday 28 July, 19:00 at Julia Löcherbach's.