



## **EDINBURGH TRIATHLETES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

**Sunday 28 June 2020**

### **Attendees**

Mike Brown

Paul Chowdry

Phil Barr Burman

Gavin Calder

Clara Webb

Ian Gillon

Abbie Hewitt

Joel Enoch

Jean-Paul Vitry

Catherine Garner

Jules Blanc

Sharon Grimshaw

Apologies - Bruce Wilson

### **1. ET Squad**

Joel suggested that an end of season review of Squad was important for all parties, will there be a Squad for the future and if we go ahead what needs to change. Covid 19 has obviously interrupted and affected the performance and contribution of the Squad to the Club.

Gavin said that money was key. Jules said that the Simpson and Marwick contribution needed review because of the Covid interruption, we needed to see what was viable. Jules will provide an update. Paul asked whether our assumptions were valid based on the number of athletes and was a revision necessary. Joel asked what is S&M's position for the future? Paul said he wasn't sure, the 2nd payment had been delayed. Paul is to speak to S&M. The payment we do have can hopefully carry us through to Feb 21, which is £1000 for club kit. Catherine said that a continuous dialogue with sponsors is an important part of any relationship. Paul said that events had been arranged pre Covid but had unfortunately been delayed.

The NYD sponsor Rockstar may be worth approaching. Paul to speak to John Whittaker. It was agreed more than one sponsor was sensible.



Joel said that the virtual sessions are proving successful, Zoom was also working well. Joel asked if the Committee had to endorse the Squad? It was agreed that as long as finances stacked up then the Committee fully supported the Squad. Joel asked if over the rest of the season the Committee wanted to see anything different. Gavin said just getting back on track would be great. Open water sessions for the Summer/Autumn would be beneficial.

Joel left the meeting.

## **2. Previous minutes**

No follow up.

## **3. Inclusivity and Diversity**

Ciara said that Triathlon Scotland was happy to offer guidance. Can we make the club's appeal more diverse? Catherine felt the the Club looked predominantly white middle class. Our training fees are exceptionally low but that isn't bringing in people on lower incomes. Project 42 in Leith and other groups may be interested in trying out triathlon. It would be great to open up our events to groups we don't normally reach. Gavin said that social economic groups are difficult to identify when looking at club members. He agreed that the cost of equipment was prohibitive. We could look at hire/rental opportunities. Paul said the website could include inclusivity information. The cost of triathlon events is often expensive. Ciara suggested we could help subsidise fees/equipment/entry costs. Paul said that club reserves could be used in this way. Catherine said that local businesses may help sponsor or subsidise places. Mike said the second hand market for triathlon kit was huge and we could put links on the website. Jules said the club could purchase a pool of club kit for rental/free use for people. Ciara is to liaise with TS on this issue. Sharon said we do have a supply of club wetsuits, held by Ian Gillon, available to members. There is also Andrew Mc Menigall's bike and a bike box available. Paul said we needed to be open to all groups whatever their diversity.

## **4. University Clubs**

Ciara raised the issue of making the club sessions available to universities in the current climate. Gavin said this has already been done. Paul said sports science units contact is worth exploring. Ciara is to facilitate this and liaise with Edinburgh University Triathlon FB group.

## **5. Return to Sport**

Keeping tabs on the way forward what are the coaches prepared to do and offer over the Summer? A coaches meeting is due and can cover this issue.

## **6. Website**

Can the photos of the Committee please be updated? Catherine said that meeting and AGM minutes were missing for the past year. Bruce is to take this forward. Paul said a website master has not been found. JP is to request members help. Paul said that although we had technical support arranged for website maintenance we didn't



have someone with responsibility for updates and problems. Phil said we used to have Julia and Bruce on this but Julia has left and Bruce could do with some support. Ciara said she would chase up a volunteer.

### **AOB**

Jules said he had had a query from a university student asking for the possibility of a discounted Squad membership. He suggested a small discount was financially possible. Discussion surrounded giving discounted Squad membership generally. Paul said the sums making the Squad viable were based on 20 members after that the quality suffers. The committee agreed to subsidise this particular student by 50% with the opportunity of one further student making up one full membership.

### **Date of next meeting**

The next meeting will be another Zoom meeting on 16/08/20 at 1900hrs.