# Edinburgh triathletes committee meeting

## Monday 26 September 2022, Salisbury Arms

## Minutes

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| Attendees | Apologies |
| Ciara Webb  JP Vitry  Jules Blanc  Sam Dowie (Gullane)  Gavin Calder  James Gibson  Anna Henley | Kara Tait-McKenzie  Cedric Gerbier  Marlene Orth  Sharon Grimshaw  John Whittaker (NYD) |

## Races

#### Gullane debrief

Sam shared a summary of the Gullane race this year, he and Paul felt like they really got to grips with the race this year and acknowledged lots of learning. Ultimately Sam and Paul would like to take the pressure off the experienced club members that ‘just make things happen’ because they know how it works (like Carrie/run route, Gavin/on the day). A few issues on the day were dealt with really well, one significant incident and one DQ. Positive feedback on the day from athletes. Some volunteers felt their skill sets were under-used. Prospective sponsorship going forward. Event made a small profit. Adam and Lois were an asset to the race organisation. Committee noted contribution of Sam, Paul and their team to a very successful race. **Action:** Could Erdinger be involved in NYD? Sam to contact John and share the contact details. **Action:** Paul/Sam to speak to ELC to debrief, feedback from participants that they missed the atmosphere that the PR system brings, promote good working relationships for next year. **Request:** For Gullane race to take place as close to the end June/start of July, to commemorate club mates lost.

1. NYD

Gavin updated on behalf of John – noted increased costs (pool hire has increased 3%). Lead sponsor is Rockstar North. Costs for road closures same as before. 100 entries already, having gone live last week. **Action:** Ciara to query advertising with Triathlon Scotland and Edinburgh Leisure Radio.

## Development Plan

Updated, see attached.

## AGM

#### Plan/Food (All)

Jules will arrange for pizza to be delivered, club can also provide drinks. Gavin will provide a short run session and then we can have the meeting.

1. Resignations: Sharon and Ian (Ciara)

Bill Anderson is proposed for Secretary and Committee proposes that the Events Coordinator role is subsumed into existing roles.

The Committee notes the contributions of Sharon and Ian to the club over the years, and thanks them for volunteering.

1. Annual Awards (JP/Ciara for Alex)

Ciara has made a few suggestions to Alex, also option to put together awards from existing races. **Action:** Gavin and JP to organise the Ian Gowans Duathlon before the end of the year (before the AGM so we can award the trophy?)

## Membership

## Swim Sessions (ALL)

**Action:** Gavin and Jules will explore an additional evening lane at an Edinburgh schools pool. **Action:** Ciara to contact Jane Peebles at EL re. lane limits. **Action:** Reinstate unlimited swims for Gold members. **Action:** Anna and JP to offer Gold memberships to Silver members. **Action:** James to update the website as per Anna’s guidance.

1. Buddy System (Anna)

Not really needed – noted that it worked at the time but no longer needed. **Action:** James to update the website.

1. Membership admin/Spond (James/Anna)

James queried moving membership system over to Spond instead of using the website. If the costs for using Spond are the same as the website, then it makes sense to move to Spond. All agreed. **Action:** James to progress.

1. Obligatory Run/Cycle attendance (ALL)

Not required – committee are keen to get the Club Championships up and running, as well as Ian Gowans Duathlon, which will boost the profile of multisport and boost confidence.

## Coaching

1. Training Plan (Gavin)

Gavin will do final touches and it will start in October – Gavin happy to present it at the AGM. **Action:** James and Gavin to organise comms.

1. Autumn Training Weekend (Gavin)

Committee happy to leave this for this year.

## Committee

1. Christmas Social

Proposal for Ghillie Dhu won’t work as only weeknights are available. Liz Richardson might have the scavenger hunt – this was remembered as great fun. Also potential for drinks at the Wednesday night venue. **Action:** JP to liaise with Alex.

1. Code of Conduct update (Ciara)

Carry Forward

1. Committee Roles (Ciara)

**Action:** Gavin will look at Head Coach and Coaching Coordinator descriptions with Marlene. **Action:** Tribull will become annual.

1. Website Revamp (James)

James and JP have discussed and James will progress changes.

1. Move from Dropbox to Google Docs (James)

This can happen when all Committee members are using dedicated email addresses. Facilities@ email address will be dropped. **Action:** James to progress.

1. Club Kit Photo Shoot (Anna)

Anna will pursue photos of people in updated kit.

**AOB**

1. Anna asked whether Saturday cycle could be replaced by a run. No objections. **Action:** Survey members alongside pool lane survey.
2. John will organise Pedalhouse session for a Tuesday during the winter.

## Date of next meeting

#### The next committee meeting will be on Monday 21 November, 8:45pm at Salisbury Arms (in person)