

<b>Yorkshire &amp; Humberside Regional Annual General Meeting, South Leeds Stadium, Leeds. 17<sup>th</sup> November 2004 – Meeting Minutes.</b>	
<b>Meeting No.:</b> 16	
<b>Present:</b>	Michael Burch (Y&H RDSO), Mick Brook, Richard Wasling, Peter Yates, Peter Mathieson, Paul Mathieson, Rachel Wilson, Sean Palmer, Trevor Fowler, Rachael Mellor, Jonathan Middlebrook, Dean Wilkinson, John Levick, Simon Hill, John Levick, Tim Lumb.
<b>Apologies:</b>	Damien Smith, Bob Pringle, Mark Rees, Gary Stoneman-Roberts, Louise Hanley

Present: Mick Brook, Chairman; Richard Wasling, Treasurer; Michael Burch, Regional Dev. Officer; Trevor Fowler, (Holmfirth) Simon Hill (NYPD) John Levick (WY Police Tri.) Stuart Lumb (Barracuda Tri.) Paul and Peter Mathieson (White Rose Tri.) Rachael Mellor (Holmfirth) Jon Middlebrooke (Sheffield) Sean Palmer (NYP) Dean Wilkinson (Leeds and Bradford) Rachel Wilson (White Rose) and Peter Yates (Leeds and Bradford)

Apologies for absence: Damien Smith and Alice Gull.

The Chairman welcomed all delegates to our Annual Meeting and thanked committee members for their commitment and input during 2004, with particular thanks to Sean for his dedication and much hard work on the Junior series over the past two years.

The minutes of the 2003 AGM were agreed and accepted.

The Chairman's Regional Report highlighted the considerable potential within our region for 2005; indeed, it is our aim to build on the growth in triathlon participation, coaching and events by capitalising on the many motivational performances from the Athens Olympics, and also benefit from the tide of publicity attending the London 2012 bid.

Special thanks to Richard Wasling and Peter Mathieson for their tireless work in the region.

As last year, existing clubs were invited to provide more assistance for 2004/05.

During 2004, the Committee generated a regional plan for triathlon, produced in line with the 'One Stop' plan - which lays down a blueprint for the development of our sport within the region.

Clubs are again encouraged to pursue STARmark and Clubmark standards - to ensure that consistent best practice is maintained generally, and thereby

showing us at our best as we continue to attract more new adherents from outside the sport.

British Triathlon has established a regional World Class Potential support site in Leeds under Jack Maitland, which should help encourage talent to stay or even move into our region, further increasing the profile of the sport locally. It is also planned to develop a regional academy to train and encourage all levels of junior triathletes in our clubs.

The Chairman's report was agreed and accepted.

#### Regional Development Officer's Report

Grateful thanks to Damien for providing MB with such a well built platform for the incoming Officer, and from which the sport in Yorkshire and Humberside is bound to flourish. An acknowledgement also for a warm welcome from the Committee, numerous club members, event organisers and local triathletes alike.

Endorsing one or two aspects of the Chairman's Report, and affording reasons to be bullish:

Expressions of interest from key partners/ prospective partners to allocate resources and funds, for the establishment of Junior Tri Clubs in Leeds and Sheffield in 2005. Thus, Phase 1 of the Regional Academy will be formed. The relative operational plan is now being written, for scheduled completion end-Jan 2005.

Owing to the 'priority' status triathlon appears to enjoy in HM Government's view, the organisers of other sports are willing to work in partnership with us.

Aquathon events are likely to be a feature of all 4 Youth Games: (one day events organised by a county's collective local authorities, under the auspices of their County Sports Partnerships.) Thus, interested schoolchildren will be given every opportunity and be directed to the Regional Academy accordingly.

Ultimately, the reaching of various targets set in the region is important to justify fundings. Utilising the various resources available, and working as a team in a co-ordinated and planned manner will make everything possible.

The RDO's Report was agreed and accepted.

#### Hon. Treasurer's Report

Closing bal. £2,161.97 from opening bal. £2,381.45 Expenditure included £404.32 for inter-regional clothing.

Rachael Mellor queried this outlay, indeed volunteering to make a contribution in the interests of obtaining gear which actually fits her daughter; and this point was well received.

The Treasurer's Report was agreed and accepted.

### Senior Series Report

Well supported and popular events although, evidently, there is less than universal knowledge of the series.

While Jon Middlebrooke and others have received much positive feedback from the series, a well-informed correspondent wrote to '220' magazine bemoaning the lack of quality events in the region. The Chairman and RDO are having a suitable reply published.

There was a noteworthy performance by Tim Ashelford (Leeds and Bradford) in the series. (This successful triathlete was presented with his award by the RDO not long after this AGM).

For 2005, in addition to Paul Mathieson's bespoke website for better promotion and communication, a Vets Series is proposed.

Dean Wilkinson advised that the Head of Kirklees Leisure Services is embracing the sport. It is hoped that this potentate's enthusiasm is contagious.

The Senior Series Report was agreed and accepted.

### Junior Series Report

Again, a Series with enormous potential although more interest for the Dearne Valley would be welcomed.

Evidently, there was not one new entrant into the local event following a mailshot to all the Barnsley schools.

In agreeing and accepting the Junior Series Report, the Committee was asked how better we might promote triathlon for juniors.

In 2004, some 16 youths and 128 children contested the Junior series.

The BT grant is well utilised both for equipment and in identifying new talent.

There is a Barnsley Leisure promotional initiative in partnership with the local schools.

Rachael Mellor volunteered to devote some regular hours as a mentor within the Barnsley schools.

Rachel Wilson and Richard Wasling suggested cycle turbo sessions and treadmills in school gymnasiums.

Jon Middlebrooke advocated the promotion of

the sport on a gradual basis, focussing on an event at a time, whilst developing the overall skills.

Also, the 'easy' events, such as the old Dewsbury Triathlon with intervals between the disciplines or, indeed, the Sheffield Duathlon Series perhaps constitute ideal Junior starter events.

Regional Committee for 2004/05

The revised Committee members were nominated, seconded and confirmed as follows:

Chairman: Mick Brook

Vice Chairman: Peter Yates

Treasurer: Richard Wasling

Secretary: Damien Smith

Women's Officer: Rachel Wilson

Referees Co-ordinator: Peter Mathieson

Talent ID Officer: Jon Middlebrooke

Senior Series Officer: Simon Hill

Junior Series Officer: Sean Palmer, understudied by Trevor Fowler

Webmaster: Paul Mathieson

Welfare Officer: Rachael Mellor

Publicity/RDO: Michael Burch, with publicity/media support from Dean Wilkinson.

WY Police Representative: John Levick

Date of next Regional Committee meeting is 20 Jan 05 in the LMU Carnegie meeting room, Beckett Park.