

	Yorkshire & Humberside Regional Committee Meeting.		Ref.
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Venue: Leeds Metropolitan University, Headingley Campus, Meeting Room

Present: Michael Burch (RDO), Mick Brook, Dean Wilkinson, Richard Wasling, Sean Palmer, Damian Smith, Simon Hill, John Middlebrook, Rachel Mellor and Peter Yates

Apologies: Alice Gull, Peter Mathieson and Trevor Fowler.

1.1 The minutes of the August committee meeting were agreed.

2.1 The E. Midlands Senior County and Inter County Championships proposed format document was shown to the committee. It was concluded that this template, and future ideal of the regional winners forming a representative team to compete against all the over regions, was something that the region would aspire to as numbers in the series developed. It was noted that at present there was insufficient numbers and events to have the lower tier county (e.g. West Yorkshire/ North Yorkshire/ South Yorkshire/ Humberside) championship in Y&H. The main priority was stated to be that the Y&H series improves next year now that it is up and running.

2.2 The £325 at our disposal, courtesy of West Yorkshire Sport- County Sports Partnership, needs to be spent by March 05 on coach education- Child Protection courses gained a mention but most thought the money would be best spent on meeting a percentage of the costs of the BTA Level 1 & 2 coaching courses taking place in January. Allocation to the most deserving individuals i.e. those who would re-pay the regional bursary in coaching hours to members in West Yorkshire is to be decided by Leeds & Bradford Triathlon Club and Holmfirth Harriers. Failing this people from Y&H who would be willing to offer coaching to juniors, currently hoped to be within the Regional Academy planned for next year, in a West Yorkshire location would be acceptable. RDO to confirm this as an acceptable use of the vouchers with WYS.

2.3 Rachel Mellor was welcomed to the committee as our Regional Welfare Officer.

2.4 Trevor Fowler suggested a rule change be put forward to the Rules and Technical committee regarding 'no outside assistance at all' at a junior level after witnessing the disqualification of a junior at the IRC's. The individual was disqualified after a parent helped the individual change his back wheel. The RDO outlined the democratic way in which a motion to change a rule can be carried out. The committee's stance appeared to be pretty unanimous with the learned member who opined that parental interference be more actively discouraged. The committees' decision was based upon the following factors: Safety- the racing area needs to be kept clear at all times,

Risk Assessment- danger increases for all involved, it is easier to spot an intruder if it is strictly forbidden to enter racing course/ areas- Olympic Marathon mentioned to highlight point,

Current Rules in place- it was felt adequate that at the race referees discretion a marshal or appointed person could assist- the time this could take was seen as negligible as the competitor would already be out of the race especially given junior distances,

Risk of Sportsmanship- changing rules could lead to people manipulating them in an unsporting manner- parents involvement was a particular worry.

Based on the above the committee the change in rule would not be presented to the Rules and Technical Committee.

2.5 Delivering development: British Triathlon (as 're-branded') is devolving more power to the regions. This would mean that the region as a whole would have more ownership on developing triathlon in the area. The benefits of this would be the ability to respond to local issues. Seeking regional sponsorship of the series was mentioned and companies such as Yorkshire Water, Nestle, Asda, Yorkshire Bank were all put forward as possible suggestions.

2.6 Kevin Thorley - contact at HS Sports, Cheshire - is selling an easy to use electronic data input timing system @ £4,000 per unit price. Support is given at purchase and after the sale. HS Timing are going to be a sponsorship partner of British Triathlon. Kevin has also stated that he would come and give a demonstration. The interest of the clubs purchasing a unit themselves was mentioned as opposed to the region purchasing the unit and hiring the system out to the clubs.

2.7 Inter-Regional Championships currently planned for Swansea on the 10/11th September 2005. A deadline for the selection of the IRC teams has been set at Fri 13 Aug 05. DS stated his willingness to be the team manager.

2.8 Regional Event Organizers' Meeting, scheduled for 9 Nov 04 at LMU after the previous meeting was cancelled. Invites sent out centrally. The National EOM will take place on the 13 Nov 04 at Loughborough, details available on website www.britishtriathlon.org

2.9 Press release for IRC's was submitted and appeared in the Yorkshire Post. DS mentioned about Educational days at the Yorkshire Post, Wellington St., Leeds, 13/14 Nov will doubtless afford various press insights and trade secrets, covering how to form contacts/ how to prepare press releases. (£90 for a full day.)

3.0 Wigan workshop, 20 Nov 04: suggested £5 to attend; presentations likely to include bicycle maintenance and nutrition.

3.1 Following the last committee meeting MDB told members of the strategies proposed to encourage more members to affiliate in 2005. These include things such as payment of 10% of the membership fee going to the club for every genuine new member they attracted.

3.2 Letters have been sent by RDO to all regional swimming clubs inviting swimmers to the Aquathlon at Leeds, coaches to the Level 1 & Level 2 courses in January and informing them of the willingness for partnerships and resources to be formed/ shared. Michael is to attend the S. Yorkshire Swimming Dev. Forum in Barnsley.

3.3 Club membership forms should now provide information on ethnicity so that clubs can identify their membership for development purposes. Sheffield Tri Club already to action in 2005. RDO to give other clubs template of classification groups used by Sheffield Tri so that collation at a regional level can also be achieved.

3.4 Coach of the Year and Volunteer of the Year nominations, to be decided in 2005 and onwards by mid-Sept in the regions so that they can link with proposed national awards. Committee members to e-mail

3.5 Regional website: Failing being able to find a volunteer to run website Michael Burch mentioned the possibility to use a LMU IT student to help design the site. This was stated to be a last resort since maintenance support and upkeep would be a problem in non-term time/ when they finish.

3.6 Awards 4 All bid, and changes in criteria to focus more on:

- increasing participation,
- attracting newcomers to the sport,
- involves priority groups- ethnic minorities/ Women & Girls
- supporting established triathletes, young or old.

In Apr 05, the max award is being raised to £10,000; there must be a 12 month interval between bids and you can't get an award more than once per year. Committee to look at re-submission.

3.7. North Yorkshire Youth Games organized by North Yorkshire Sport (CSP), to include an aquathlon with teams selected and representing each Local Authority in North Yorkshire. Event will take place in Ampleforth, 8 May 05 a referee and anyone willing to help would be appreciated. RDO hopes to get an Aquathlon in 3 of the 4 CSP Youth Games in 2005.

3.8 Deadline end-Nov 04 for British Triathlon handbook, with details of member clubs and events.

3.9 The committee has budgeted £50 for trophies for the regional youth series, for 1st, 2nd and 3rd males and females. It was suggested that a 50p contribution on top of, or out of the entry fees paid by series entrants go to paying for trophies and to generate income for the series. SH/ SP to communicate/ gauge opinion from event organisers. Ripon and Hatfield, both in July will include Youth Waves for the regional series in 2005.

The Y and H Region's Annual General Meeting will be held at South Leeds Stadium on Wednesday, 17 Nov 04 at 19.15 for 19.30.

Signed.....

(Chairman)