BWTC Committee meeting – 5th Sept 2019

Present: A Vincent, C Pretty, K Carley, S Wilkinson-Ross, W Allen, J Harper

1. **Additional key role-holders**
   1. Welfare Officers. Helen Thomas and Karen Wells.

Claire will liaise and formalise these roles with the individuals including providing them with a copy of the Role Profile from the Club website; any suggested changes to this would be gratefully received. Claire will also explore the setting up of a Welfare Officer email account.

* 1. Run Coaches. David Ballard, Darren Smith and Nicola Hewitt. Rick Matthews.

Claire and Tracy R will put a plan together. It was recognised that there is a significant burden on a small number of the same people; it was agreed that the Club can afford to pay a Coach and this could be included in the plan going forward.

1. **Water testing at the lake.**

Trifarm have been emailed to see who they use but no response as yet. Essex & Suffolk Water are ready to carry out the required testing for £100.

Whoever we choose, this is not considered to be a major issue at this stage as it won’t need doing until next season anyway. It was also noted that lake usage is at a very low level; this was discussed and the idea of an ‘Open Water Swim Social’ was thought to be one worth considering.

1. **Tuesday evening swimming**

Concern has once again been expressed by Lorraine regarding possible overcrowding at this popular timeslot. It was agreed that we needn’t panic at this stage but an all-members email would be sent out to make members aware and encourage them, where possible, to utilise Thursday and Sunday. James to send the email.

1. **Bike Coaching/organised rides**

It was agreed that a loop around Purleigh could provide an excellent coached ride for senior members; it has some good technical sections and a decent hill to help improve strength and fitness. Kevin to explore this further and propose a date.

For the Juniors, it was noted that Chelmer Park could offer a safe, floodlit location to develop technique and confidence.

1. **AoB**
2. Membership – We have had 6 new adult members in the past few weeks. Adult membership now at 78. Junior membership still being held at circa 40 with a waiting list. James to provide Warren with an updated membership list.
3. AGM date – agreed as 17th November. At Wetherspoons with a free breakfast.
4. Above would be immediately preceded by a fundraising Fancy-Dress Aquathon in aid of Nik Ringwood. The event will be members only and will be on a donation basis rather than a fixed fee so that members could donate what they feel is appropriate. James to draft some words for Alison which will form the basis of an all-members email. **Post Meeting Note:** It was suggested that Non-members should also be included if possible; this would be further explored.
5. Finances: The accounts are up to date with a balance of £13,716. For the Charity Tri, we have so-far received £2,978 in entries; Jenny is finalising the liabilities and expenses but these are roughly in the order of £2.2K (£1.8k already spent and deducted from £13.7k balance)

DONM – 3rd Oct @ 7:00 pm. Blackwater Leisure Centre.