

SCARAB TRI AGM

MINUTES

March 30th 2022

No AGM conducted in March 2021 due to Covid-19 pandemic

Attending: Simon Clapham, Dan Piercy, Don Cowap, Katie Thompson, Ben Thompson, Kevin Offer, Matt Mason-Smith, John Drake, Karen Newby, James Dickinson, Andrew David Ward.

1/ Minutes of last AGM confirmed and agreed

2/ Committee positions to remain as of 2020 AGM

Chairman / head coach	Simon Clapham
Treasurer	Kevin Offer
Web Guru / Kit	Dan Piercy
Social / Event Co-ord	Mike Anthony

3/ Club account agreed and discussed

Club accounts are currently showing as healthy, with a balance of £3,441.51. A significant reduction in pool hire costs to £75/session has resulted in an increase in balance, with the numbers of attendees required to break even reducing to 14 (based on £6/session less Stripe transaction fees).

4/ Membership and Club Cycle

DP to investigate collecting membership payments via ClubSpark. Post-meeting note - emailed forms completed electronically (all forms are provided as fillable PDF) with payment by BACS is preferred, as membership payments received via ClubSpark will result in a transaction fee.

Shared Strider / Scarab Tri membership fee discussed, and to be taken away for review by KT / BT to see whether the reciprocal arrangement between the two groups can be improved.

5/ Swim Session

Timetabling of swim session was discussed. A poll was put to the group on 18th August 2021 with two options for swim sessions, both on Wednesdays: 7:00-8:30pm or 8:30-10pm. There was a general (slight) preference for 7:00-8:30pm but of those who chose 8:30-10pm it was because they would not be able to attend swimming at all if the session was timetabled for 7:00pm. The offer from EB Leisure for 8:30-10pm was therefore accepted.

This was discussed further and it was noted that, of lapsed members, a number had given the lateness of the swim session as their reason for not attending. Simon advised that, due to EB Leisure's stated aim of prioritising the public (as a not-for-profit council owned organisation) they have not previously given consideration to offering other alternative times for swim sessions.

It was suggested that preliminary enquiries be made of other venues to see whether a better time for sessions can be found somewhere else.

KT / BT to make enquiries at Total Fitness, Wilmslow

KN to make enquiries at Avondale Leisure Centre

SC to make enquiries with EB Leisure / Wilmslow (noted that these may not be fruitful given previous position)

6/ Attendance at Wilmslow Triathlon

KO suggested that, as it is our home race, the group be strongly encouraged to attend in force to increase visibility, boost attendance generally at the event (supporting OP Events who are a friend of the group) and increase enquiries for new members to the group. KT to make enquiries with Adrian of OP Events. DP suggested that they be asked whether they would consider a rebate if a threshold number of Scarab Tri members signed up. [post meeting note] This rebate could be returned in the form of a free swim session or other benefit to members who attended.

7/ Group communications

It was agreed by all that more focus be given to group communications, use of Whatsapp and other channels, promotion of events that members may be racing in, etc. to boost engagement within the group.

Meeting adjourned 20:25