

Belpark AGM Minutes

Saturday 27th November 2011

Rathfarnham WSAF Clubhouse

1. Training review

Cycling: Liam Dunne (training officer) reported that the turbo training sessions won't be running in the club house in the coming year because of difficulties acquiring the hall. Members said this was good session.

Liam said the clubhouse is in high demand for other activities and the recently started alternative session run by Mark Lacey was a better option in the long term.

A number of people who have attended the sessions said they had found them excellent, though a preference was voiced to make the sessions 'more turbo' and 'less spinning'.

Patrick Murphy undertook to pursue this matter.

Kevin Keane undertook to get more details of the turbo sessions put on to the website.

Liam Dunne said that hill-rep sessions will begin again in first week in April on a day to be decided.

The effectiveness of the flat bike intervals held in the Phoenix Park this year was examined. Nobody at the AGM had made this session and there were questions as to whether this will go ahead in 2012. Concerns were voiced that on some weeks nobody had turned up.

Kevin Keane questioned whether the club could be more effective in encouraging beginners to join our bike sessions.

An arrangement to have the bike leader take a beginners spin at 8:30am every second or fourth Saturday never got off the ground. Concerns were voiced that the start time was too early.

Kevin suggested that it be switched to the Sunday.

Liam Dunne said Rich Cattle's absence was felt acutely because he took a beginners bike session last year.

Patrick Murphy asked if someone could be incentivised to take the session but Liam Dunne point out that the club not in a position financially to do so.

Ellen Murphy said the Wednesday turbo sessions are suitable for beginners and if they can complete a few weeks of this session they can ride with the Saturday slow group.

Anne McGrane suggested that greater use should be made of the club's facebook page to get beginners involved.

Running: Liam Dunne said Rathfarnham WSAF needs to be paid club membership dues and that he had agreed a reduced fee of €50 fee for Belpark members.

He said he would like to go to the running club with a cheque in the new year and he encouraged people to pay up.

Much praise was voiced for the role Rathfarnham plays in accommodating Belpark athletes.

It was agreed that arrangements would be made to allow people to pay dues through the club's paypal account.

Eilis Connery volunteered to encourage more people who turn up to the running sessions to pay through Belpark.

Swimming: Liam Dunne thanked Stephen Early for taking on the swim sessions and said all reports are that he is doing an excellent job to the widespread agreement of all present.

On a general note, Patrick Murphy asked if we should use a texting service to remind people about our sessions. He believed this would help increase attendance. He undertook to look in to this and report back at the next committee meeting.

Ellen Murphy said the women's training series last year was very successful and that she would like to repeated again this year.

2. Club Gear

Kevin Keane (Club Gear Officer) presented a report on the club gear situation (attached at the end of these minutes).

Ellem Murphy asked how much of the 'old style' gear we have and questioned if we could sell it off at half price. Kevin Keane thought this was a good idea as the longer we leave it, the less demand there would be for it.

Eilis Connery said we should put the stock list up on the website.

Liam Dunne suggested we bring the old club gear to the Christmas party

3. Social Activities

Eilis Connery (Social Activities Co-Chair) said 27 people have booked for the Christmas party but that the restaurant is reserved for 45 -50 and she would like to his able to confirm final numbers ASAP.

She outlined the finances and said she was hoping numbers would hit 40 eventually.

4. Finances

As the Financial Officer Rich Cattle was unable to attend copies of his report were passed around for members examination. (the report is attached).

It was agreed generally that the club's finances are in a poor state.

Liam Dunne said it was unpopular but we need to look at whether the club should charge membership fees.

Eilis Connery said if people pay for membership they will appreciate the club more.

Brian Crinion said the reason people don't currently pay is because historically the club hasn't needed much money.

Liam Dunne said TI had been in touch with him to ask if Belpark wanted it to include a club membership fee option to its annual licence payment.

Kevin Keane said it was a major issue that the club has no proper registry of members.

It was generally agreed that a nominal membership fee should be charged and that a proper registry of members should be compiled.

Much discussion was had on the appropriate fee and whether somebody should be paid to compile the membership registry.

Eventually it was agreed that Liam Dunne would compile the registry in exchange for free swim sessions in 2012 and that membership for 2012 would be set at €20.

Kevin Keane said he would set up the PayPal account to accommodate this and consult with Liam Dunne on the next steps.

5. Club Website/Social Media

Anne McGrane said much more use could be made of the facebook page.

It was agreed that Eilis would be set up as an administrator for the page.

Brian Crinion (webmaster) said the page and email account has more than 400 unique members and is a valuable resource. He urged anybody who wants to put content up on the website to tell him and he will set them up as an administrator.

6. Teaming camp(s)

General enthusiasm was voiced for a Belpark spring training camp.

Liam Dunne said that in the past Rich Brady had organised camps for Belpark and suggested that he be employed again.

A sub-committee of Brendan Crawford, Liam Dunne and Richard Costello agreed to put the camp together and report back to the committee.

Kevin Keane explained how the Velodrome trip to Manchester had fallen through but said he would like to see it revived as 15 members are signed up and willing to go in January/February.

He said John Paul Clarke was unable to help out due to personal commitments but that Anthony Frazer was still willing to help organise.

Edward O'Mahony agreed to take on some organizational duties.

7. Race Review

Brian Crinion (race officer) gave a review of the duathlons in 2011.

He said attendances are good compared to other races and that an application had been submitted for the 2012 series.

He said he wants to keep the entry price at current levels and is confident that he can deliver the current return of €1,100 per race to the club in 2012.

Liam Dunne said he would not be in a position to enlist club members as marshals for next year's duathlons. He said it was a difficult task.

It was agreed that Ellen Murphy, Kevin Keane, Liam Dunne and Brendan Crawford would share responsibility for this in 2012.

7. Elections

All current committee members were re-elected.

Belpark Gear Report – November 26th 2011

During 2011 three separate orders of gear were placed with champion systems in March (€5,135), May (€1,736) and September (€2,040).

All the gear is sold at cost price with no profit whatsoever going to the club.

The club provided €1,431 to build up a surplus of race and training gear so members don't suffer delays when gear is needed.

	SM	M	L	XL	comments
Men's Short Sleeve Jersey		1	3	1	1
Men's Bib Shorts		2	2		
Men's Gilet					
Men's Wind-Guard Jacket					
Men's Winter Jacket					
Men's Bib-Tights					
Men's One-Piece Race Suit			6	1	
Women's Short Sleeved Jersey					
Women's Bib Shorts					
Women's Gilet					
Women's Wind-Guard Jacket			1		
Women's Winter Jacket					
Women's Bib Tights					
Women's One Piece Suit			1	1	
Fleece Lined Arm Warmers		1	3		
Fleece Lined Leg Warmers		1	3		
Fleece Lined Shoe Covers		8			
Lycra Shoe Covers		9			
Cycle Caps		2			
Visors		9			