

Try-A-Tri meeting 30th March 2011 7pm

Present Graham Begg, Stephen Lea, Simon Windisch, Simon Feist, John Thompson, Terri Gregory, Elaine Stewart



The triathlon has had a reasonable take-up but John is thinking how to generate income.

He is also trying to get kids involved in sport, and thinking of running an event for the children (run by John and his team with help from the PTA on a Saturday), perhaps 18th June (the Summer Fayre is on 2nd July). This will be known as a Try-A-Tri and will consist of three team members doing (1) three lengths of the swimming pool (2) A cycle skills course (3) a run. John provided us with maps.

The plan is to do it in three blocks – infants, Y3/4 & Y5/6.

How are we covered for insurance – **Elaine will get Julia to check insurance status**, if needs be this can be a school event, need to do a risk assessment. **Stephen will also check PTA insurance.**

We would close down the pool on Try-A-Tri day. Looking at timings this would take all day.

Do we have an issue with parents with children in two parts of school having to attend two sessions? No.

Do we need St. John's ambulance or are pool staff adequate?

The biggest risk is the cycle track so there are a couple of break stops in the track, a skills area or chicane so it's about bike usage, not speed.

John has been in touch with Cycle Zone on Earley crossroads – they will do bike safety checks, lend free helmets and gloves. That should help with equipment. They will have banners etc. on the day, and will be there all day. We can make more money from it.

Access to the school will be by the top gate and the shop gate, there will be a separation of the pedestrian path from the cycle track. People will come in and check in near Mr Vacher's class.

We should actively discourage driving, The regular church event at Maiden Erlegh will make parking very tight.

Parents will camp out by the gazebo or Mr Vacher's area, or in the spectator area in the middle.. There will be designated crossing points to the running track and a picnic area in the middle. Ice cream and cold drinks will be on sale by the PTA out of the garage. There will be a scheduled litter pick at the end.

Toilets: swimming pool one and access to school.

How many teams, about 100? we don't know yet. We predict at best a 50% turnout.

It'll be the first time though – we'll be learning a lot.

It depends how we promote the event. If we promote it as a team challenge then that's what we'll get. There will be football tournaments on that day so infants in the morning should mean that most people with football commitments will be able to make it.

Engagement with scouts for BBQ. **Graham will get in touch with Jenny Miller** but where will the BBQ go? Best in the shade by the fitness track.

We are trying to get most of the activity on the grass.

There will be a programme of events, promotion? John will keep this in-house.

Graham suggested that if John can produce the documents then we can put it on the PTA website – **Simon W to give John a web sign-on.**

There is a standard format to flyers. John and Simon F will do it all.

Simon W to send John PTA logos.

What about Wokingham Times, publicity etc. – Guy Linton has media connections. John looking for other sponsorship opportunities – the sports retailer Decathlon. Try to get as many freebies to reuse, football cones, hi-vis vests, plus more equipment.

Do we get a photographer for photo finishes etc?

Application form has to have photographic disclaimer – need to allocate photo points, races will be staggered so there shouldn't be too much congestion

£3 a team entry fee plus sponsorship will be encouraged.

Christine Bailey is a sports nutritionist and has offered to help.

After this we will move onto adult triathlon sponsorship – John doesn't know how this is going, it's in September so we can push this later.

Art competition to support this. Can use art on flyers. Competition would have to be announced before Easter