

Derwent Valley Orienteers AGM

The Family Tree, Whatstandwell, 9th October 2019, 7:30pm

Minutes

Present: Andy Hawkins, Brian Denness, Neil Forest, Helen Finnlayson, Ray Stuart, Andy Stuart, Viv Macdonald, Ranald Macdonald, Mike Godfree, Liz Godfree, John Hurley, Michelle Mackervoy, John Hopper, John Hawkins, Graham Johnson, Anne KB, Jane, Christine Middleton, Tony Berwick, Stuart Swalwell, Tony Stirland, Paul Goodhead, Richard Parkin, Sal Chaffey

Apologies: Rex Bleakman, Doug Dickinson, Dave Chaffey, John Cooke, Judith Holt

The Minutes of the 2018 AGM were read and approved.

Chairman's Report

1. This year the club has put on 26 **events**: 8 Regional events, of which 3 urban.
2. We have introduced **mentoring scheme** for volunteers new to planning and organising – it worked well at the Matlock event in June with Nicky and Donna, and will be continued.
3. **50th Anniversary celebrations** – A very successful Dinner at Carsington Water and Retro Club Champs, with the Ceilidh to come. Thank you to Jane, who planned Carsington, and to the Working Group.
4. **Changes to the way event info is generated** – it's no longer necessary to produce a flyer for small events, but please can organisers add their contact details as soon as possible after committing to the event. Notes on how to edit event info are on the Officials' Help Page.
5. A **keysafe** has been installed at DVO shed. Paul would still like organisers to get in touch before they visit, as the code will be changed periodically.

Development Group: Stuart Swalwell

Three strands from the Development Group:

1. WOD – format changed this year from Score to activity stations that youngsters rotate around – much more engaging. Rex will not be running a South Derbyshire WOD next year. In 2020, WOD could be a stepping stone to encourage schools to enter the British Schools Score Champs in Shipley Park.
2. MapRun – the Duffield MapRun course is ready and can be tested on 4th December as the Wednesday run. There will be a fortnightly series next year, starting after Easter.
3. Coaching – Sal qualified, Stuart finishing 14th Oct at Whitworth and 7th Nov at Oker Hill.

We have had excellent support from Rob Bishop, and Natalie Weir will work with us now Rob has moved on.

We received a £600 grant from Derbyshire Dales District Council for running WOD. Stuart has bought various items of coaching equipment, to be listed in next Newstrack, for those who might like to borrow. At least one Club member will attend the BOF Club Development Conference early January in Staffordshire. The next Development Group meeting is November 11th, 10am at the Family Tree.

Treasurer's Report: Brian Denness

Brian recommended no change at present to Local and Regional events entry fees, but that we retain the option to increase this. National events need to be budgeted on an individual basis. Also recommended that we keep the membership fee at £0 for the 4th year running (see Proposal below).

The proposal to increase the threshold for requesting approval from Chair, Vice Chair or Secretary from £300 to £400 was carried.

Secretary's Report: Paul Goodhead

Current membership is 220, plus 6 lifetime members. Average age is 47, compared with 42 five years ago. The good news is that most who have joined recently are under 45!

Elections of Elected Officers

Continuing: Andy (Chair), Jane (Vice Chair), Brian (Treasurer), Paul Goodhead (Secretary), John Cooke (Fixtures Secretary)

Standing down: Graham (Captain), Rex (Committee Member)

Jane asked for a formal thank you to Graham for his work as Club Captain; setting up the bank account and getting to the CompassSport Cup Final three years running.

Proposal regarding increasing the Club membership fee

[for clarity, we have a membership fee, but it is £0]

Background: This stems from two events being cancelled in 2017/18 due to snow. There are fixed costs we need of over £1000 a year, so repeated cancellation could be a threat. Moreover, all our high-quality areas are vulnerable to weather, being in the north of the county and at altitude.

Another issue is that some members are surprised to see they have joined DVO, as well as BOF and EMOA.

Vote: We should review the membership fee each year. Fee needs to be communicated to BOF at least two weeks before the end of October.

12 voted for £0 this year

10 voted for £1

Therefore no membership fee for 2019/20

Other business

Graham – Longstone Moor Midlands Champs update. Paul needs to be chased as we may need to request permission from Eastern Moors

Mike – has Club O tops and jackets, if anyone would like to purchase for CompassSport Cup

Jane – has 50th anniversary buffs

– passed on Sue Russell's concern from manning the Near Start at Chinley Churn. Some Juniors were going out into the mist without compasses. Although not a BOF rule, compasses should be recommended in Final Details for juniors in moorland areas.

Ceilidh – email Viv for tickets

Stuart – thanks to Ranald, Sal and Viv for their work on Chinley Churn

The business part of the meeting closed at 9pm.

The next Committee Meeting will be on Tuesday 10th December, 7:30pm at the Johnsons.