

Derwent Valley Orienteers Committee Meeting

Held at The Johnson's, Belper, Tuesday 11 December 2012
Chairperson John Hawkins
Minutes by Ann Armistead
Present Mike Godfree, Ian Hodson, Sal Chaffey, Jen Gale, Claire Selby, Sue Russell
Judith Holt, Liz Godfree, Val Johnson, Rob Shooter, Mike Gardner.

- 1. Introduction** John welcomed the Committee members to the fourth meeting of 2012.
- 2. Apologies** Derek Gale, Sue Allard.
- 3. Minutes of previous Committee meetings** –on 11 September 2012 were accepted as true records.
- 4. Notable Results /Events**

At the recently held East Midlands Championships DVO achieved 11 East Midlands Champions. Of special note the top family was the Duckworth's, winners in W10 (Rachel), W12 (Sarah), M45 (John) and W45 (Ann- Marie).

Congratulations also to Nathan Lawson (2nd year 11 boy) and Louis Forshaw-Perring (3rd year 8 boy) in the British Schools Championships.

- 5. Treasurer's Report** – Last years accounts have been verified as correct, Claire is just awaiting final sign off from Dave Walker. Income for the first 3 months was £3789 and expenditure was £3780. This has not yet been finalised as there are transactions still in the pipeline. A printer and new clocks have been purchased. An insurance claim has been submitted for 2 SI stations following the Wirksworth Urban Event. The new levy arrangements will commence on 1 January 2013. (See appendix A for full report).
- 6. Secretary's Report** – Nothing reported at this meeting.
- 7. Development Report** – Derek is to run a session on how to take the club forward at the next open meeting.

The East Midlands Controllers/Planners Day scheduled for February may be postponed until April or May. The December Coaches update course did not run but the Mappers course was very well attended. There is a new Coaches course scheduled for January/February and will be geared towards club coaches.

- 8. Fixture Report.** – See Appendix B for current list.

a) Programme of Events

There is now a full programme of level C and above plus Schools Championships for 2013. As yet the level D has not been finalised but is in hand with Jen Gale and Rex Bleakman.

b) Mapping

The final version of the British Middle Distance map is underway. Currently checking to see if 1:7500 scale will be allowed.

- 9. Equipment Report**

Two start clocks have been purchased and both were received in time for the Eyam event.

10. Community O

- a) **Buxton Community O** – Frequency of meeting to be dropped to monthly. Still have reasonable numbers attending.
- b) **Chesterfield Community O** – Frequency of meetings dropped off.
- c) **Derby Community O** – Heather from BOF has been to schools in the area to do taster sessions.
- d) **Matlock Community O** – Numbers fluctuate from 8 to 20. Different people attending now to a year ago. (SYO have more small urban areas and parks available to retain interest). Would be interesting to know how many newcomers DVO retain and if they continue to be members of the main club once they have made that step up. (See appendix C for full report)

11. **BOF Matters** – There has been a change to some rules for events that has been communicated widely to BOF members.

12. **EMOA** – As stated in EMEWS all the senior EMOA officials will be retiring at the end of this year. New people will be needed from the East Midlands clubs to come forward and fill the posts. The task is not too onerous as now only 4 meetings are held per year

13. Communication Matters

- a) **Newstrack** – Jen will be editor for the next edition. It will contain details of the forthcoming Compass Sport Cup to be held on 17 February. Liz is awaiting confirmation of location and entry procedure. Liz/Mike to add the date to the Website for advance notice to members once confirmed.
- b) **Website** – No matters arising.
- c) **Socials** – Excellent annual dinner with a good venue. Val suggested that more social events should be undertaken and is to pursue ideas for future events.

14. AOB

- a) **Safety** – John introduced this item of AOB. The Club has a good safety but needs to be sure that it has in place the necessary procedures to ensure that competitors at our events are kept as safe as is appropriate. A discussion was held on how we ensure that events are as safe as we require centering around, instructions to event officials, the completion and signing off of a risk assessment, and the receipt of same by DVO prior to the event date. John will circulate a paper looking at the discussion with a view to firming up DVO's procedures in this area.
- b) **First Aid** – As part of the discussion on safety we also talked about First Aid and the approach for our events. Sue told the committee that there were 2 national guides (purple and green) based on size and commercial aspect of the event. It is assumed that the risk rises with the number of people attending. When a large event is organised, level A and B, professional first aid is bought in ie Red Cross, St John's. For smaller events DVO has first aid kits available and there are usually qualified DVO first aiders in attendance. Discussion took place as to whether a first aid team should be set up as part of the finish team

A new better more efficient 'space blanket' is available and Sue is to purchase 5 on behalf of the club.

John will include the First Aid discussion in the paper noted above.

- c) **Welfare** – Sue suggested that the Club's policy on youth safeguarding be placed on the website.

- d) **Recognition of the efforts of members** – The committee thought that an award at the annual dinner was an appropriate way to show the club's appreciation. Life membership may be considered in special circumstances and other awards may also be made at the Club Dinner.

It was also suggested that there may be, on occasions, someone that the club might wish to put forward for the BOF Silva Award or the Derbyshire County Council Volunteer Awards. .

15. Date of Next Meetings

Open Meeting Wednesday 9 January at the Bell Inn, Cromford.

Committee Meeting 12 March at the Johnson's, Belper

16. Close – The meeting closed at 22.06 pm