

DVO Committee Meeting Minutes

Held at The Johnson, 13th December 2016

Present

Andy Hawkins, Roger Keeling, Stuart Swalwell, Mike Gardner, Sal Chaffey, John Hawkins, Ann-Marie Duckworth, Viv Macdonald, Ranald Macdonald, Graham Johnson, Val Johnson, Rex Bleakman and Dave Chaffey.

Apologies

Mike Godfree.

Review of previous actions

Committee members: Stuart is approaching members who may be interested in vacant positions. He thanked Andy Hawkins for becoming Vice Chairman.

1. Events

Belper Urban event: Controller now appointed from WCH.

2. Safety of children and vulnerable adults at Orienteering events:

Mike Hamilton of BO has sent an email re-iterating guidelines on child safety.

Action: Stuart S looking for someone to present O-Safe policy at next Open meeting. Ranald Macdonald or Sue Russell to be asked.

3. Funding for Sport

Andy Hawkins described how he had met with his MP (Erewash) about reduction in funding of sport (not just orienteering, but other major sports). She will write to the Minister of Sport with a question. It was suggested that more people in Derbyshire and country could be involved and Andy has asked Judith Holt as part of BO to see whether a co-ordinated approach could have impact.

Action: Andy will circulate to Committee.

4. Replacement of trophies (Viv Macdonald)

Suggestion : replace DVO Orienteer of the Year and repair Richard Yardley (Fastest man) @ c £50.

Action: Viv will arrange – purchase or repair by a member.

5. Club Garage

The general feeling is that this isn't fit for purpose any longer, its 'days are numbered' due to leaking roof, access because of vegetation, more space than needed, now not used by Planners.

A potential is Mount Cook centre, using a shipping container?

Another option is new Mountain Rescue Centre in Mackworth.

The Committee felt it should explore these options and then rationalise equipment when we move, possibly in Oct 2017 when our annual rent is due to be paid.

6. AGM date for 2017

Andy can't make this, so agreed date changed to 18th October 2017.

Action: Update date on website.

7. Access negotiators

Ranald M explained that this is often more complex than previously with Natural England and SSSIs since ownership isn't clear. As part of Fixtures' work, more people need to get involved.

Action: Ranald will continue reviewing options.

8. 2018 Junior inter-regional Championships

DVO has agreed to co-ordinate for EMOA. We need accommodation for 300 people. Mount Cook is not an option although reviewed. Ann-Marie is talking to Chatsworth for arranging access to one of the proposed event areas.

Action: Stuart and Ann-Marie will continue looking at options.

9. BO conference feedback

BO strategic plan has two 'thrusts':

- Providing clear pathways – presented in a nice visual by Judith Holt
- Meeting the needs of specific groups

They are asking clubs how they can support this. We discussed options for this – groups we should be targeting, e.g. families, 18-35, and new ways to support them on the path, e.g. help at entries, mentoring on course.

Action: Discuss groups and 'on-boarding' paths for event participants and new members at next open meeting(s).

10. Potential bid to Orienteering Foundation

Viv M explained that the UK-based OF was set up to support orienteering through grants funded by donations and bequests.

A bid has been put in by Highfields School by £4,000 for equipment on training sessions and World 'O' day with Highfields students co-ordinating. The bid has been updated and Highfields is looking for DVO for £800 to fund 10 SI stations and also loan of some equipment.

It was agreed that existing equipment from satellite clubs: Chesterfield, Buxton, S. Derbyshire should be available for loan.

Action: Viv M to review and co-ordinate equipment loaning by pooling and funding from schools.

Reports presented by officers

1. Treasurer – Roger Keeling

Covers Sept-November – first quarter of FY as previously circulated.

£14,500 currently in bank, same as start of year, income and expenditure balanced, so ahead of floor level of £10,000 needed for contingency.

Recent events were reviewed and future events.

The additional cost for non-BO members was discussed. It was agreed that this should be removed.

Action: We are standardizing on fees for £7.

2. East Midlands – Mike Gardner

Mike asked questions about:

- 4th March development event.
- British Sprints and Middles 2019. Great Longstone isn't suitable, so we're now reviewing suitability of Longshaw.
- Compass Sport Cup Final for 2021 – discussing at next fixtures

3. Newstrack – Sal Chaffey

Next Newstrack released at Shining Cliff.

4. Membership – John Hawkins

In renewals period, currently -12 compared to previous year, -19 compared to previous year.

5. Development – Ann-Marie Duckworth

- Ann-Marie is reviewing potential helpers.
- DVO juniors are at competing against SYO on 8th January so we need to encourage juniors to attend – can be entry on day
- EMJOS are attending training event at Birchen's on 28th January.

6. Event safety – Ranald Macdonald

From January 1st all events require a planner, organizer and controller who are Event Safety qualified and thus satisfy a BO requirement and insurance. Some regular planners have been unable to attend, so future training will be required. These could be opened up to team leaders.

Ranald will notify dates for a future workshop.

7. Team captain – Graham Johnson

Compass Sport Cup. 12th March.

DVO will enter Louth (LOG) since we think this has the best opportunity for progressing.

8. South Derbyshire – Rex Bleakman

Good contact established and Markeaton promoted in University.

South Derbyshire events are being planned, Repton likely to be the first.

AOB

First Aid - Val Johnson

Several first aiders' certificates are due to lapse next year, so need to be renewed via course/evaluation.

Action: Val to arrange for first aiders to be updated.

Next meetings

Open meetings (Second Wednesday)

11th January 2017

12th April 2017

12th July 2017

18th October 2017 (AGM) Note new date

Committee Meetings (Second Tuesday)

8th March 2017

14th June 2017

12th September 2017

12th December 2017

Meeting Closed at 2155.

Dave Chaffey

Minutes' Secretary