

DVO Fixtures Committee Meeting Minutes

Held on Tuesday 2nd September 2025 at the Buxtons'

Present

Kim Buxton (Chair), Jane Kayley-Burgess, Christine Middleton, John Cooke, Richard Parkin, Nicola Hart

1. Apologies

Sal Chaffey

2. Minutes of meeting 1st April 2025 and matters arising

Club champs 2025 - at Strawberry Hill, NOC pre-Xmas event

3. Feedback / review of recent events

Wirksworth Urban - Sunday late afternoon event, entries a bit down on hoped for numbers. A good event centre, close to start and finish.

Hardwick - 120 entrants, a success, National Trust keen to repeat. We plan to repeat in 2026, linked in with new POC and training up NT staff about POC. Also look at using same formula at Ilam and Calke.

Markeaton and Rosliston - low numbers (30's) but many were not club members and enjoyed the events. Important for us to stage these.

4. Briefing on development events

MapRuns about to re-start for autumn schedule.

"Club night" discussed at Development meetings - to become a regular feature once a month, with skills training for adults.

5. Event scheduling

Shiple Park, 2/11/25. Access fee still being discussed (Jane). Stuart Swalwell to control.

Cromford Moor, 23/11/25.

Matlock NY urban, 1/1/26, Colin Drury SYO controlling.

Longshaw, EM Champs, 15/2/26, taking road closure option for parking, cost to be added to entry fee.

Bow Woods and Lea Woods, 22/3/26, access permission in place from DWT but not other landowners, or Smedleys for parking and possibly a room. Jane is access officer. Discussed the event / area as possibly suitable for a double forest sprint. To be proposed to EMOA.

No organiser or planner in place. Randal to control.

Allestree Park, 21/6/26. Helen Chiswell to plan, David Vincent to organise.

Swadlincote Urban, 5/7/26. Sue Russell to plan. No organiser. Event centre needed.

Longstone Moor, 27/9/26, permissions still outstanding, with RP to follow up. David Newton to plan. No organiser.

British Schools Score Champs, 10/10/26, Shiple Park agreed as venue. Jane to plan. No organiser.

Club Champs 2026 - Grin Low, 7/11/26. (Noted Grin Low also good area for double forest sprints and possible back-up area for Level C).

Linacre, 22/11/26. Access to be sought - Jane. Murray to plan. John Duckworth to organise.

CompassSport Cup, Stanton Moor, 7/2/27.

6. Access issues and new areas

Grin Low - promising and exciting new area - RP has prepared new base map.
Derwent Dams - Hope Woodland, South side of Ladybower below Winn Hill (presently MDOC) - on back-burner for now.

7. Mapping

Derby City Centre - RP to extend map for Sal's ghost event.
David Vincent has suggested Pewits and RP is in touch with him about it. Possibly suitable for a night event.
Kedleston, to be done (RP)

8. Permanent courses

New POC for Hardwick. New course markers needed.

9. Any other business

Idea discussed of DVO possibly reviving / staging a Midlands Night Champs in 2027 - compare SYO's Northern Night Champs on a small area with pits - to be discussed.
John Cooke showed the certificates proposed for junior class winners at Chinley Churn Midlands Champs.
Access database - Christine has taken over as Access Coordinator and is working on the renewed system, with John Cooke. Noted organisers and planners need to be asked for feedback - a set of prompt questions would be useful.
Noted the EM Officials conference is coming up on 20th September.
CSC final coming up - geeking session by Zoom has been arranged with Jane and David Vincent leading.

13. Date of next meeting

Early December, date to be confirmed.