

Derwent Valley Orienteers Committee Meeting

Held at The Johnson's, Belper, Tuesday 13 March 2012
Chairperson John Hawkins
Minutes by Ann Armistead
Present Mike Godfree, Graham Johnson, Ian Hodson, Sal Chaffey, Jen Gale, Ro Cole.
Judith Holt, Paul Wright, Liz Godfree, Val Johnson (part of meeting)

- 1. Introduction** John welcomed everyone to the first meeting of 2012.
- 2. Apologies** Derek Gale, Claire Selby, Chris Owen.
- 3. Minutes of previous Committee meetings** – on 13 December 2011 were accepted as true records.
- 4. Notable Results /Events**

Although not qualifying for the final, DVO was the top East Midlands Club at the Compass Sport Cup. Unfortunately half term holidays affected the number of juniors being available to compete, and there was a Dark and White event on the same weekend.

DVO however did very well at the Midlands Championships held on Foxley and Garnside with the following winners:-

W10 Rachel Duckworth, W18 Harriet Lawson, W55 Fiona Sellar, W60 Liz Godfree and M45 John Duckworth.

5. Forthcoming Events

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There is a series of level D events currently taking place. (see website for further details). The next few are: - 17 March – Chesterfield

14 April – Broomfield Hall College

15 April – Riber Hillside and Bow Woods

- 6. Treasurers Report** – See appendix A for full report. (Treasurer unable to attend to present report.)
 - a) Lindop** – 300 competitors attended the event. Although access fees were still quite high they were slightly offset by competitors paying their car parking fees directly to Chatsworth Estates.
 - b) Longshaw** – although income looks high, DVO only get one third with BOF retaining the other two thirds.
 - c) Proposed change to levy system** – one of the proposals to be put forward at the BOF AGM is to change the system to a lower levy fee and then for everyone who competes to contribute. The new membership fee would be £5 for Seniors and £2 for Juniors. The levy would be £1 for every adult run at an event (Juniors would count as 1/3rd of an adult). Judith urged people to vote. She told the committee that this should be a much more simplified system of levy and membership fee than the current taxation system, which required far more administration by BOF. A new system based on results should be much easier to manage. Claire provided a table which showed that under the proposed system DVO would have been £142 worse off for the 34 events held in the accounting year 2010-2011. The Committee considered the change to be more or less neutral to the Club but may affect each individual orienteer based on the number of runs each chooses to partake in. The Committee also noted that voting at the AGM is up to each individual member and not on a club basis.

7. Secretary's Report – See Appendix B (Membership Report)

8. Development Report

Matlock Community O is working with Derbyshire Dales District Council and is getting offers to put on events.

On Friday 29 June the Olympic Torch will be carried through our area and the local authority is trying to put on events and asked DVO if they would like to participate. Matlock Community O is unable to take it on and Buxton Community O has also been asked but most of the club members are working and are unable to assist. There is a limit to what the small Community O groups can take on. The Development Committee are to investigate if it is feasible for the club to put on an activity and perhaps appeal for volunteers to help through the website or e-group.

9. Fixture Report. – See Appendix C for current list.

a) Urban Event

This year there is to be an Urban Event on 7 October at Wirksworth. Mike and Viv met with the manager of the Leisure Centre who has agreed to allow the club to use the centre as a base for the event.

b) Mapping

Stanton is to be used in 2013 for Middle Distance and Oli Johnson has agreed to update the map. Hill Carr Wood will not be used. Ian met with Neil Forrest with regard to the permission for the event which currently is only provisional.

c) Peak District Footpath Relay

At present it is planned that one of the legs of the relay will go through Stanton. However it is currently an embargo area and Graham is to liaise with Stuart with a view to changing the route.

10. Equipment Report

At a number of events Paul has been asked if milk crates could be purchased to be used as steps over low obstacles. Paul considers crates are not robust enough for the purpose and will therefore investigate purchasing something suitable and sturdy which would not be too heavy.

Ro asked if they could have a stock of 15-20 kites and base plates to keep at Buxton. Paul agreed to purchase them.

11. Community O

a) Buxton Community O – Holding a level D event on 27 May using the street map. Matlock Community O has been invited to join their event on 27 March. It was thought it would good idea to also host an event that would bring together all the Community O clubs and 22 May and 2 July are possible dates. There is still a good solid turnout of members. Two of the Juniors have joined the East Midland Squad.

b) Chesterfield Community O – Not functioning at the moment. Hope to start after Easter,

c) Derby Community O – Rex is putting on quite a few events. Natalie has arranged to do 3 Thursday sessions with Derby Uni students with Rex acting as the club link.

d) Matlock Community O – Still getting people coming along. The numbers fluctuate. The club has been provided with an apprentice coach for a while and Judith will tutor her. They have

secured links with the Derbyshire Dales sports network and are rebuilding links with the local schools. There are now some promising young people attending the sessions. Quite a few attended the Lindop event.

12. BOF Matters – Nothing to report

13. EMOA – See appendix D for report.

14. Communication Matters

- a) **Newstrack** – Paul was thanked for the last edition and Jen has agreed to take over the next one. Contributions should be sent in by 23 April. Mike volunteered to undertake the September issue.
- b) **Website** – The website appears to be working well and new information is posted regularly. It was brought to the committee's attention however that there is no obvious point of contact on the site. Judith to ask John to arrange to rectify this. Derek is to be contact for membership enquiries and John H other enquiries.

15. AOB

- a) **Club Dinner** – Although Viv may be unable to undertake the catering at the dinner, Val agreed that she would be willing to organise it. Ian's wife has offered to help. Val to liaise with Viv with regard to purchasing the trophies and booking Wirksworth Town Hall.

Ian mentioned that the Barn Dance that took place at the dinner a few years ago was well received and wondered if it could be considered again. Val told the committee that due to the time taken up by the meal and awards the remaining time allocated to dancing made the band quite expensive. She suggested that perhaps a separate evening could be arranged for a barn dance and buffet.

- b) **Access** – Ian has taken over the position of Access Officer for the northern part of the area. He will speak again to Ranald with a view of incorporating the whole area unless someone steps forward to be responsible for the south.

The committee agreed to the purchasing of a gift for Neil for the work he undertook as Access Officer.

- c) **Vouchers for helpers** – The committee discussed the possibility of vouchers and decided due to the complexity of adopting a change to keep the system presently used ie half price run.
- d) **Permanent Course at Matlock** – Judith is making progress with the permanent course in Derbyshire Dales. The disability group in Matlock are keen to make use of the course and would be prepared monitor it.
- e) **British Middle Distance on Stanton Moor**- Sal asked that as LEI were running the sprint on the Saturday would DVO be using Fabian and combining the entries. Mike said that it was better if it was run as two individual events to make it easier for the entries secretary to download.

Clare to be asked to be financial director and Sue to be in charge of welfare. It was suggested that Sal contact the organiser of this year's event for names and emails of winners so that next year they can be reminded to return trophies. Sal is also looking into the possibility of a one-way system.

- f) **Relay teams** – Provisional JK relay team on the website. Fewer people have entered the British Champs so it could be difficult to make teams.
- g) **British Schools Championships** – on 17 November 2013 at Shipley Park. Val would like to put out flyers at this year's event advertising for next year. At present there is nothing on the

website. 2011 was a selection race and if next year's is, it becomes more complicated. .

16. Date of Next Meetings

Open Meeting Wednesday 18 April at the Bell Inn, Cromford.

Committee Meeting 12 June at the Johnson's

17. Close – The meeting closed at 21.48 pm