

# Derwent Valley Orienteers Committee Meeting

**Held at** The Johnson's, Belper, Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2013  
**Chairperson** John Hawkins  
**Minutes by** John Hawkins  
**Present** Mike Godfree, Ian Hodson, Sal Chaffey (Part), Liz Godfree, Val Johnson, Rob Shooter, Ned Needham.

## 1. Introduction

JH welcomed the Committee members to the first meeting of 2013.

## 2. Apologies

Sue Allard, Derek Gale, Judith Holt, Claire Selby, Jen Gale

## 3. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as a true record.

## 4. Safety

There have been no recent incidents of a safety nature to note.

It was noted that Derek Gale had provided further comments on the Event Safety document. JH to finalise and reissue to the Committee.

It was agreed that with the Volunteer Co-ordinator taking on the role Risk Assessment co-ordination this role should be a Committee post (Appointed Officer). Title of post to be confirmed (RS, all).

RS to update organisers' notes regarding distribution of team leaders contact details for any event.

## 5. Notable Results/Events

LG noted the excellent result for DVO in the **Compass Sport Cup** first round where the club succeeded in getting through to the final beating all EM clubs and notably SYO.

The Final will be in the Forest of Dean (Moseley Green and Denby Lodge) on 20.10.13.

It was agreed that providing a bus would not be the best solution for transport.

VJ to book a village hall (Alvington?)

LG also noted that the **JK** relay teams are organised and that she is taking names for the **British**.

The **footpath relay** will be on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June centred around Bakewell.

## 6. Treasurer's report

Claire Selby provided, in advance, a report on the current state of the club's finances (attached).

In particular she noted that Dave Walker has examined the accounts and confirms that they

represent a true and accurate record of the club's financial affairs.

Appreciation of Dave's work in examining the accounts was gratefully noted.

#### **7. Secretary's report**

Derek Gale provided his regular update of the club's membership (attached). This shows a significant reduction in individuals, in the main due to family membership no longer being available. Please see the report for greater detail.

#### **8. Development Report**

No report for this meeting.

It was noted that a club development session was held over from the last Open Meeting, however for the April Open Meeting it has been agreed to run a First Aid appreciation with Sue Russell. It was further agreed to hold the development session at the June Open Meeting.

#### **9. Fixtures Report**

It was noted that event officials are in place for most of the forthcoming events – notable exceptions being:

Controller for Queen's Park 12.5.13  
Organiser and controller for Buxton 21.7.13

It was noted that the Level D programme for 2013 is in place – many thanks to all involved and in particular Rex Bleakman for masterminding.

Other points re mapping and permanent courses are covered in the Fixtures Meeting – please refer to those minutes for further detail.

#### **10. Equipment Report**

None

#### **11. Community O Reports**

**Buxton** – None

**Chesterfield** – None

**Derby** – No activity through DVO. Continuing activity through BOF may be happening although we have no real information at this time.

NN noted that he is working on orienteering through Broomfield College and in particular looking at getting a number of students through the Level 1 coaching qualification. He was considering whether to get in touch with the BOF person who is co-ordinating the Derby activities.

**Matlock** – The Matlock O Club continues to thrive with between 10 and 20 participants each week. Judith Holt and Viv Macdonald have provided a comprehensive report (attached).

#### **12. Matters with BOF**

None

#### **13. Matters with EMOA**

For noting VJ reported that she has raised with Mike Gardner a question related to shadowing of juniors – this matter was raised with VJ by Rachael Davis. This is a know area with EMOA and as such there may be future discussion or correspondence.

#### **14. Matters with and communication with DVO members**

Further to a review of the joining instructions on the website Derek Gale has provided a document 'Joining Derwent Valley Orienteers' to update the website page (attached). Mike Godfree proposed that the document should be uploaded to the website – DG please action. If there are any comments on the content please let DG know.

##### **Newstrack**

John Cooke is the editor for the next edition (copy date 15.3.13) after which SC will take over.

#### **15. AOB**

##### **Payment for mapping by members**

Mike Godfree introduced the subject of payment for mapping by members. In the past this has normally been done without payment. The discussion identified that this is a complicated area and as such Mike Godfree agreed to consider the matter further and provide a paper.

##### **Making control collecting a team leader task**

Through correspondence Rex Bleakman made the point of making control collecting a team leader task at events i.e. to allocate a team leader for control collecting. This was debated and it was considered that although there are undoubted benefits from such an approach it would put extra pressure on the already stretched volunteer resource. It was proposed to continue as currently leaving arranging the collection of controls with the planner.

##### **Club Championships and Club Dinner**

The Club Champs will be on Longstone Moor (new area) on 28<sup>th</sup> September with Paul Addison planning.

It was agreed to hold the club dinner on 28<sup>th</sup> September using the Tansley Village Hall, if available, as per last year. VJ to book Tansley Village Hall or alternative if this is not available.

##### **Installation of stiles**

Ranald Macdonald had difficulty in transporting and installing a large stile at the Eyam event. He reported that it is bulky and had damaged his car. He proposed that the stile in question is not fit for purpose.

After discussion it was decided to not propose disposal of the stile but leave whether it is to be used at events to the individual planners and organisers. Naturally they will have to arrange for transport, installation etc. and will need to take its size into account.

##### **Sale of O Tops**

Mike Godfree noted that 54 new design O tops have been ordered and supplied. The quality and design appear to be good. Many thanks to Mike for his efforts in this matter.

Mike proposed ordering a further 30 O Tops and to keep with the sale price of £20 adult and £16 child.

##### **British Middle Distance Championships**

SC noted that the organisation of the event is progressing well. There have been difficulties with the provision of parking although this now is resolved. There have, so far, been in excess of 800 entries.

### **Photography at DVO Events**

Mike Godfree noted that a local sports photographer had attended the recent Crich Chase event with the knowledge of the event officials. He had taken a number of photographs, provided some or all of these to DVO and these had been posted on DVO's website.

Mike further noted that the same photographer then turned up at the following Bradley Wood event without having obtained permission. He again took photos and provided some or all to DVO which again were uploaded to the DVO website. It was noted that some of these were of juniors.

These points were discussed. It was noted that this is a complex area and it was decided it is inappropriate to have a photographer turn up at an event uninvited and that in any case controls would need to be in place for any such photography. It was therefore decided to request the photographer in question to not attend further DVO events without an invitation.

JH to action.

### **16. Date of next meetings**

Open Meeting Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April at the Bell Inn Cromford  
Committee Meeting Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June at the Johnsons' Belper

### **17. Close**

The meeting closed at 21:51