

DVO Meeting Minutes

Held at The Johnsons, 10th March 2020

Present

Val Johnson, Sal Chaffey, Christine Middleton, Ranald Macdonald, Viv Macdonald, John Hurley, Paul Goodhead, Mike Godfree, James Prince, Andy Hawkins, John Cooke, Brian Denness and Dave Chaffey

Apologies

Jane Burgess

1. Previous minutes, Open 11th February 2020 and 10th December 2019

No corrections

2. Matters Arising

- Ranald – Event Officials Evening 24th March at Family Tree– 25 signed up, including 2 ‘new’ officials

3. Chairs report – Andy Hawkins

- We have a new club banner!
- Two new grab bags of which one was used on Sunday for an injured competitor. Additional clothes could be included in future. Andy to create second label.
- Andy has reviewed members not in a team. There are around 70, some are remote (7), some lapsed, some juniors under 16, some juniors over 16. 14 will be placed in teams.
- Coronavirus: we are continuing to run events as usual until advised otherwise by BO

4. Treasurer’s report – Brian Denness

At the end of February, the Current Account stood at £9,503, representing a net expenditure of £7535 since the start of the financial year. This is, however, an apparent loss due to the fact that the BMDC event at Chinley Churn brought in a net income of £12,009 in the previous financial year through pre-entries, while the majority of expenses for the event fell in the current financial year, but leading to an overall net gain of £5600. This is less than that reported previously due to the delayed arrival of some invoices.

- The Current Account balance of £9503 at the end of February resulted from a net expenditure of £4,847 against a net income of £3,928.

Income versus Expenditure

- **Net Income:** Total net income of £456 resulted from: Events, which generated a net income of £345, Clothing £54, Equipment £35, and Permanent Courses, which brought in £23.
- **Equipment** was inflated by £250 due to the return of the float, which has previously been held in a separate account by the Equipment Officer. This account was closed through a policy change by the bank and the money returned as a cheque.

Net Expenditure: Net expenditure totalled £1,377 of which the largest amount was:

- **Relay Entry Support Payments** of £1,052, representing the Club members' entrants' fees for the CompassSport Cup and national relay events, of which approximately 50% will be repaid by members.

Payments made in excess of £400 are now included separately in the Treasurer's report (two this quarter)

Events - Summary

- By the end of February, the Club had held 8 events, which attracted a total 1623 competitors (see below). Again, the British Middles at Chinley Churn, whilst occurring in the current financial year, carried over more than £12,000 from last year which more than mitigated the expenditures nearer to and after the event
- The eight events generated a net income of £7,774.

John Hurley queried the expenses for Lindop that seemed relatively high (without the remapping costs): Brian confirmed the unusually high total.

In conclusion, the Club's finances remain sound with accessible funds of £20,476 in the current account and savings account at the end of February 2020.

5. Secretary's report – Paul Goodhead

- 188 active members of which c40 may lapse.
- 238 on database include 4 lifetime members. Compares to 224 in March last year, although need to remove lapsed members.

6. Club Captain's report

- 62 entries for Compass Sport Cup – most paid for
- 7 teams entered for British and 6 for JK

7. Development conference – Sal Chaffey

Sal delivered the report:

Workshop on volunteering

Useful club presentations on recruitment initiatives e.g. Bristol 'Track to Terrain'

Be More Cheetah agency presented social media marketing

Sal has started promoting on Instagram, 44 followers to-date!

Recommendations to grow junior membership

MapRun

Ordnance Survey licence for two map extracts is £47.50 for printed maps for rural events.

The electronic version has to remain as OpenOMap.

Discussed event fees and registration as events vs activities. Agreed that:

Entry fee will be £3 per map – this will be an event for which we pay levy since this will give extra publicity, e.g. on fixtures lists.

Suggestion from James Prince to set 3 (S,M,L) courses. May do this in future, but planners not briefed to do this for current series.

8. JK 2024

- Grace Dieu is closing, so not now an option for EMOA to host the Relay event
- Chris Phillips is considering possible areas

9. EMOA report – John Hurley

- Hilary Palmer asking whether anyone needs coaching training – Sal to put ad in Newstrack
- Also, if/when we do have club coaching sessions, advise others in EMOA
- Still no venue for East Midlands Champs 2021
- BO rules have now been updated: v3.9 – two main changes. Level B must now have an out-of-region controller. Clarification: Level B embargo period of 12 months. ISSPROM standard updated and scale for sprint is now 1:4,000.

Ranald – will arrange event officials conference in Autumn. Writing articles in EMEWS, e.g. on starts and finish.

10. Card-reader for entry fees?

Discussed entry fees being taken by credit card at event. Options:

- [iZettle](#) part of Paypal - would require phone. One-off fee of £29 plus 1.79% transaction cost, plus low-cost phone plus contract c £100 / year
- [Sumup](#) which uses a built-in 3G Sim card, with lower transaction fee

Andy floated the idea to Chris O'Donnell- 5 objections given. The main ones were learning the system, dealing with problems and may take longer than cash.

Dave C and others questioned the benefits when there hasn't been a demand from competitors and other clubs don't offer this. Briefly discussed the option of online registration, but Mike G pointed that this has higher fees.

Andy will look into it further.

11. DVO planning / controllers / Purple Pen course

Only two people are interested in the controllers course.
No plan for Purple Pen course.

12. Shed / garage and equipment / access

Paul Wright has retired as equipment officer and left the club. He has been thanked for his work over the years.

Access officers will be required for the Crich and Carsington areas he looked after.

Working party required to tidy the garage

Andy will talk to Russell Buxton about some 'running repairs', e.g. will repair gap next to roof with foam

13. Next open meeting

Tansley, 24th April

Everyone to think of ideas for this meeting.

14. Maze/string at which events?

Michelle Mackervoy has asked which events should these be used at?

We discussed usage of String and how often they are run.

Could we select 4 a year. Level B only. Or Level D.

The consensus was we should trial these at Level D, maybe a pre-determined number per year, to be mentioned in fliers

It was raised that only 4 people now in this team. Andy to discuss with Michelle.

15. Allestree Park plans

Andy will reply on behalf of club that we and our established users would like to continue to use the park. Others are invited to write and John Hurley will be doing this.

Public conveniences are a useful bonus for our events.

16. AOB

- Brian listed expenses for Lindop, so event made small loss, not including re-mapping fee
- Christine – Checking who puts team together for Peter Palmer Relay
- Viv – Alfreton rescheduled for 5th April. Margaret Keeling is organiser.
- Ranald – Newstrack was commended – well done to Sal
- Ranald – event safety workshop on Mon 6th April
- Mike – saw Routegadget webinar – good advice
- James – making signs for map boxes – James volunteered!