

# Derwent Valley Orienteers Open Meeting

**Held at** The Bell Inn, Cromford, Wednesday 18 April 2012  
**Chairperson** John Hawkins  
**Minutes by** John Hawkins  
**Present** Mike Godfree, Graham Johnson, Ian Hodson, Sal Chaffey, Jen Gale, Paul Wright, Liz Godfree, Val Johnson, Ranald Macdonald, Viv Macdonald, Brian Denness, Sue Russell, Helen Findlayson, Tony Berwick, Dave Nevell, Richard Parkin, John Hopper, Derek Gale, Brian Ward, Pauline Ward, John Cooke + possibly others (apologies for any one missed)

- 1. Introduction** John welcomed everyone to the second Open Meeting of 2012.
- 2. Apologies** Rex Bleakman, Ro Cole, Ann Armistead, Claire Selby, Michelle Mackervoy

### **3. Notable Results /Events**

Liz noted that although DVO did not get through to the final of the Compass Sport Cup we actually performed well in that we were the highest scoring EM club and as a bonus we did not have to travel to Scotland for the final. Congratulations to all.

The JK has been held and a number of DVO members took part. A number of good results were noted.

Next on the agenda are the British Championships for which relay entries are being co-ordinated by Graham. Following that we have the Footpath relay in June and the White Rose in August.

### **4. Forthcoming Events**

Ranald noted that there is a number of future events without a full list of officials in particular he remarked that Wirksworth street O on 7.10.12 and the Level C event at Carsington Pastures on 28.10.12 are without co-ordinators (organisers). Anyone who is interested please contact Ranald otherwise it may be necessary to cancel the events.

### **5. Website**

John Cooke gave a brief update on the website and developments. There was discussion as to whether club members contact details should be added to the 'Members' section of the website i.e. password protected. It was agreed that this would be a good idea but that members needed to be advised before action is taken. Jen to add to Newstrack. John Hawkins to add to website.

### **6. Club Finances**

Claire was unable to be with us at the meeting however she had prepared a Treasurer's report for the previous Committee meeting. It was noted that the finances of the club are currently in a good state. If any club member wishes to see the report they can log onto the website to access it.

### **7. Club Dinner**

Val noted that we intend to keep the date as 29.9.12 but that we need to find a venue as the intended venue was not available.

### **8. Event Official Co-Ordinators**

It was noted that Ranald and Viv have given notice that they will be standing down from being the event official co-ordinators as of at the AGM. They will most happily continue with the work until the AGM and provide a handover to the new person to take on that role.

Ranald explained the rewarding nature of the role and will be pleased to provide information to anyone wishing to consider taking the role on.

The Committee will consider next steps.

The meeting acknowledged the great contribution made by Ranald and Viv as Event Official Co-Ordinators over a number of years and expressed its gratitude for the work carried out.

## **9. Catering at DVO Events**

Paul noted that the caterer at the recent Riber Event was very well received. He posed to the meeting that this caterer would be a good addition to other DVO events where appropriate and that he proposed to pass on details of events to the caterer.

The meeting accepted Paul's account and were pleased to proceed as he outlined.

Paul agreed to contact the caterer accordingly.

## **10. Club Communications**

Richard raised a point about communication concerning things going on in the club. He is concerned that Newstrack is not a good medium for getting very current information to the club members albeit that it is an important organ for many members.

Richard suggested the use of a Facebook page, in common with some other clubs, may make communications within the club more accessible to many, especially the younger generations.

The point was debated and accepted as a potential additional means of communication – however Newstrack is to remain in place.

Richard agreed to provide a brief to the Committee outlining how a Facebook page would be set up and operated i.e. who sets up, who operates/moderates, how members and the club posts items etc.

John Cooke agreed to look at what needs to be done so that when a new posting appears on the home page of the website then, for those who so wish, an e-mail would be sent notifying of the change (RSS feed?)

## **11. EMOA Constitution**

Ranald introduced the subject of proposed changes to the EMOA constitution. He provided a good explanation about the need for the changes and the approach taken.

He then outlined the salient changes, the most significant of which being the members of the Association Executive Committee. Ranald explained that this is proposed to comprise four Principal Officers (Chair, Vice-Chair, Financial Secretary and Development Co-Ordinator) and a representative from each of DVO, LEI, NOC and LOG, all of which would have voting rights. There are other persons on the EMOA Committee but these do not have voting rights. No more than two of the Principal Officers can be from one club.

The meeting was generally content with what Ranald outlined, additionally a couple of members had provided detailed comments on the constitution to Ranald. Ranald will provide feedback to the EMOA accordingly.

## **12. AOB**

### **a). Club Kit**

Derek questioned whether we should look into the supply of new club O kit since it had been some time since any had been available.

Val agreed to look into the possibilities of provisioning new O Tops. It may be that a new design would be preferred by members. Val will post a message on the website accordingly.

It was noted that the Club Shop (through Dave Vincent) had a number of items and it may be an idea to make these more accessible to members through perhaps the website. John Hawkins to contact Dave to look at possibilities.

**b). Planners' and Controllers' Conference**

Ranald noted that there is to be a Planners' and Controllers' Conference on 26<sup>th</sup> May. All those interested can find out more details through the EMOA or Ranald.

**13. Date of Next Meetings**

Committee Meeting 12 June at the Johnson's

**14. Close** – The meeting closed at 21:59:55 pm (timing thanks to Mr. Nevell)