

Derwent Valley Orienteers Open Meeting

- Held at** The Bell Inn, Cromford, 8.15pm Wednesday 10 April 2013
- Chairperson** John Hawkins
- Minutes by** Ann Armistead
- Present** Mike Godfree, Liz Godfree, Rob Shooter, John Hopper, Val Johnson, Graham Johnson, Jen Gale, Derek Gale, Michelle Mackervoy, Ian Hodson, Sue Russell, Tony Berwick, Brian Denness, Paul Wright,
- Next Meeting** Committee Meeting at the Johnson's 11 June.

1. Introduction John welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Apologies Non received

3. Development of the club.

The planned discussion on the development of the club has been postponed and will now be held in July

4. First Aid

Sue kindly agreed to give an everyday first aid appreciation talk to the meeting and stated that she would also be willing if put on a 1 day certification course at a later date if there was enough interest.

Qualified first aiders have to be named on the risk assessment form but as Sue told the meeting most club members with first aid qualifications are reluctant to put their names forward. She then went on to ask those present why they thought people were uneasy about volunteering. Answers ranged from lack of practice to frightened of getting things wrong and being sued

Following on, Sue then asked what type of accidents it was thought could occur during an event. She then listed them and went on to explained what was the best course of action in each case.

As Sue said, out in the forest assistance is limited, but whatever help one can give either on the spot, to bring someone to the finish area for treatment, or to summon professional services could be invaluable.

John proposed that at the next committee meeting there would be a discussion to finalise the position regarding the type of first aid provision to be put in place at level C events.

5. Club Captain's Report

Liz told the meeting that DVO had done very well at the JK. D Parkin 2nd M80 Sprint, R Duckworth 1st W10A, Sarah Duckworth 2nd W12A, L Godfree 1st W65 Long. W165 Veteran Womens Team (Liz, Judith and Sal) 1st with 12 minutes clear.

Teams for the British are now tentative. Names are now being taken for the Footpath relay on 8 June starting from Bakewell. Details are still awaited.

Compass Cup Final is on Saturday 19 October and 32 beds have been booked in the Youth Hostel at a cost of £10 each. Please contact Liz to reserve a bed.

6. Breach of Policies.

Paul raised a concern over DVO's policies. Although DVO does have policies, the majority of members would not know if in fact there were any, where to find them, whether they were workable or even if they were current e.g. with regard to photography and child protection. If members were not aware of the contents of such policies how would they know if they were in breach of them?

Val stated that Clubmark has a register of all the policies relevant to coaches and juniors.

Paul said that he was also concerned that through a friends facebook account one could get into DVO facebook page. It was suggested that John Cooke and Richard Parkin be asked to alter the access to the facebook page so that it can be accessed only via the members are of the website instead of through the public link.

John said that the committee would attempt to get all the policies together, discuss and review them to determine whether they were correct and the content still valid.

7. Any Other Business

Derek told the meeting that DVO had lost approximately 80 members at the start of 2013. These were mostly family members and has been due to a change in approach to membership by BOF. Now there are only actual members listed but at present there is no mechanism for striking people off the list when they leave. BOF produces lapsed list of non payers at the beginning of the year but Derek has to look for the following 4 months to see if anyone has rejoined during that period.

Mike has purchased 54 'O' tops and will be soon putting in a new order.

Stanton Moor – all DVO members will have open starts either early(before 10.30) or late (after last starts). At present it is not known whether there will be helpers parking at the event centre. Currently 1122 runners have entered.

The meeting closed at 10.20 pm