

# DVO Meeting Minutes

## Held at The Family Tree 27<sup>th</sup> April 2016

### 8pm

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#### Present

Tony Stirland, Stuart Swalwell, John Hawkins, Val Johnson, Graham Johnson, Kate Johnson, Mike and Liz Godfree, Derek and Jen Gale, Ann-Marie Duckworth and Dave Chaffey (Minute taker) – Apologies from Ned Needham

#### Issues raised

##### 1. “Competitor’s Dogs on Courses”

Stuart raised this following an enquiry before Calke from a competitor who wanted to run with a dog. Stuart explained that this couldn’t be permitted because of various risks.

Then on Sunday, several competitors were seen “running” with a dog on the course, owned by individuals or families. Some were on leads and some weren’t (the dogs, that is). This could present a problem since:

- Other competitors could be tripped or otherwise disadvantaged
- Livestock could be disturbed

Mike Godfree said this has been discussed before and the restriction on dogs on courses is already club policy. John Hawkins representing dog owners did raise that other dogs would be permitted in somewhere like Calke and permission from the landowner will vary on a case-by-case basis. He also asked if a ban needed to be in place for someone on a White or Yellow course.

It was discussed whether a banning should apply to all events, or perhaps only Level A to C, which the group felt was right, but on a case-by-case basis.

#### Actions:

- Mike G to update registration form to state that dogs are not permitted on courses due to the risks (to competitors, public and livestock)
- Final details download (on website) to clearly explain that dogs are NOT permitted with runners on the course (due to risks) and if they are permitted in the car park
- Jen Gale to update Organiser’s notes to reference that dogs are not allowed on courses with competitors

## 2. Planners equipment

Derek Gale explained that the intention is that everything the Planner needs for an event is provided with the SI kit, flags, etc. However, some tape and the map boxes went back with the Organiser to the shed at recent events.

**Actions:** Jen Gale to update Organiser's notes to explain which equipment should go back from the Start team and which remains with the Planner's kit.

Derek to label map boxes, etc with a note that they should be returned with the Planner's kit. (General rule: the Planner is responsible for everything after the Start Line right up to the Finish Line. Therefore maps and map boxes come under the Planner).

## 3. Finding new planners and controllers

Dai Bedwell raised an issue with Stuart S that he believes we're not doing enough to get new Planners and Controllers. Not everyone agreed with this since there are examples of new Planners, but we still need more Planners.

Jen Gale raised that Level D are a good opportunity to start, e.g. alongside Rex Bleakman and Ned Needham on these.

**Actions:** Fixtures' committee members to approach potential planners more proactively.

## 4. O-Tops and Jackets

Mike Godfree explained that a good range of these are currently available with Male and Female fit – contact Mike for details.

## 5. Membership update

John Hawkins explained that we have 219 members currently compared to 237 at the same point last year. There are 9 new members since the start of year, so "a relatively slow year"

## 6. Newstrack distribution

Mike noted that some Newstracks are being posted to members who are no longer active within DVO.

**Action:** John Hawkins will transfer non active members to the soft-copy, based on suggestion from Mike and Liz Godfree.

## 7. Junior SYO vs DVO challenge proposal

Suggested by Pauline Traynor to Ann-Marie D.

A competition between DVO and SYO.

It was discussed whether it should include other clubs.

**Action:** Ann-Marie H to suggest to Pauline that this could be trialled at Chinley Churn.

## **8. British Champs preparation**

Ann-Marie gave a well-received presentation of tips to prepare before the run.

The meeting closed at 2140.