

Derwent Valley Orienteers Open Meeting

Held at	The Bell Inn, Cromford, 8.15pm Wednesday 9 January 2013
Chairperson	John Hawkins
Minutes by	Ann Armistead
Present	Ranald Macdonald, Viv Macdonald, Mike Godfree, Steve Kimberley, Anne Kimberley, Rob Shooter, John Hopper, Val Johnson, Jen Gale, Michelle Mackervoy, Ian Hodson, Sue .Russell, Tony Berwick, Stuart Swalwell, Richard Parkin, Dave Nevell, Mike Gardner, Ned Needham.
Next Meeting	Fixtures - Tuesday 12 February at the Godfree's Committee - Tuesday 12 March at the Johnson's

1. Introduction John welcomed everyone to the first meeting of 2013.

2. Apologies Sal Chaffey, Liz Godfree, Derek Gale, Graham Johnson.

3. Compass Sport Cup Update

CSC will take place at Fineshades on Sunday 17 February against LEI, NOC, NOR, SYO & WAOC. If SYO win then another club will also go through. Entries are by Club Captain. Liz needs names by 30 Jan. Bussing will be in operation. Liz is awaiting answer as to whether DVO can take their own bus and go directly to assembly.

4. Fixtures

There are currently 11 events in the calendar. These include Derbyshire Schools Championships in June, Middle Distance (Level A) in April and British Schools Championships in November (Level B). Rex has Level D fixtures in hand. Mike G stated that officials are still needed for some Level C and above events and that next year's programme is underway.

5. British Middle Championships

There is a team leaders meeting at 10.30 on 16 February. Ranald said that access to assembly field had been causing concern but 10 ton of chippings are to be put down. Map to be 7,5000. Entries are via Fabian. Helpers will get allocated times and given vouchers to be used on the day or at future events.

6. Club Kit

53 tops have been ordered and are expected to cost £25-£30.

7. EMOA

In October 4 posts will become vacant. They are Chair, Vice Chair, Financial Secretary and Development Co-ordinator. The Advanced Mappers course was very well attended. Later in the year there will be a beginners Mappers and Coaches courses There will be a Planners

and Controllers course in April. Such courses are important as officials do need to keep up to date with changes and guidelines.

Both Judith and Randal are on a Volunteer Needs Working Group which is currently doing a survey on how clubs meet the needs of their volunteers.

8. Event Safety

Discussions have been held regarding safety at events. There have been different views and disagreements but everyone agrees that event safety is of the utmost importance and that the club should ensure that everyone is as safe as possible. It was thought that the Risk Assessment approach was the right way.

Safety is not only for competitors out on the course. Officials and volunteers also need to be safe when putting out and collecting controls. There are always fewer people around at the end of the event if one of them has a problem. One club now has control collectors etc as part of the Organiser's team.

From the information gathered at the last committee meeting John H put together a paper showing the areas discussed and the suggested way forward to encompass these aspects of safety into a fuller formal approach. (SEE APPENDIX A)

9. First Aid

Level A & B events usually buy in a first aid service. Level D has a first aid kit at the finish. Level C should make sure that there are 2 people on the finish in case of an incident. The area, remoteness of start and finish, time of year, can be important factors when considering what provision is needed.

Although there are qualified first aiders in the club it was suggested that a simplified course be offered to all members so that more people were confident to administer basic first aid should it be necessary. As keeping someone warm following an accident is an essential Mike suggested that casualty bags be allocated to start, finish and download. As first aid equipment needs to be in date and provision does not sit with any team it was suggested that it become part of Finish Team. A first aid session could be held at the next open meeting on Wednesday 10 April.

10. Any Other Business

Hilary Palmer was concerned that not enough people had come forward for the UK CC Level 2 course to run. The information will be put on the website to encourage more members to attend.

The meeting closed at 9.57 pm