

Derwent Valley Orienteers Committee Meeting

Held at The Johnsons', Belper, Tuesday 9th September 2014
Chairperson John Hawkins
Also Present Sal Chaffey, Liz Godfree, Mike Godfree, Ned Needham, Val Johnson, Jen Gale, Stuart Swalwell, Ann-Marie Duckworth

1. Introduction

John welcomed the Committee members to the 3rd meeting of the year

2. Apologies

Andy Jackson, Claire Selby, Judith Holt, Derek Gale, Mike Gardner.

3. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as a true record.

4. Safety

Stuart raised a point about the three non-timed road crossings for the forthcoming Midlands Championships at Longshaw and the process for operating them. Stuart agreed to speak with the planner to work out the best method of operating the crossings. It was noted that these crossings should naturally feature in the event risk assessment.

5. Notable Results/Events

Liz noted that again at the recent White Rose event there had been a lot of success by the DVO members resulting in a large collection of mugs.

The Club Championships are to be held on a new area Birchen Edge. Richard Parkin has been mapping and planning the event with much enthusiasm. It promises to be a very good inaugural event for the area on 27th September.

6. Treasurer's report

For the meeting Claire had provided her Annual Report – see attachment. It was noted that the club has a healthy balance and that all Level A – C events are providing a reasonable surplus whereas Level D events are, as expected, either providing a modest surplus or a small loss.

Mike noted that a £6,000 transfer from the current account to the saving account had been shown as expenditure and that this is not really appropriate. Claire has been asked to revise the report accordingly.

Claire has in hand the independent verification of the accounts in readiness for the AGM.

7. Secretary's report

Derek had provided an updated membership report – see attachment. It was noted that the membership has increased by a small amount by comparison to 2013 and that this is a more reliable outcome since the changes made by BOF in the recent years had effect prior to 2013.

8. Development Report

Ann-Marie reported that exercises have been included in a number of recent Level D events however there has been very little take up. Ann-Marie will persevere with the exercises for the time being.

Juniors – it was noted that three juniors are to attend the Junior Inter-Regional Championships and that Dai Bedwell is taking the EM Juniors to Cannock in the near future.

Ann-Marie proposed that a visit be made on a Saturday to the Edale Mountain Rescue for club members to better understand the work of the Mountain Rescue especially related to Orienteering events. It was proposed that this be combined with a walk or run and be planner for the autumn or winter.

9. Fixtures Report

Jen provided the current fixtures list – see attachment. This shows a healthy programme of events with officials allocated for the next events.

There were no current matters in respect of mapping or permanent courses that needed discussion.

10. Equipment Report

It was noted that the access route to the equipment shed is currently overgrown making access difficult. John to contact Paul to see what can be done, perhaps a working party, to improve the access.

11. Community O Reports

Matlock – Judith provided the following report for the meeting:

The Matlock/Chesterfield SI kit is currently being made regular use of, Tuesday 9th - Monday 16th being the record with 5 outings in 7 days - by 4 coaches, Richard Parkin, Ann-Marie Duckworth, Dai Bedwell and me.

Last year's club night families have progressed to a point where they are only likely to come to the more exciting sessions in woods around the area and they have joined or are in the process of joining DVO.

We are therefore doing some recruiting but we recognize that we are more interested in orienteering than marketing. I hope we find we have done enough to keep club night going.

I plan to split the next 12 months up as follows;

- Sept / Oct - 4 weeks beginners sessions mainly at the Dimple
- Nov / Dec - night O starting at the Dimple moving out to some of the areas with very good boundaries
- Jan / Feb - no Weds night activities but will plan some Sat pm session for woods around the area as we did this year.
- Mar / April - another recruitment and beginners series
- May / July - mix of sessions in a range of areas
- August - one off taster sessions to recruit for Sept 2015.

We have benefited a great deal from the work Richard has done linked to gaining his coaching award. Thank you to the committee for supporting that. Some of the ideas and resources will be reusable which helps to make the effort of putting the club night session on week after week sustainable. We could still benefit from having another level two coach and being linked to club night is a good way of getting the sessions in to get the award. If anyone might be thinking about getting the coaching qualification please suggest they get in touch with me.

It was also noted that there has been some good success whereby a number of families that

have been attending Matlock session have attended other events.

12. Matters with BOF

It was noted that there is the Club and Association Conference to be held on 25.10.14 at Stratford-upon-Avon 11:00 to 17:00. Each club can nominate two persons such nominations to be made by 3.10.14. There were no proposed persons from the club to attend.

13. Matters with EMOA

It was note that the EMOA AGM is to be held on 15.9.14.

14. Matters with and communication with DVO members

Newstrack - Nothing to report.

Website – Nothing to report

Socials – The club dinner will be held on 27.9.14 on the evening of the Club Championships. Stuart has kindly agreed to carry out the presentations.

15. AOB

a) **Committee and other posts**

It was noted that there are a number of elected positions to become vacant at the AGM.

It was agreed to remove the following appointed officer roles:

Junior Development Officer
Publicity Fliers Co-ordinator
Buxton Representative

It was noted that Sarah Blackburn wishes to stand down from the position of Access Negotiator due to changes in her commitments elsewhere. Sarah's most useful contribution to this role was noted and thanks expressed.

Ned Needham volunteered to become the Informal Events Programme Co-Ordinator. The Committee agreed and welcomed Ned to this new role.

It is understood that Elizabeth Bedwell has agreed to take on the role of Junior Representative. John to confirm with Dai/Karen.

b) **AGM**

John to announce the AGM on the website.

16. Date of next meeting

Wednesday 8th October – Annual General Meeting 20:00 at the Bell Inn Cromford

17. Close

The meeting closed at 21:37.