

DVO committee minutes 8/9/2105

Held at Dave and Sal Chaffey's house, meeting opened 7:30pm

Present

Ned Needham, Ann-Marie Duckworth, Sal Chaffey, Mike Gardner, Rex Bleakman, Liz Godfree, Mike Godfree, Stuart Swalwell, Jen Gale, Andy Jackson

Apologies

Judith Holt, John Hawkins, Val Johnson, Roger Keeling

Minutes from previous meeting not on the web so members have not been able to read through them. Andy to circulate minutes to committee directly and to get posted onto web by John Cooke.

EMOA (Mike Gardner)

- EMOA are holding a development day on 31st Oct in Loughborough covering planning, organising, controlling, physical conditioning. Good number signed up (~30) but, as yet, none from DVO. To be advertised in Newstrack.
- EMOA junior squad running within budget
- Potential major fixtures to be held in East Midlands
 - Junior inter-regionals (not sure of year)
 - British Sprints – 2019
 - Midlands Champs (DVO) – 2020
 - British Relays – 2021 or 2022
- The Red Bull sponsored event will be held in Sherwood Pines on 1st Nov 2015, this clashes with a EMOA event but it is completely outside the influence of the orienteering community.
- EMOA AGM will be held on 21st September

DVO Club Captain (Liz Godfree)

- Good attendance from DVO at the White Rose and usual collection of mugs from the relays
 - M160+ 1st and 2nd
 - W120+ 2nd
 - 48- 1st
- Compass Sport Cup Final in Kendal on 18th Oct 2015
 - Mailed to all club members, to date ~40 replied positively
 - Deadline for entries to Liz by 20th Sept
 - Ann-Marie offered to help chase non-responders to boost team.
 - Accommodation in Kendal YH has been organised on first come/ first served basis but it is in range for a day trip for those in North Derbyshire.

Mapping (Mike Godfree)

- Chinley Churn: (Richard Parkin); map progressing well
- Longstone Edge: area being extended by Paul Addison
- Staunton Harold: Grant from Severn Trent to map and put in a permanent course. (note: a very small area)
- Birchen Edge: extension completed by RP ready for EM Champs Nov 2015
- Formark: Permanent course revised and updated
- West Park, Long Eaton: map to be updated.

- Grange Top Wood: RP to map but use will be limited to Sept/ Oct/ Nov due to other use and parking limitations.
- Shining Cliff: RP has quoted £1800 to completely re-map the area using Lidar data. MG recommended accepting this quote, agreed by the committee.

Treasurers Report (provided by Roger and discussed)

- Finances healthy (see appendix for report)
- Potential spending
 - Publicity/ improved run in set up based on what was seen at the Scottish 6 Day. It is to replace the orange netting. A series of printed, solid looking plastic boards in DVO colours and logoed to improve the look and feel of the run in for major events. Val and Ann-Marie were actioned to look into costs.
 - We currently pay £600 p.a. for the DVO hut in Ambergate; are we getting value for money? After discussion it was concluded that it is still providing a geographically central, useful, and sufficiently large, base for the DVO equipment. Without this the equipment would be diffusely scattered between the various event team leaders causing storage and organisational issues. The conclusion was to continue to use and pay for the hut but to consider alternative if found.
 - Control boxes need to have the batteries replaced; Derek Gale authorised to carry out this work.
 - First aid for Birchens Edge event quoted at ~£600 from St John's Ambulance. Discussed as being expensive necessary. Accepted.

Secretaries Report (provided by John Hawkins and discussed, see appendix)

- Down 3 from same time 2014 but up 8 from 2013.

Chairman's comments

- There is an invitation to send delegates to a BO conference on 10th Oct 2015 "Future of Orienteering". Stuart to attend, additional places are available.
- Stuart thanked Ann-Marie for an excellent training event in the Lake District on 4/5th Sept 2015; excellent weather, good training exercises followed by a good, 'old fashioned' event on the Sunday.

Fixtures (Jen Gale)

- Organiser needed for the level C event at Eyam Moor Jan 17th 2016
- Discussions regarding other events were had but delegated to Fixtures committee for further discussion and decisions.

Newstrack (Sal Chaffey)

- Collecting final copy for printing and distribution at end of week.
- Finalising publicity for Club Champs and Awards
 - Sat 3rd Oct with Awards immediately afterwards in Brassington Village Hall
 - Committee to be canvassed for nominations for annual awards

Development Plan (Ann-Marie)

- Club Mark submission well in hand, it will be submitted soon.
- Training in Lake District went well.
- Potential training to be organised mid April 2016 (post an early JK)

Level D events (Ned Needham)

- Current structure of level D event is not working, struggling for organisers and planners, end up using the same few people to run all of the events. Want to extend the range of people who are prepared to volunteer and to open the events up to a wider range of participants.
- Discussed mentoring scheme for new planners/ organisers (Stuart and Jen to review potential personnel), if this attracts new volunteers then they should be able to filter into other parts of the DVO event program.
- Contact has been made with the Darley Park Park Run; with the organisers cooperation Ned will be holding a short “warm down” orange event immediately post Park Run. It will be advertised at the start of the event and via their Facebook page.
- Contact has also been made to put on a challenge event for a one of the fitness groups that meets at Darley Park, probably consist of a short team score event.
- Ned is considering putting on a level 1 O coaching course at Broomfield College that can link into DVO’s activities and coaching requirements.

County Schools Championships (Rex Bleakman, see appendix for proposals)

- County School O champs were have been struggling over the last few years and last years did not work as a functioning competition, hence it needs a new structure.
- Discussed proposals with the following output
 - Summer season
 - Initial focus on South Derbyshire to encourage a local feel but aim to extend to all of Derbyshire.
 - Be imaginative with the start times
 - Long start times (10am-2pm) since Sat am is very often full of other activities for many families.
 - Potential weekday event overlapping end of school day
 - League structure
 - <11 years (Y7, primary) yellow standard
 - 12-15 years (Y7-11) orange standard
 - >16 years (Y12/13) orange standard
 - Suggested locations in South Derbyshire
 - Repton
 - Swadlingcote
 - John Port School
 - Rosliston
 - Foremark
 - BUT still need organisers/ planners (see comments above from NN)
- Rex offered training courses to get any interested teachers up to speed with O.

- Enhanced communications with members modelled on the LEI approach of frequent mailing to club members and all attendees at events. Considered to be an interesting approach but the difficulty is finding a person with the appropriate skills, interest and time who isn’t already committed to other DVO activities.

AOB

- Mike Godfree
 - First batch of DVO training jackets have sold, a further 15 on order.

- AGM notice to be paced in Newstrack (Wed Oct 14th, Family Tree, Whatstandwell)
- Ned Needham
 - Ned is targeting running the Bob Graham Round in summer 2016. He asked whether DVO would consider sponsoring him and the support team in this role. No specific request was made. No decision was made, further clarification as to the nature of the request is required. No decision was made. To be discussed further.

Meeting closed 9:31

Next meeting

AGM, Wed 14th October, Family Tree, Whatstandwell, 8pm.