

**Minutes of the Devon Orienteering Club Committee Meeting**  
**Ilstington Village Hall**  
**17<sup>th</sup> October 2018**

**Present:** Bryan Smith (Chair), Rob Parkinson, Alan Simpson, Matt Atkins, Tom Lillicrap, Ruth & John Chesters, Tom McMurtrie, Andy Reynolds, Roger Green, Helen Taylor

**Apologies:** Nicholas Maxwell, Georgia Jones, Steve Perrelle, Damian Wilson

The TBGS team were congratulated on their recent success at the British Schools' Score Championships. The committee's best wishes were extended to Vivienne Maxwell for a speedy recovery following her recent illness.

**1) Minutes of the previous meeting**

*Minutes of the previous meeting* (12/9/18) were agreed. It was noted that the action for POCs (change of fee) should be carried out by DW not BS

**ACTION**

**DW**

**2) Matters arising**

*Access to Dartmoor* – RP informed to committee that the revised DNPA access arrangements had been approved by the Park Authority, subject to some minor changes (for example donation of £2 pp.). Following discussion, it was agreed that for future events the club will make a donation of £2 per adult when using open access land, unless we are using a fee-paying car park. It was agreed to increase local day event fees to £10 for adults, £3 juniors. Fees for night events will be £7 per adult. It was noted that Clinton Devon estates now ask for a donation of 10% of entry fees (in effect £1 per adult).

**AR,  
event  
organisers**

*Junior developments* – BS will follow up with PC – there might be an opportunity at the BOF National Conference on 20<sup>th</sup> October.

*Club clothing* – NM reported by email that a sample of the new shirts will be available in November.

**NM**

*OROX* – BS thanked members of the club who have helped develop the student group at Exeter Uni.

*VAT for car parking* – discussion held over to the next meeting.

**NM**

**3) Fixtures**

The committee noted that the Golden Dagger galoppen was successful, and thanked the mapper and planner, Mike Wimpenny, the controller Bryan Smith and the organisers Wilf & Eleanor Taylor for their substantial contributions. Tim Powles (FC) was thanked for his support of the event.

**RP**

TM updated the committee on fixture developments. He proposed that Devon Team events should be added to our on-line event diary in order to raise awareness of these club events. Tom noted that the Devon relays need to be publicised more effectively amongst members, to encourage more engagement. It was noted that the Fixtures Secretary's role is to arrange event fixtures, not other activities such as training.

**ALL**

*Tamar Triple 2020* - suggestions from Kerno for TT2020 locations were discussed. The committee supported the following: Long distance – Davidstow extension; Middle distance – Hardhead; Urban – Tavistock. BS to confirm with Steve Beech.

**BS**

**4) Development Plan**

BS thanked those who had commented on the draft of the 2018-21 development plan, and

outlined changes made in the revised document that had been circulated prior to the meeting. Amendments included the inclusion of overarching aims, and additional, more targeted success criteria. It was stressed that this is a working document, that provides a guide for the future direction of the club, and that progress with individual priorities are reviewed at committee meetings on a regular basis.

Key changes included a) Membership - the addition of a target of a 5% annual increase in membership; b) Events & Activities - noted the intention to increase the number of training activities to support new and existing members; c) Volunteers and Officials - added SI team to key target groups for courses; d) Club identity - MA will be taking over the production of the Mailchimp circulation, which it is planned to be produced on a regular (typically monthly) basis. JC reported that he missed the club Newsletter.

The revised plan was approved, and will be shared with the membership via the club website.

**RP**

### **5) Coaching Update**

*Introduction to Orienteering coaching course* – SP's and DW's report from their recent successful coaching course, held at Haldon, was discussed. The committee congratulated Steve and Damian on this initiative. It was noted that in future events and activities ideally need to be scheduled to support new members who have completed a coaching course. JC noted that there are events run by QO and Kernon that could be included in a more 'co-ordinated' provision of events in the region.

### **6) Training and Club Nights**

AS tabled a schedule of training and associated activities for the coming months, including a mapping course presented by John Pearce. Following discussion, it was agreed that this was a positive development for both individuals and the club. These activities will continue to be promoted via the web and Mailchimp. First Aid and Event Safety training needs to be added to the list for 2019. AS asked for suggestions for future activities to be put into the calendar, and names of members to be encouraged to participate. Clyst St George will be investigated further as a potential venue for activities. It was agreed that Activities will be a key item for discussion at the next committee meeting.

**AS, RP,  
MA**

**ALL  
HT  
RP**

### **7) SWOA/BOF items**

It was noted that Christine Vince was appointed SWOA chair at the recent AGM.

### **8) AOB**

*Mapping copyright* - TL reported on discussions with club mappers regarding copyright. It was noted that in particular cases difficulty exists in the transfer of copyright to the club.

*Bee keeper's enquiry* - RP will forward request for information relating to the distribution of the Asian hornet to Dawn Williamson and Paul Bloch, who keep bees.

**RP**

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> December 2018 at 7.30 p.m.

**Venue:** Ilsington Village Hall

Main item for discussion: Events and Activities, with a focus on Activities.