

Minutes of the Devon Orienteering Club Committee Meeting
Ilington Village Hall
11th October 2017

Present: Bryan Smith (Chair), Rob Parkinson, Alan Simpson, Matt Atkins, Steve Perrelle, Nicholas Maxwell, Helen Taylor, Damian Wilson, Tom Lillicrap, Graham Dugdale. Tom McMurtrie

Apologies: Ruth Chesters, Roger Green

Welcome: Tom McMurtrie was welcomed to the committee

1) Minutes of the previous meeting

Minutes of the previous meeting (13/9/17) were approved, noting two minor amendments (Item 4, Devon Relays and Major Events). Revised minutes are published on the club webpages.

ACTION

2) Matters arising

Organisers' training course – 22nd November was chosen as a potential date to run a course at Ilington Village Hall. RP confirmed the meeting room was available, and has booked the room from 19.00-21.00. AS/AR to circulate members - it was agreed that a minimum of 4/5 attendees are needed to run the course.

AS/AR

Planning course – will be organised for Spring 2018. AR will investigate further; BS will check the BOF register of club planners.

BS/AR

AGM – BS reported that the AGM was successful, but noted the League certificates were not awarded. It is planned to hand them out at the Haytor galoppen.

BS

3) Fixtures – medium and long term planning

BS and SP led a discussion of the future fixture programme. It was noted that the new structure, with a five event Moorland series followed by a more varied Summer series has been designed in order to provide a competitive 'winter' league, followed by a series of events targeted at both existing members of the club and new members. Summer 2018 was seen as a positive development for the recruiting new members. We need to commit to running this model for at least two years, but will review at the end of Summer 2018.

SP/TM

It was noted that there are often major difficulties scheduling our events due to the advance planning needed to accommodate Regional and National level events. These include the SWOA galoppens, which are scheduled at least 18 months in advance.

Caddihoe chase 2019 – discussion of a venue focussed on Burrator (particularly the moorland part, with bussing required), possibly on 28/29 Sept or Fernworthy, with a significant moorland extension.

SP/TL/NM/BS

Tamar Triple 2020 – BS will contact Chris Moncaster to discuss possible venues. It was noted that at least 18 months advance warning was required to include these major events in the UKOL.

BS

4) Mapping

TL presented the current status of the Club's maps/mapping. It was noted that new mappers need to be encouraged, while accepting that on occasion professional mappers can be employed for particular projects. RP will check Fingle Woods access and suitability. NM will check Auswell/Buckland woods – TL to send outline maps. It was emphasised

**RP
NM/TL**

that map revisions must be forwarded to the designated map holder after amendments for individual events.

TL

5) Fixtures – recent and forthcoming events

Moorland league – following a review of clashes with other events in the SW, it was agreed to leave the Five tors event (21/1/18) at the current date, but to move the Fernworthy event to Saturday, 24/3/18. RP has informed TG that the competition will be the ‘best 4 out of 5’

SP/MA

Devon Relays 2018 - It was noted that there is little room for manoeuvre regarding the date for the relays (currently scheduled for 22 July 2018)

Night events – NM noted that some landowners were becoming hesitant about allowing night events on their land due to potential stock disturbance. We need to stress the small numbers of dispersed runners at our night events.

6) BOF Survey/Club Improvement Tool

This survey was completed online by the committee, with the summary forwarded to BS for further review prior to publication on the club website. In general the committee felt we ranked positively, particularly in relation to management and finances. It was noted that we need to focus more on people and marketing. For example, we need to consider how to seek regular feedback from club members to help with planning the future direction of the club.

RP/BS

The outcome will be sent on to Phil Conway, English Development Officer (BOF) who has agreed to provide support to Devon OC, on behalf of BOF (at no cost to the club). Phil hopes to attend a future committee meeting.

BS

7) Event entry fees

Following discussion led by MA, it was agreed to set entry fees for the 2017/18 season at £8 individual/£3 junior. Families will be asked to pay £3 for the first junior, and £2 (i.e. £1 map, £1 dibber hire) for each subsequent junior.

Registration teams

CSC qualifier and Yvette Baker Trophy – it was agreed that the club will subsidise the cost of entry to 1. CSC qualifier (QO) and final (West Midlands) if we progress and 2. YBT qualifier and final (Midlands, if we progress).

MA

8) SWOA items

SWOA Coaching course - NM will forward details of a Level 2 coaching course to be run by BOK early in the New Year.

NM/SP

SWOA Planning Course 8th October – seven members of the Club members attended this well run and interesting course.

9) AOB

Mailchimp – GD reminded the committee that event information updates can be quickly sent by Mailchimp.

Rob was thanked for refreshments. The meeting closed at 9.30 pm

Next Meeting: Wednesday, 29th November 2017 at 7.30 p.m. Venue: Payhembury Village Hall, EX14 3HT

