

Minutes of the Devon Orienteering Club Committee Meeting
Ilington Village Hall
17th January 2018

Present: Bryan Smith (Chair), Rob Parkinson, Alan Simpson, Matt Atkins, Steve Perrelle, Helen Taylor, Damian Wilson, Tom McMurtrie, Roger Green, Nicholas Maxwell, Tom Lillicrap, Andy Reynolds

Apologies: Ruth Chesters, Graham Dugdale

1) Minutes of the previous meeting

Minutes of the previous meeting (29/11/17) were agreed.

ACTION

2) Matters arising

CompassSport Cup – noted that proposed surplus split with Kerno has been agreed.

Dartmoor Access Forum – RP has submitted application, awaiting outcome.

Orienteering in China – BS will remind Meg Somers that we would enjoy reading a report on her recent visit.

BS

3) Permanent Orienteering Courses

Damian Wilson tabled a paper entitled ‘Getting the best out of our Permanent Orienteering Courses’. This was discussed at length, and during the discussion issues relating to the management and use of our POCs were raised. A revised list of all Devon POCs including members of the club responsible for each will be circulated to the committee, and posted on the web. It was agreed that there are a core of POCs that are likely to be more used, and where we could focus our efforts in order to use them for recruitment purposes. It was agreed to complete a ‘stock take’ by the end of March, investigate the options for producing posters to display at key locations at POC venues and produce standard guidance for POC providers. Contact email addresses for those accessing Devon POC resources through the BOF portal will be followed up to encourage membership.

DW/RP

**DW
BS/GD**

4) Coaching

Steve Perrelle highlighted some key issues relating to the development of the club coaching programme. He identified that an important initial step was to survey club members to identify what is required – only then will it be possible to develop a coaching programme, possibly linked in the first instance to the Summer 2018 events. It was agreed that a monthly programme of events, with a coaching, training and social function, during the summer would be desirable. It was noted that there is considerable potential to put on ‘light-touch’ training events, for example using Open Street Map, and the MapRun app.

SP

5) Training

Helen Taylor updated the committee on forthcoming training events. John Pearce will be contacted to discuss putting on a Planner’s course. AS, RP and BS will meet to review the recent Organiser’s course. It was agreed to fund the outstanding course fee for DW’s attendance at the forthcoming BOK Coaching course. Dates for a first aid course were discussed, and HT agreed to look for a new date convenient to key club members who need to update their qualifications.

**AR/JP
AS/BS/RP**

MT/DW

HT

6) Fixtures

Recent event review – noted that the cancelled Holne Moor event will be rescheduled for the Autumn 2018, possibly late November. The Moorland league events will be re-numbered. It was noted that in the event of bad weather and possible event cancellation, a note will be posted on the web on the day before, advising competitors to check the web by 0800 on the day of the event. The benefits of using Devon's email circulation to assist notification of a cancellation was also recognised.

**RP/BS/GD
event
organisers**

Forthcoming events – TM noted that both the forthcoming Haldon and Ashclyst events will be Regional rather than Local. The date and venue of the Summer Relay has yet to be confirmed.

TM

Devon Galoppen 2018 – will be at Golden Dagger on 14th October. An application for permission has been submitted to the DNPA. A planner is needed for this event. The 2019 Galoppen could be at Auswell subject to permissions and mapping, or Virtuous Lady.

SP/TM/TL

Major events – AS reported good progress with preparations for the TT18. Entries are now open via Fabian4. The ways in which we recognise volunteers' contributions at this event and similar was raised and it was agreed to consider at the next meeting.

HT/BS

The Caddihoe Chase 2019 (28/29th September) could be on the moorland part of the Burrator map, with competitors bussed in from Yelverton or Princetown. An initial feasibility assessment is needed. Following discussion, it was agreed that the club would not offer to host the Yvette Baker trophy in 2020.

BS/SP

7) Membership and Recruitment: Action Plan

Bryan updated the committee on the Action plan developed by the sub-group and previously circulated. As indicated, further contributions from committee and club members will be welcome. Progress was noted, and a further meeting of the sub-group arranged for the evening of 31st January at IVH

**BS/MA/RP/
SP**

8) SWOA and BOF items

SWOA website – BS noted that Devon are tasked to provide some images for February, for the revamped SWOA website. Mark Lockett has been contacted, BS will contact again.

BS

Organiser's listed by BOF – TM has access to the recently updated BOF listings of Devon event organisers, other officials and associated qualifications.

Chair – NM noted that the SWOA chair position is still vacant, and that the SWOA Secretary Katy Dyer is standing down at the end of the year.

9) AOB

Membership – in GD's absence, it was noted that membership for Juniors is down slightly on this time last year, but that senior membership is up. After the meeting RP circulated GD's summary data.

Finances – MA's update on the club's financial position was noted. It was agreed to discuss in more detail at the next meeting, particularly in the light of potential reduced event income due to the cancellation of the Holne Moor event.

Exeter University- A first year student, who is also an experienced orienteer, has contacted Devon OC, with a view to forming an Exeter University OC. BS and Phil Conway (BOF) have both provided initial guidance and encouragement as part of expected continuing support.

**BS /Phil
Conway**

ISOM – RG noted that BML print are offering copies of an ISOM2017 booklet. It was agreed that RG investigate further, with a view to acquiring a copy, if appropriate, for the club.

RG

Next Meeting: Wednesday, 7th March 2018 at 7.30 p.m.
Ilsington Village Hall, TQ13 9RG.

Major items for the agenda: O Safe including Health & Safety, and Welfare