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| **Minutes of the Devon Orienteering Club Committee Meeting (via Zoom)**  **Tuesday 17th November 2020** | |
| **Present:** Andy Reynolds (Chair), Matt Atkins, Damian Wilson, Becca Jackson, Roger Green, Helen Taylor, Bryan Smith, Dawn Williamson, Martin Yeo, Phil Beale | Action |
| **1)Apologies:** Tom Lillicrap, Nicholas Maxwell, |  |
| 2) **Minutes and matters arising from previous meeting 28th September**  None to record – Bryan said about putting the minutes on the website – he will do that from now on once they have been agreed. | BS |
| 3) **Fixtures & Activity Review**  Andy welcomed Phil Beale to the meeting. Phil had agreed to take on role of Fixtures’ Secretary.  Discussion of the Events Group notes. Plans for first event before Christmas postponed due to latest lockdown restrictions. Subject to future restrictions, Mutters Moor event moved to 10th January, followed by Hound Tor on 14 Feb, and River Dart CP on 14 March. After that, with problems of bird nesting season and gaining access, plans were more fluid. Pencilled in 6 low-key events from April-August.  Main restriction related to access: Bryan explained the situation: Mutters Moor looking more promising for January. Clinton Estates had agreed, and he had now found a named contact for Tilhill.  River Dart: NT and Forestry England are imposing maximum 30 participant limit which would affect this event – this may change. Discussion of having a full day event with a morning and afternoon session to enable more people to attend.  Dawn said she may be able to organise the Hound Tor event if not on holiday. Damian happy to risk assess for Mutters Moor.  Idea of 6 events in the summer is just to get something started so that there is a sense of activity as well as the mapruns within the club. Each of the dates could be switched with other venues. Martin mentioned that major logging work has been taking place in Core Copse – may need the map looking at. Bryan to take on with Phil how the 6 will work.  Discussion on more significant events through to 2022  AR has emailed Mike Forrest about where we are at with the British Champs 22. We would have a lot of work to do to get the event up and running so we do need to try and get some communication. AR will update everyone when he gets a response – is the British Champs even still going ahead?  Phil to ask at SWOA meeting what is going on with the British Champs or JK/big events generally. Bryan mentioned that BOF will be worried about the costs of holding the events and be very cautious. The biggest cost at Braunton is the field which has to be negotiated and agreed a long way ahead – this can’t be done unless BOF agree to it all. A lot of people are needed to make the British Champs happen – are we confident that we can get enough people up to North Devon to support this?  We need to be realistic about whether this can work.  This affects the Tamar Triple and Caddihoe Chase in 2022.  Tamar Triple - Kerno are leading this event. Both Chairmen had agreed to the change in date to 3/4/5th June to tie up with the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee weekend. Discussion of Devon’s venue: a Tavistock Urban or possibly Plymouth, depending on what happens with the JK. Discussion of whether we were committed to the Caddihoe in 2022? Is this extending ourselves too much? Discussion about which events we commit to. | PB & BS  PB & AR |
| 4) **Events & Activities**  MapRuns: Matt outlined his idea to schedule a series of 6 weeks run of Mapruns, starting from middle of Jan, based around Exeter – Matt will organise, but call on others to help.  Discussion of Southern virtual orienteering league – could we join that? Matt to look in to it and how it works. | MA |
| 5) **Permanent Orienteering Courses**  No updates – revamp of Plymouth course is going ahead. Should move forward in 2021. |  |
| 6) **Access**  Covered above |  |
| 7) **Mapping Update**  Discussion of areas that could be re-mapped – to be discussed at the next mapping meeting. Damian suggested Wheathill could do with being re-mapped. (Also Core Copse- above) | TL |
| 8) **Finance Update (from email sent previously by N. Maxwell as unable to attend)**  Little activity since the year end*.* The Club had a healthy bank balance, although this was largely committed for new maps, equipment and as a contingency against lost income.  The Club had made a contribution to a new, larger club shed at the Green’s residence. For many years the Green family have stored equipment in a shed in their garden.  The shed just replaced, which the club paid for, dated from 2011. The sum we have contributed recognises that if their house should ever be sold with shed in situ, it may help the sale.  It was agreed that if at some stage the Club either move it to another location (which should be possible to do) or it reaches the end of its useful life, the Club should pay Roger the balance of the cost of the new shed.  Thanks To Roger and Jill for many years of letting us keep equipment in a shed in their garden.  Martin said that the SI licensing is just about to expire. The Club had paid for a 5 year licence get a discount. The same applied for the renewal, which would cost £650. Agreed. | MY |
| 9) **Succession Planning**  Phil Beale has kindly agreed to take on the Fixtures Secretary. Phil to liaise with Andy and talk to Tom M to discuss how it has worked. Also to talk to SWOA Fixutres Sec., Richard Sansbury. | PB/AR  PB  AR |
| 10) **SWOA Meeting**  Andy attended last meeting. Nothing to report.  Becca had volunteered to attend next SWOA meeting, but Phil Beale suggested he should perhaps attend to get a feel of the SW Fixtures Structure.***(Subsequently agreed between them that Phil would attend the next SWOA meeting)*** |
| 11)**AOB**  Andy had been approached by Kingsbridge Community College for help with mapping and teaching teachers to orienteer. Discussion on benefits to Club of assisting schools and the need for a more organised approach. However, recognition that benefits to us were limited, so would be left to individuals, if willing. Resources and suggestions made by others who had done similar things in the past (Dawn, Bryan, Damian et al). Andy to respond to the College and contact Tom to see if any mapper in the Mapping Group wanted to help.  Discussion of how we get more families involved in orienteering, and various suggestions.  Next meeting: Wednesday 6th January 2021, 7.30pm – Zoom  Meeting closed 8.40pm |