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| **Minutes of the Devon Orienteering Club Committee Meeting**  **Clyst St George Village Hall**  **22nd January 2020** | |
| **Present:** Andy Reynolds (Chair), Alan Simpson, Ruth Chesters, John Chesters, Roger Green, Helen Taylor, Bryan Smith, Matt Atkins, Martin Yeo, Tom Lillicrap, Damian Wilson, Martin Yeo, Becca Jackson | Action |
| **1)Apologies:** Georgia Jones, Steve Perrelle, Dawn Williamson, Nicholas Maxwell, Tom McMurtrie  AR introduced and welcomed BJ as the new club secretary - everyone introduced themselves. |  |
| 2) **Minutes and matters arising from previous meeting 27th November**  AR queried point 3 – event start times – how do organisers need to be notified? HT offered to create some check sheets for the organiser’s resources and update them.  Short discussion followed about the supporting and mentoring of organisers. AS agreed to help with the organization of the Tamar Tripe Day 1 – Tavistock.  AR queried point 6 – Arlington Court – agreed that this is now on the back burner due to restrictions on access.  There is still a vacancy for a POC co-ordinator – agreed to advertise it again in the next newsletter.  Discussion about the handover of website & Facebook updating. Short discussion as to whether the Si team should be responsible for putting the results up on the website rather than adding in a third middle person. BS proposed asking others about helping with the website – he asked BJ who will have a think about it.  Entry fees – Discussion of cost of maps, toilets, access fees. Helen proposed a fee structure. JC proposed upping juniors to £5 rather than £3 – discussion followed. BS discussed family groups and group costs. Having a cap of £20 for a family group. Voted to keep it at £3 for this year to be reviewed at the end of this year for juniors. To be communicated to registration teams. | **HT**  **AS**  **BS**  **HT** |
| 3) **Fixtures & Activity Review**  Fixtures – TM emailed a fixtures update & summary of the recent fixtures meeting.  Recommendation for joint events – joint events have gone well – 9 events including 2 in QO and 1 in Kerno – agreed.  Night league – proposal to not have a joint league with Kerno – agreed.  Downgrading of River Dart – agreed to do best 4 from 7 to count.  Club championship – proposal to change emphasis – discussion – it’s a mixture of a championship and a social. Agreed to keep that format. Discussion about the name of the event. Discussion as to ways to find a club champion – to be reviewed in the future.  Fixtures sub group – TM circulated a summary from the meeting on the 14th. Attached.  Discussion of clashing events. Discussion of format for club championship this year – name etc. Members to be asked for format ideas for 2021. Discussion of “Beat The Trail” idea being used in other clubs – JC is going to investigate on Sunday at the QO event & write report to go in the newsletter. Positive interest in the potential of bringing in new members from running clubs.  DW raised concerns about the amount of fixtures and the results of the meeting show that there are still a lot of fixtures and more events/ideas on top and the club doesn’t have the volunteers to run this amount of fixtures. The number of regional level events has not been changed. Discussion of what the club should provide. Agreed that the summary provided was the outcome of the meeting. Great that there is a structured plan in place. The matter will be discussed further in the future. Agreed that there will be an agenda item in the next meeting to discuss the aims of the club & development plan.  Need an organiser and a risk assessor for the Virtuous Lady event – HT will be the organiser.  Guy Bulmer’s application to be a Grade C controller not been agreed with SWOA as he didn’t have enough evidence of controlling events and needs to control more events. BS suggested that this is contested as he has done a lot of army event controlling and does have this experience.  AR was asked if Devon would help at JK 2021 with enquiries.  Being left to BOK as to whether they want Braunton Burrows. Can we do Tamar Triple day 1 with less effort – do they need to be grade Bs all the time – could the Tamar triple be downgraded for this time? Discussion as to the amount of work that goes in to a level B or C – further discussion about the ideas for the Caddihoe Chase event. Further discussion will happen at the next meeting for the formats of these events. Agreed with British champs but with a view to downgrading the Tamar Triple. | **JC**  **AR** |
| 4) **Events & Activities – deferred for discussion at the next meeting.** |  |
| 5) **Mapping** **Update**  Current projects –  John – Penhale then Woodbury South.  Mike – Holne Moor.  Tom – has updated River Dart Country Park then go back to Plym Forest. Then possibly Fernworthy.  Tom has planned to use 5 tors – Nicholas is going to plan to try and avoid any need for updating for the event in October.  We have permission to re-use Cookworthy – they took down POC and not been used for 4 years. Permission for Manhead area – car park space may be an issue – mapping group will look at further.  3 people are very busy with mapping. If they did need to map a new area we might need to ask professional mappers. Agreed that there is a lot of money available at the moment so this could be an option. |  |
| 6) **Finance update**  NM emailed a summary – large balance of £14000 in account at the moment. Caddihoe brought in a lot of money. |  |
| 7) **SWOA Meeting**  Access – BS explained about access and Forestry England – most of it we have discussed already as a club previously. Charles Daniel will liaise with Peter Hart on behalf of SWOA to confirm the strength of feeling about Forestry England’s impact on access. BS has drafted a letter to Forestry England to ask for a meeting and demonstrate the strength of concern about the permissions policy. Progress is being made but Forestry England are only talking to 1 or 2 clubs. DW raised that we need to therefore think about our fixtures in response to the possibility of these problems. To be discussed further at the next meeting. |  |
| 8) **AOB**  Future meetings  18 March – Clyst St George – HT to confirm.  13 May 2020 Ilsington tbc, Club Identity  8 July 2020 Clyst St George tbc, LT Development  ?? Sept 2020 depends on date of the AGM  Meeting closed 9.40pm | HT |