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| **Minutes of the Devon Orienteering Club Committee Meeting** **Zoom****Wednesday 28th September 2020** |
| **Present:** Andy Reynolds (Chair), Matt Atkins, Tom Lillicrap, Damian Wilson, Becca Jackson, Nicholas Maxwell, Roger Green, Steve Perrelle, Helen Taylor, Bryan Smith | Action |
| **1)Apologies:** Ruth Chesters, John Chesters, Tom McMurtrie, Dawn Williamson |  |
| 2) **Minutes and matters arising from previous meeting 29th July** None to record.  |  |
| 3) **Fixtures & Activity Review** Andy updated meeting about discussion between Bryan, Steve, Matt & John P. – Provisionally agreed 3 dates for some events. 6th December – Mutters Moor – no formal confirmation for access agreement yet. NT and Tilhill Forestry haven’t been approached yet. Key is car park & moorland. Bryan is confident that we can put on an event. This can be put in to the BOF calendar.17th January – Ashclyst – score event – Activities manager is still on furlough so difficult to get in touch with anyone.14th March – River Dart Country Park – full event. Depends on NT again. Roger has maps that could be used again. Discussion about the canoeists that use the park – no formal agreement so shouldn’t be a problem. In conjunction with continuing mapruns up to Christmas. Dartmoor National Park aren’t looking at requests until October but we could put the idea of an event in March but that is bird nesting season. Prepare for Holne Moor event next Autumn. No event in February. Discussed and agreed to try and put an event in. Discussion of possibly using Hound Tor as maps are all planned and ready. BS to go to the Park in October. 14th February is a possibility.AR to look at any clashes with dates.Discussion of the Kerno event at the weekend.  | BSAR |
| 4) **Events & Activities*** Date & Event for AGM – proposal of Wednesday 7th October.

Discussion of membership fees – case for this membership year that Devon members pay £1 – we can’t negotiate the BOF rate but we have good reserves that could be used and would show that we are trying to do what we can to retain and build our membership. British Champs - We have agreed to join with BOK to do British Champs 2022 – that would now clash with Caddihoe and the Tamar Triple at the end of May – so all 3 would be in that year. Tamar Triple would be led by Kerno. Do we have the resources, an organizer and a planner to do the British Champs? BS described the finance situation – it would work on a profit share basis – 2/3 to BOF and 1/3 combination to BOK and Devon. If there is any loss, Mike says that would be taken on by BOF. We have a provisional agreement that Devon would do this with BOK. We don’t have the access agreement with the significant landowner as well as Natural England and MOD. BS is happy to pursue access but doesn’t want to take on an organizer responsibility. There is a lot of work involved to make this happen. Circumstances have changed and we would need to make sure that we have enough personnel to run this properly. What is the balance between these big events and the lower events? AR less enthusiastic about a big event – will it boost our membership? Great opportunity but it’s a difficult area. HT said that we really should have 2 people for every position. We would need someone like Phil Beale as a local contact. AR to speak to Phil. Each role should have a deputy.DW – are we going to get a better opportunity to do a big event and we have the support of another big club to do it……. If this event is going ahead in May 2022 – there are preparations that need to get going soon so we need to make the decision soon. If we do take it on then we can’t really do both the Tamar Triple and the Caddihoe. Suggestion of deferring the Caddihoe Chase? Tamar Triple is late May and this is early May. BS – we could say to Kerno that our role in the Tamar Triple should be limited if we are to take on the British event. Would people want to go to both events? This could mean that neither is attended well enough.SP – if we haven’t got the personnel then we can’t go ahead. We need level B planners and organisers of which we don’t have many. BS – we could say that we go ahead if we have officials and access. DW happy to take an assistant role as planner. Decisions need to be made quickly – we need to confirm officials – within 2 weeks. AR to approach BC. BS to hold off approaching access until officials are confirmed. BOK are taking on a lot of the lead roles. AR to contact Mike to say where we currently stand with this. | AR |
| 5) **Permanent Orienteering Courses (ref report)**Positive response from John Pearce who is happy to map Plymouth and Killerton. All positive and could be overlapped with mapruns as we have done at Holden. |  |
| 6) **Access (ref report)**Forestry England are being very cautious as are Dartmoor National Park. We rely on them so we are a bit stuck at the moment. |  |
| 7) **Mapping Update (ref minutes of mapping meeting)**All self explanatory. Mappers have proposed to increase the rate to £15 per hour. BS endorsed this proposal and stated how much time is put in to the mapping. Estimates prior to starting the work. Everyone agreed to this proposal. AR also said thanks to the mappers for all of their hard work. |  |
| 8) **Finance Update (ref report)**Nothing extra to report  |  |
| 9) **Succession Planning**Fixtures Sec at the moment can be worked in the small sub group until everything has settled down. Look to recruit someone in the Spring.If anyone knows of any people to invite to the committee….. | BJ |
| 10) **SWOA Meeting**Tuesday 13th October – SWOA AGM 8pm on Zoom. |
| 11)**AOB**Discussion of Chulmleigh Map and how it is going.BS – it would be nice to send out a message to members to say where things are at at the moment. Next Meeting – AGM Wednesday 7th October 7.30pm – Zoom Meeting closed 8.40pm |
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