

NORFOLK ORIENTEERING CLUB

Minutes of the Club Committee Meeting – 12th November 2014 (Dereham)

1. Mick Liston (Chair), Alan Bedder, Michael Chopping, Ian Renfrew, Nicky Nicholls, Les Jarrald, Ella Gilbert, Jonathan Gilbert, Paul Garton, Daniel Cowley, Steve Searle, John Rushmer, Trevor Nelson

Apologies: Kim Eden, Glen Richardson, Paul Goldsworthy

2. **Minutes of the September meeting** were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

3. Matters Arising

- 3.1 3.3 The addition of the BOF disclaimer to event leaflets should suffice in respect of insurance (competitors covered for first 3 events).
- 3.2 3.5 It was confirmed that First Aid cover should be provided at level A events.
- 3.3 3.6 AB liaising with Peter Leverington re organisation of a mapping course. There is a two part mapping course being put on by WAOC (?) in February, that might be available to NOR members. c/fwd
- 3.4 6.4 Committee agreement to purchase 250 BOF leaflets (c. £32) and display boards for use at events. NN to investigate and purchase. c/fwd
- 3.5 6.6 AB to contact Geoff Eagles re mapping of a small area of woodland for Brooke School. Julia Paul has also offered to get involved; PGa will contact/liaise. **AB**
PGa
- 3.6 6.8 Committee approval for purchase of “Gala Pro 50” tent (£468). ML to pursue. **ML**

4. Correspondence

- 4.1 Reports from BOF CEO being circulated to committee as and when received.
- 4.2 In response to request for confirmation of details; confirmed one fee for couples (50p for second map); reduced entry fee for adult helpers (£2); registration 1000-1200, starts 1015-1215.

5. Fixtures & Mapping

- 5.1 More than 190 entries for Pretty Corner (19th October); 72 for Try O at Horsford.
- 5.2 Courses for Shouldham Warren (23rd November – including Junior Championships) completed; maps with the printer.
- 5.3 Forthcoming events include the night event at Beccles Common (6th December) and the Senior Championships at Cawston & Marsham (14th December) White to Blue.
- 5.4 Events for 2015 are expected to be as follows but Alan is waiting on the landowners for permissions and dates: Kelling Heath – January (11th?); Cockley Cley – February (8th?); Ken Hill – March (8th?); Pond Hills – April (19th?); UEA – May. Summer events in June.
- 5.5 Getting permissions for Norwich City event are a priority and urgent need to set a date. This will be pursued and discussed in detail at meeting in January; TN to add as agenda item. **TN**
- 5.6 Peter Leverington is re-mapping Ken Hill.

6. Club Officer Reports

- 6.1 **Treasurer:** Written report issued in Paul’s absence. No queries/comments.
- 6.2 **Club Captain:** Nothing to report in Glen’s absence.

- 6.3 Membership:** Statistics circulated. Numbers up on previous year at 122!
- 6.4 Publicity:** Nicky continuing to actively promote. Need dates for 2015 events as soon as possible to meet external publicity deadlines.

- 6.5 SI Coordinator:** One control box and a stake lost at Pretty Corner event. Agreed to order: 5 stakes with plates, 2 Series 10 dibbers for controllers, 30 finger elastics and one new BSF8 SI box.

**ML
AB**

ML noted plan to have (continually updated) results scrolling on screen at events.

AB highlighted the number of errors and inconsistencies with competitor names. The problem stems from the yellow cards on which the names are often illegible and impossible to decipher and it's impractical to pursue every entry.

- 6.6 Schools:** The event at Wymondham College attracted 44 year 5s and 28 Year 6s, representing schools from Spooner Row, Attleborough and Brooke (first time). Morley (diary clash) and Banham schools were missing. Banham have notified that they will attend every other year due to expense of transport.

PGa is liaising with other schools on a continual basis and will also make contact with Fritton Lake re their request for assistance with creating a permanent course.

PGa

- 6.7 Juniors:** EG noted the success of the team in the Peter Palmer relays where they successfully completed the relay (other clubs failed to complete!). The committee congratulated Ella and asked her to pass on congratulations to the team.

Ella noted an upcoming Junior Squad training event at Roydon 6th December.

- 6.8 Equipment:** Nothing to report (but see 6.5 above for SI equipment).

- 6.9 EAOA:** Controllers course scheduled for Saturday 29th November at Thetford Warren. ML, PGa and TN attending from NOR.

7. Website

- 7.1** The working party (NN, JG, TN and JP) has met three times to-date to discuss potential design (content and navigation) and a series of prototypes have been created by JG as an iterative design process. This will continue with the aim of having something concrete to show the committee in the next couple of months.

When agreed, the prototype will either serve as a design specification for Steele Media (Gary Pooley) or, depending on their response/cost quotations, be further developed by JG as a permanent replacement based on *Wordpress*.

JP is liaising with Gary at Steele Media to keep him abreast of developments.

8. Event Officers

- 8.1** NOR has an adequate number of Planners but has only 10 nominated Controllers and even fewer experienced Organisers (BOF list names 10 but it is not accurate). It is hoped that the upcoming Controllers course will boost the number by three but the small number of organisers is the more pressing problem. Volunteers continue to be sought

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Mappers are also in short supply with the club's experienced mappers effectively retired due to infirmity and/or poor health. The club need to find volunteers to undertake the BOF training. TN suggested that a lower level course would assist for those undertaking relatively simple updates to existing maps (similar to that currently undertaken by planners when planning an event). This would ease the load on experienced mappers. AB to speak to Peter Leverington in this regard.

AB

Club coaching provision is adequate with MC, Laurie Rudling and John Ward.

The question of providing toilets at events, especially where people are expected to travel long distances was discussed. The costs could be defrayed by a levy on the fees but delivery and security issues would add to the burden on organisers and could prove impractical at some venues.

9. Mapping/Assistance requests – covered elsewhere (see 3.5 and 6.6)

10. ClubMark – nothing new to report

11. NOR News

11.1 Fixtures list for 2015 needed as soon as dates are confirmed.

12. Any Other Business

12.1 Karen Goldsworthy is organising a Christmas meal for 12th December at Swanton Morley. All intending to go should email Karen ASAP with menu options, etc.

12.2 Following a request from Robert Kett school to borrow equipment, AB raised the subject of charging schools for the loan of equipment (especially SI equipment). This led to some heated exchanges with strong opinions on both sides and the matter was put to the vote, the motion being that schools should NOT be charged for the hire of equipment – on the basis that we should encourage schools to take and active part in promoting orienteering as a potential pipeline for juniors.

With one exception, the committee was unanimous in deciding to waive any hire charges for schools, with the proviso that any damages should be paid for.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.35.

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 14th January 2015 at Sprowston