

NORFOLK ORIENTEERING CLUB

Minutes of the Club Committee Meeting – 13th November 2013 (Sprowston)

Present:

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| Mick Liston (Chairman) | ML | Alan Bedder | AB |
| Pat Bedder | PB | Kim Eden | KE |
| Mike Chopping | MC | Leanne Bailey | LB |
| Les Jarrald | LJ | Nicky Nicholls | NN |
| Paul Goldsworthy (Treasurer) | PGO | John Rushmer | JR |
| Graham Ward | GW | Sue Traer | ST |
| Paul Garton | PG | | |

Apologies:

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| Trevor Nelson (Secretary) | TN | Mike George | MG |
| Julia Paul | JP | Ian Renfrew (Vice-Chairman) | IR |
| Ella Gilbert (Junior Club Captain) | EG | Glen Richardson (Club Captain) | GR |
| Sam Bailey | SB | | |

1. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

- 1.1** Some minor amendments were proposed by AB. Chairman would make the amendments and pass to the Secretary. With the proposed amendments they were agreed as a true record by the committee and would be signed by the Chairman. ✓

2. MATTERS ARISING

- 2.1** 2.1 AB would ask Rob Frost if he was prepared to take on the mapping of Norwich for the City & County event. MC would also contact Steve Bone (SUFFOC) for possible assistance with the mapping **AB**
MC
- 2.2** 4.4 ML was yet to engage with Norwich City Council regarding the City & County event. After discussion it was suggested that the Events Team were the likely starting point. **ML**
- 2.3** 4.7 The proposed mapping course was still to be arranged. AB would contact Peter Leverington for assistance. **AB**

3. CORRESPONDENCE

- 3.1** There was no correspondence. ✓

4. FIXTURES & MAPPING

- 4.1** Fixtures for 2014 were as published in NOR News. AB reported that NOR had been allocated an extra fixture on 12th January. There was some discussion over possible locations for that event with Lynford being proposed by PG. AB reminded the committee that Forestry Commission land required 8 weeks notice. It was suggested that the Blickling Park event be moved to 12th January and that the possibility of an event at Lynford on 2nd February be investigated **AB**
- 4.2** Next event is Roydon & Grimston Heaths (17th November). ✓
- 4.3** Events for remainder 2013 and the beginning of 2014 are:

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| 15 Dec 13 | Hockham | CC & East Anglian League |
| 21 Dec 13 | Beccles Common | Night Event (O/G/B course) |
| 29 Dec 13 | Cawston & Marsham Heath | Informal Score and Orange |
| 12 Jan 14 | To be allocated | CC |
| 2 Feb 14 | Blickling Park (to be confirmed) | CC |

4.4 Progress on the City & County event, to be held in Norwich in October 2014, was slow and it was thought that a decision to either go ahead or cancel/postpone should be made at the next committee meeting. MC and ML would make enquiries of the City Council to confirm the viability of the event in October 2014.

**ML
MC**

4.5 In the light of the above it was agreed that the County element of the event would go ahead regardless. NN asked about the availability of courses for beginners and was informed that a full range of colour-coded courses would be on offer.

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5. CLUB OFFICER REPORTS

5.1 Treasurer: The Summer Series had realised an overall profit of £225.03 and this combined with subscriptions and bank interest meant that the club had an overall balance of £9112.74.

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5.2 Club Captain: Dates for your diaries for 2014

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| 16 Feb | Compassport Cup | venue TBC |
| 23 Feb | Yvette Baker Trophy | Tunstall Forest (SUFFOC) |
| 2 Mar | EA Champs | Brentwood (HAVOC) |

Prizes/numbers of females– to follow up on what Trevor said about prizes when 0 or 1 people run in an age group. I agree it is very unsatisfactory for anyone to get a prize as the only person in his or her age group (I've been there many times, M/W21s are as scarce in athletics as they are in orienteering). This was why I opted for 10-year age groups for the senior trophies, to make sure there would be more people in each group. On the men's side, we did have plenty of competition in all senior age groups, and a decent spread of juniors. It is the women's side that I think we should be concerned about, with several age groups completely empty. But rather than worrying about who to give prizes to, perhaps we should be giving serious thought to how we can attract more girls/women to the sport? I don't think the problem is unique to Norfolk. Ireland couldn't find any women to fill some age groups for the VHI, and that's from a whole country! I'm afraid I don't have any answers, but thought it is something we should think about.

Junior Christmas Meal. The boys in my school orienteering club were badgering me today about a Christmas meal, as several other sports clubs at the school already do this. It occurred to me that it might be nice to do this as a NOR event rather than a Norwich School event. The cross-country club uses Zak's burger restaurant for such occasions. If we did it there, I could also put on a short night event in Mousehold Heath (the schoolkids have also been badgering me to do this). Maybe a 30 min score event at 5:30, followed by a meal. We could have a separate parent/teachers table as well. Possibly in the week starting 16th Dec. I'd be happy to organise it if there was interest. So, would anyone be interested in something along these lines, to allow our juniors to get to know each other? Nicholls/Baileys/Gilberts/Renfrews/Wycol?

- 5.3 Membership:** Update issued. NN reported that current membership was currently 111 units down from 128 units at 31st December. This was our lowest membership so far, but some renewals were still due to come in so the figure might rise. ✓
- 5.4 Publicity:** NN reported to the committee on a comprehensive PR article in the latest edition of Focus magazine. There were lots of good ideas that can be used at club level, but in summary it was felt that the target audience should be young sporty adults and young families. The best medium was thought to be through social media such as Facebook and through newspapers. NN was asked to report back to the next committee meeting with concrete proposals for the way ahead. NN
- 5.5 SI Coordinator:** ML would also endeavour to arrange Autodownload training for individuals. ML
- 5.6 Schools:** Wymondham College event (Oct 2013): 22 “year 5” and 36 “year 6” pupils competed from 3 schools: Attleborough, Banham & Spooner Row. Most had not been orienteering before and the feedback was positive. PG has sent details of club events (Norfolk & Suffolk) and all 3 schools are looking to bring pupils to the event PG is planning next year at the same time in October. PG
- 5.7 Equipment:** Nothing to report. ✓
- 5.8 Juniors:** Nothing to report. ✓
- 5.9 EAOA:** A proposal had been mooted to move Compassport Cup in 2015 from February to March and it was felt that this would cause problems with Forestry Commission. Otherwise nothing to report. ✓
- 6. CLUBMARK**
- 6.1** MC
- 7. CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS & TROPHIES**
- 7.1** ML apologised to the committee over the error in awarding the Carol Towler Salver to Ella Gilbert, who is a Junior and not therefore eligible. The Carol Towler Salver was presented to Nicky Nichols as Senior Female Club Champion. ✓
- 7.2** AB suggested that a separate Junior Club Championships be held. This met with general approval by the committee and it was suggested by PG that it should be held in March of every year, but not on the Easter weekend. PG would liaise with MG to organise the event and the national handicap system would be used to decide the individual winner. PG
MG
- 7.3** There was some discussion regarding the criteria for the award of the John Ward Trophy. The following minimum criteria were to be applied:
1. The trophy was to be awarded to the club member who achieved the best performance at a major event (Level 1 & 2 events).
 2. It was to be awarded every September.
 3. The Club Captain was to gather information and nominate suitable candidates. Committee members could also nominate candidates.
 4. The NOR committee would decide on the actual trophy winner. GR

8. NOR NEWS

- 8.1** The NOR News cut off date for articles was mid November. ✓

8. WEBSITE

- 8.1** GW reported on progress regarding updating the NOR website by Steele Media. After some discussion committee authorised expenditure of up to £300 on the project. GW would provide samples of web pages to the committee. **GW**

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 9.1** PG asked for menu choices of those who were going to attend the NOR Christmas function. ✓
- 9.2** GW had acquired a duplicate copy of the club's missing OCAD software. AB reported that he had located the original. ✓
- 9.3** NN asked for all club members who had orienteering photographs to send them to her so that she could use them for publicity purposes. ✓

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 8th January 2014 at Sprowston.