

NORFOLK ORIENTEERING CLUB

Minutes of the Club Committee Meeting held on the 13th Nov 2019

Held at Scout HQ, Sprowston, Norwich.

- 1. In attendance:** Tim Eden (Chair), Alan Bedder, Matthew and Ben Bethell, Michael Chopping, Daniel Cowley, Kim Eden, Paul Garton, Jonathan Gilbert, Paul Goldsworthy, Liz Large and Steve Nobbs.

Apologies: Jamie Austin-Mills, Les Jarrold, Nicky Nicholls, Julia Paul, James Price and Glen Richardson.

- 2. Minutes of September's meeting:** the amended copy was agreed as a true record. This was sent to the webmaster to replace the copy on the website.
- 3. Matters Arising:** 6.7 BB has been in contact with Wherry School. 6.11 Club Mark still ongoing. Tim now in receipt of the forms. 6.8 PGo has looked into club T-shirts, and has also contacted our insurance broker.

- 4. Correspondence:**

- 4.1 BOF Recruitment Poster. A survey to complete, and information that they have recruited a part-time Access and Environment Officer.
- 4.2 BOF Agenda for the Club and Members Forum on Sat 16 Nov 19 in Leeds. (No-one is attending from the club).
- 4.3 BOF message confirming fees for Access to Military Land.
- 4.4 BOF re-structure of staff.

- 5. Club Development:** 5.1 Tim now in receipt of Clubmark forms, and will be completing with future plans as necessary **(TE)**.

5.2 We discussed Permanent Orienteering Courses (POC) in our area. AB reported that Bacton is poor, Catton Park is ok, Holt Country Park has 10 posts but seem happy, Kelling Heath is probably our busiest but needs updating now, Mousehold requires new posts, no reply from Sandringham, and Whitlingham is ok. We agreed to put these on the Map database so we can see what is required **(JP)**.

- 6 Club Officer Reports:**

6.2 **Fixtures:** To reflect on past events: Mousehold event went well, although AB said he would change the location of the admin area next time. Hockham event went well, with the Schools Champs. Hockham map updated with the help of Philip Halford from Suffolk. Future events: Our next event is on the 15 Dec at Shouldham Warren, which will be our club champs. AB is still sorting out discrepancies with the Heath Conservators. We then looked at fixtures for next year. 19th Jan is our event at Houghen. Planning going well. **(AB)** to see if we can get parking area as planned.

23rd Feb is likely to be Swaffham Heath, but AB informed us there are problems securing permission to get on the land. April it is likely to be Felbrigg and May is likely to be Ken Hill (pending permissions). For next season, Sep is at the UEA, and it was agreed that the 10 Oct will be Mousehold Heath and 11 Oct will be Norwich Urban. PGa has volunteered to plan both days. Dec finishes with Lynford. Tim mooted if we want a sub-committee for fixtures, and to think about this.

6.3 **Mapping:** JP was absent this meeting. Julia has requested that planners inform her of maps that require updating. AB informed us of Maps that he would like to see updated. This includes: Bacton Woods, Beeston Regis, Cawston Heath, Holt Country Park, Kelling Heath and Pretty Corner. AB to contact Peter Leverington for some updating next year.

6.4 **Treasurer:** Paul read through his Treasurer's report. The toilet was a last minute addition for Hockham event (compulsory now for forestry commission venues). This cost £114 and so we should have put up fees to offset this cost, so we may make a loss. There will be a toilet at Shouldham Warren, so there will be a price increase for this.

Paul has been in touch with our insurance broker. It transpires that controls can be put out the day before, only if in a secluded area, but the broker must be advised. Toilets can be covered overnight if in a remote area. **(PGo)** to get in touch with our broker to advise him that we put out some controls the day before on all our events.

Paul has also researched some T-shirts, and brought along an advertisement example. We need to order in a bundle, so **(JG)** to put in the newsletter to gain interest, and **(TE)** to gain input from Glen and Will Bartrum.

6.5 **Club Captain:** Glen was absent this meeting, but left a report. He told us of good results from the Schools Champs at Hockham. He also told us of future events, next year.

6.6 **Membership:** Nicky was absent this meeting, but reported that this month she has enrolled 2 new adults and 2 families. BB has volunteered to help Nicky with publicity.

6.7 **SI Co-ordinator:** Daniel had nothing to report, and told us all was well.

6.8 **Schools:** Matthew read out a schools report. Ben has been in touch with Langley School, and we hope to produce a map of their school and woodlands. Hewitt School is also in contention. He has also been in touch with Wherry School. Acle School also has a base map and would

like it updated. A school league is planned for next season which Ben explained.

6.9 **Juniors:** Nothing to report.

6.10 **Equipment:** AB reported that 5 control boxes were sent back today for new batteries. The old equipment caravan is to be disposed. Another caravan is available and will require to be moved in the spring. AB has asked for an annual fee for storage of £50 per annum. The committee has agreed to this.

6.11 **EAOA:** The National Sprints is earmarked to be held at the UEA in 2024. AB has approached UEA and this is pencilled in. This event has now gone back to EAOA. MC reports that the next meeting is on the 29 Nov.

6.12 **Club Mark:** Tim now in receipt of the clubmark literature, and is going through the paperwork. We discussed about new coaches for the club.

7 **AOB:** PGo has organised a xmas dinner for the 13th Dec. Confirmation is required by the 15th Nov to confirm numbers.

BB brought up groups going to fixtures further afield next year. This is something that the club has done in the past, and no doubt will do again at some of the bigger events.

BB also mentioned that there was an unusual high amount of control tapes at this weekend's event, with tape seen way before the control. Controllers should be reminded that the tape should be removed from visible height and put on the floor.

Trimtex O tops orders require a block booking. **(JG)** to put a bit in the newsletter asking if anyone is interested in purchasing more tops.

BB has volunteered to put on another Maze O event next summer.

There being no further items for discussion, the meeting closed at 2145hrs.

Date of next Meeting: Wed 08th January 2020 at Sprowston Scout HQ.