

Minutes of the Committee Meeting of Nottinghamshire Orienteering Club

Date	Monday 3rd September	
Time	7.30pm	
Location	PO house, Rainworth	
Attendees	Andrew Breakwell (AB), Peter Cholerton (PC), Jane Booker (JB), Pauline Olivant (PO), Hilary Palmer (HP), Andrew Ridgway (AR)	
Summary	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Apologies 2. Items for discussion 3. Reports 4. Date and venue for next meeting 	

Item	Notes	Action
1	<p>Apologies and Last Meeting's Minutes Apologies from Simon Elliott (SE), Mick Lucking (ML), Dave Cooke (DC) The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as accurate.</p> <p>Matters Arising An Email from Peter Hart regarding the Safeguarding issue raised at the last meeting was noted by all members present.</p>	

2	<p>Items for Discussion</p> <p>a) Participant Survey - Skype with Natalie Weir The survey by BOF was carried out at three Explore the Parks events in the summer. The comments from participants were positive, especially the warm welcome and help given to newcomers to the events. 18% of respondents were at their first event and distances travelled were between one and five miles. There was a long discussion on how we can use such events to increase participation in 'normal' events. Themes discussed included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What sort of people are we targeting? e.g. Families with children (of any age or those with children who can learn to read a map), young people, or adults in their thirties/early forties. • Images used in flyers/on facebook posts • How to get around the image of an 'older persons' sport which any observers of an event would see. • Can we set a target of how many new members we want to recruit • Technical aspects of publicity, such as boosting posts, target audience and timing of posts. • Score events or those that use two or three short courses that encourage discussion and social interaction at the event • Team events and prizes. • The use of non participating members to take part in the social aspects of encouraging and retaining new members. • The use of email vs letters to communicate to the membership. <p>It was agreed to feedback to the membership at the AGM on the results of the survey to get their thoughts. A list of inactive members is to be drawn up so we can contact them via letter before the next round of BOF renewals. It was decided a separate meeting was needed to discuss how to move forward with this, probably nearer Christmas.</p> <p>b) Equipment Store There has been no news on the likelihood of having to vacate the garage soon. We will look into self storage units which are located in the middle of the county to enable better access for all members. This may need multiple keys around the county.</p> <p>c) East Midlands Training Day This is to be held on Saturday 24th November at Loughborough. Courses for planners, controllers, organisers and mappers are on offer. PO has made a list of possible participants who currently don't have the qualifications. Committee members will approach these people to offer them a place.</p> <p>d) Committee Nominations The posts of Chairman and Fixtures Secretary/Volunteer Co-ordinator are overdue to be changed at the next AGM. The Treasurers post is also up for renewal this year. AB has contacted possible candidates but no volunteers have come forward. The posts will be advertised as vacant for the AGM.</p> <p>c) AGM Arrangements The AGM is on 21st October at Newstead. We need to check the venue and refreshments have been booked. Papers to be sent out at least one month before the meeting. **Post meeting note DC has confirmed all booked as last year and we just need to confirm timing for the refreshments.</p>	<p>HP</p> <p>PO/AB/JB</p> <p>ALL</p> <p>PO</p> <p>ALL</p> <p>AB/JB</p> <p>AB/JB</p>
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<p>3</p>	<p>Reports</p> <p>a) Treasurer Byrons Walk accounts are now finalised and a profit was made. Explore the Parks is in the red as expected. HP queried one of the fees charged, PC to follow up. The end of year accounts are ready for audit and this has been arranged with Mark Webster.</p> <p>b) Mapping No report.</p> <p>c) Fixtures Silverhill event on 4th November has no officials appointed as yet. It was agreed to cancel this if none were found in the next two weeks. The CSC heat next March still has no controller. PO to take this to East Midlands meeting.</p> <p>d) BOF/EMOA There has been no meeting to report on. Volunteers to help at the JIRC have come forward.</p> <p>e) Coaching HP has been approached to help with a BOF weekend event for 12/14 year olds at Walesby Scout Camp. The committee thought that BOF should have approached the club first as a courtesy as using one of our areas.</p> <p>f) Club Captain Club Championships are due to be held at Walesby this year as this is being run as a chase event only.</p> <p>Compass Sport Cup qualifying will be on 17th March next year. It was thought that we ought to give more details of the scoring system to the membership so they realise that every run does count.</p>	<p>AB</p> <p>PO</p> <p>ML</p>
<p>5</p>	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>There was discussion around the frequency of committee meetings. With email and other ways to communicate, may we be able to have meetings less frequently? No decision reached but generally there are more meetings required in the winter than during the summer months. Members of the committee to give this some thought?</p>	
<p>6</p>	<p>Date and Time of Next Meeting</p> <p>No date was arranged as it needs to be convenient for any new members appointed at the AGM.</p>	