

Minutes of the Committee Meeting of Nottinghamshire Orienteering Club

Date	Thursday 11th July 2019	
Time	7.30 pm	
Location	JW house, Clifton	
Attendees	John Woodall (JW), Andrew Ridgway (AR) Jane Booker (JB), Pauline Olivant (PO), Hilary Palmer (HP), Dave Cooke (DC), Simon Elliott (SE), Mick Lucking (ML)	
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 Andrew Breakwell (AB), Peter Cholerton (PC) There was an amendment to section 2g of the previous minutes.</p> <p>Matters Arising Item 3f. The NOC championships will be held at the DVO event at Longshaw on Saturday 26th October.</p>	<p>JB</p> <p>AB</p>

2 Items for Discussion

a) Membership Survey Report

The NOC membership survey results showed a rather disappointing reply rate with only 31 members completing it.

One important issue that came out was parents not being able to shadow children on white and yellow courses before completing their course. HP took this to the EMOA meeting and it was then taken to BOF. It was agreed for EM clubs to start a trial where this does not apply to Level C and D events from September 2019 for 1 year. It will then be reviewed.

There was support for both Saturday and Sunday events/activities to suit different peoples lifestyles. A spread of start times was also mentioned to enable families to participate in events.

Several respondees said orienteering was not their first sport and would prioritise other sports before considering coming to an 'O' event.

Email came out as the most popular way to receive information from the club.

Coaching at events was not what the majority wanted but 42% felt that coaching away from events was important. However 28% did not think coaching away from events was needed.

50% of people wanted social events and someone has volunteered to organise these.

One request we may be able to agree to was putting on courses for under 16's on Urban events making use of park areas.

In spite of 46% of responders not wanting to do any volunteering there were some volunteers who said they would be prepared to do specific tasks. As we can't identify these through the survey an email was planned so we can make contact.

We came out well when members were asked if they would recommend our club with 67% saying they would.

Finally we are aware that the average age of our members is high and we need to do more to attract younger people into the sport.

b) SI Air Contactless Punching

To enable contactless punching the SI boxes would require reprogramming which would not involve any financial outlay. It will however require time for the SI officer to do this.

The major financial implication would be the purchase of hire SI cards. It was agreed that 10 cards should be purchased. There will be a £2 hire charge and £60 for lost cards.

A trial at a level C event will be needed before using them for higher level events.

Guidelines for planners and controllers will be needed.

It was also agreed to replace the numbers on the SI boxes whilst doing the reprogramming.

ML

c) Members Qualifications on the BOF Website

PO has looked at our members qualifications for orienteering roles that are on the BOF database. There are several members on there who have not fulfilled these roles for several years. PO to contact them and see if they are happy to have these roles removed from the database.

PO

d) Maps - Major Projects

AR has spent many hours mapping urban areas and now has started the map of Retford. Due to the expected man hours needed to complete this, he has put two proposals forward,

- 1) for a fee structure for major new maps
- 2) to look at how we motivate and encourage the skilled mappers who invest large amounts of their own time to produce the maps we all require to continue with our sport.

After discussion it was agreed by all that we need to look at our approach to the mappers we have, to give them the recognition they deserve. A fee of £100 plus 60p for each map used will be used for the new Retford map as a trial.

SE to bring together a sub group to review how it works at Retford and how we can go forward.

SE

<p>3</p>	<p>Reports</p> <p>a) Treasurers Report The treasurer again reported a healthy balance. Clifton event made a good profit. There are some outstanding bills to pay for new laptops. HP asked if the grant from BOF for two first aid courses had been paid yet. ML requested a new call up clock for the start as seen at another event. This would consist of a tablet and two tripods. This was agreed.</p> <p>b) Mapping Report No issues to report.</p> <p>c) Fixtures Report The AGM to be held on 20th October. HP to ask if Rushcliffe is available. The Christmas event at Worksop College will take in Kidney Clump and maybe North Clumber as well. A planner has been identified. SE has volunteered to control the Bramcote Middle Distance event on 8th February 2020. Due to the change of date for the 2020 May Day bank holiday the EM urban event has been pencilled in for Friday 8th May. It was decided to move this back to Sunday 3rd May. It will be held at Arnold (or maybe Clifton).</p> <p>d) EMOA/BOF Report The EMOA are looking for a new treasurer at the AGM on Monday 23rd September. Several members are on holiday on this date so we need as many people as possible to attend to ensure the meeting is quorate. Higher Stewardship Agreements with landowners may affect some of our areas. If this is the case it will be indicated on the map of the area.</p> <p>e) Coaching Report There have been five Explore the Parks (ETP) events. Attendance was good but slightly less than last year. More maps were printed as there was opportunity to do more than one course. Saturday afternoon seems a good time to attract families. 34 people took part in the inaugural Street O in West Bridgford. The second event was the Bassetlaw ten year anniversary event at East Markham. This also had over thirty entries and all enjoyed a celebratory buffet afterwards. A thank you to Rob and Helen Parkinson for all their hard work over the last ten years was marked with a presentation of a memento and flowers. The development sub group has arranged some dates as a follow up to ETP. These will take place on Saturday afternoons in September, October and November for informal training.</p> <p>f) Club Captain Report The NOC relay team got a bronze medal in the open class at the British Championships. Congratulations to them.</p>	<p>PC</p> <p>AB</p>
<p>4</p>	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>a) HP showed the handout for newcomers that has been printed. All agreed it was excellent.</p> <p>b) There was a discussion around fees for events after the discussion at the last meeting. It was agreed that we would charge £7 for adults at Level C events and scrap the charge for SI hire (except for contactless as noted above). £3 for juniors and for adults on white and yellow and £16 for a Family who are running separately. Level D, £5 senior, £2 junior and £5 for a family running together with two maps or £10 for family running separately.</p> <p>c) It has been reported that some of our NOC clothing sizes are out of stock. It was agreed we should order more to keep stocks up.</p>	
<p>5</p>	<p>Next Meeting Date Monday 16th September 7.30 at PO house, Rainworth.</p>	

