

Minutes of the Committee Meeting of Nottinghamshire Orienteering Club

Date	Monday 6th December 2021	
Time	7.30 pm	
Location	via Zoom	
Attendees	Dave Schorah (DS), Jane Booker (JB), Pauline Olivant (PO), Hilary Palmer (HP), Mick Lucking (ML), Dave Cooke (DC), Simon Elliot (SE) Julie Webster (JW), Peter Cholerton (PC), Dave Sissons (DSi), Ant Squire (AS), Vic Knight (VK), Andrew Ridgway (AR)	
Summary		

Item	Notes	Action
1	<p>Apologies and Last Meeting's Minutes</p> <p>There were no apologies.</p> <p>The minutes were accepted.</p> <p>Matters Arising</p> <p>a) Midland Championships. The requested exemptions from timed starts and seeding have been accepted.</p> <p>b) DVO are no longer requesting to use the date for Clumber event in 2023.</p> <p>c) SE is doing the map for Trent Lock for the Canal and River Trust.</p>	

2 Items for Discussion.

a) Club Development

DS has been looking into the possibilities of recruiting a paid development officer, maybe using funding from the Orienteering Foundation. The jubilee fund is not suitable. We will need to find someone who is willing to take on the role.

VK has been looking at what problems we have as a club, from a customer retention point of view. The aspects he has looked at are:

- insufficient volume of volunteers.
- demographics of our membership
- what a successful club would look like
- roles we need volunteers to help with
- ways to encourage and support new members
- ideas to link coaching and volunteering

It was proposed that team leaders talk to their teams to find out their attitudes to volunteering. PO to send out team member lists to the team leaders

Thank you to VK for his work on this topic. We have plenty to consider for the future.

b) BOF Virtual Orienteering Project

DS has had an email from BOF about Sport England funding for teachers in deprived areas for MapRun in particular. The grant would be for £1000 per year to train 11 teachers with the aim of getting 166 participants/area/year in a September to August cycle. Harvey Haddon has been identified as a deprived area that may benefit from a virtual orienteering course.

c) Website Review

We have received a review of our website by the Newcomer Retention Group of the Orienteering Foundation. We scored 44/100. We don't know how this compares with the websites of other clubs. It specifically looks at the information for newcomers and how easy it is for them to find it.

The main points of concern were that there is no specific section for newcomers.

However the information for them on the website is good but it is not quick to find.

The advice is that the information just needs pulling together into a newcomers section with links to the POC's and VOC's.

VK has discussed the website with our Webmaster and there is a new version of the site ready to go. VK has offered to help with the testing.

It was also thought that the Fixtures part of the site needs updating.

d) Compass Sport Trophy 2022

ML has had communication about next years competition and we are advised that we should enter the EAOA event at Mildenhall in February. This gives us no choice unless we can give a good reason to go somewhere different.

It was agreed that we will pay entry fees for the club and ask for peoples opinions on hiring a coach to take us to the event.

We also agreed to pay for the relay entries for the British Championships and the JK.

3 Reports

a) Treasurers Report

The treasurer reported a small profit on the last two events. The handover of access from PC to DS is in progress.

b) Mapping Report

Nothing to report.

c) Fixtures Report

We will aim for one event per month with one or two major events. We should be looking to appoint mappers and event officials at least one year in advance.

If urban events are to be part of the National league they need to be in place by October the previous year.

Ideally we should have events spread across the county and be appealing to newcomers.

There will be three level C events per year, one urban and two forest.

We have no events at present in February and March. The fixtures group to look if it is possible to find areas and officials for these to go ahead.

d) EMOA Report

EMOA have requested that Clumber be used for the East Midlands Championships in 2023. This was agreed.

e) Coaching Report

Nothing to report.

f) Club Captain Report

There are some relay events coming up, British Relays on 27 March, JK on 18 April and the Harvester in June. ML will be asking for entries shortly.

4 Any Other Business

A member has asked for funding for travel and training costs. It was agreed to pay one third of the costs.

5 Next meeting Monday 7th February 2022 at 7.30. The link for the meeting will be sent out before the meeting.

