

Minutes of the Committee Meeting of Nottinghamshire Orienteering Club

Date	Monday 7th February 2022	
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), 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>The map for Trent Lock for the Canal and River Trust will be ready for September. It has been requested to have a QR code on the map to direct participants to an appropriate page on the website. The 'newcomers' page with information on the various POC's and VOC's should be ready by then. DS or AR is able to send the QR code to SE. SE to send suggested wording for the map to accompany the code for comments.</p>	<p>SE</p>

2	<p>a) Feedback from Midlands Championships We had over 600 entries and 584 runners on the day. There were two families who requested a refund due to Covid. The event ran well on the day with technical courses which tested all participants. The courses for older adults were highly subscribed and having the same first control meant it was difficult to fit everyone in the start window, which had to be extended. HP to send feedback on this to the competitions committee as all their guidelines were followed. It was agreed that a punching start made things much easier for the start team.</p> <p>b) Club Development VK and HP have named the Gedling Park activity a Trail Walk to appeal to newcomers. The promotion on Facebook will begin tomorrow with a link to the dedicated page on our website 'Try Orienteering'. Fees have also been changed to £2 per map and £5 per family. There will be pre entry via Start Kite and also entry on the day. Also planned is a leaflet to take away for 'Next Steps' in the orienteering journey. VK is working on how we can engage with newcomers e.g. following up those who hire dibber and ensure we have a welcome for new starters to help them. Also working on new POC's in Newark and Sherwood area. Website - VK is working with our webmaster on the new site, especially looking at the fixtures area of the site. The next step is to get it tested by the people who will be using it, before the launch. The newcomer area of the website is being reformatted. Ongoing web management - our webmaster is looking for someone to take over the website over the next two years. It will need someone with particular skill sets that we need to look out for.</p> <p>c) Response to Forestry England Agreement DC has replied to Emma Monkman who is access and environment officer for BOF. She is looking at the agreement with Forestry England and any problems we have encountered with accessing their areas for events. The main points raised were</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • our usual annual meeting with them • the high cost of small events • do we still have access to year long permission for coaching events and how much notice do we need to give, if any? <p>d) Environmental Impact of Events IOF is looking at making events carbon neutral. There are various options we could use to start working towards this goal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • giving public transport directions in any publicity for our events • have car parking fees for all events with a surcharge for single person vehicles to promote car sharing • these fees could then be used to carbon offset e.g. plant more trees • an extra £1 on entry fees for the same purpose <p>It was decided to discuss this further at our next meeting.</p> <p>e) Safety and Safeguarding Following the Midlands Championships we now have a Safety Protocol which is given to the enquiries/results team, the start team and the finish team, with guidance on what to do if there is an emergency reported to them. A generic version should now be added to the documents section of the website. Safeguarding is covered on the website by the O Safe summary but as club welfare officer HP recommends that we have a statement in a more prominent place on what to do if suspect behaviour is witnessed towards children or vulnerable adults.</p> <p>f) Non Renewals We have several members who have not renewed their membership. JB agreed to email a reminder to those people.</p>	<p>HP</p> <p>JB</p>
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3	<p>Reports</p> <p>a) Treasurers Report We had a good profit from the Walesby event and interim figures indicate a good profit from the Midlands Championships. Outgoings have been for garage rental and some new equipment. Our balance will be looking much healthier than of late. The equipment officer for the SI kit is costing extra kites, stakes and SI boxes as we only just have enough for a big event. There was a query if we have paid the Newark and Sherwood sports club fee for this year.</p> <p>b) Mapping Report Mapping is an essential part of orienteering and the different types of map require different skills with urban maps being more labour intensive and requiring specific skills. We have a small band of mappers and only two of these are able to draw urban maps. We are not planning to map any new forest areas and all areas on the fixtures list for the next year have a mapper allocated to them, except for the Meadows in September. New mappers will be required soon and PO/DO are working with the BOF map group on an e-learning module on introduction to mapping. Any cost for this could be covered by NOC. As a last resort we could contract out the mapping but this would require more forward planning than we have at present and come at a cost. The University of Nottingham map requires updating to the latest ISOM requirements before it is used for a larger event.</p> <p>c) Fixtures Report We have events/activities now planned for February and March. The aim is still one event or activity per month but trying to put on three Explore the Parks events during the summer. There is no event in October but we may decide to hold an event linked to the AGM. DVO have requested to use Brierley Forest Park on 16th for their Club Championships. It was suggested we may use that date if we don't qualify for the CST final.</p> <p>d) EMOA Report We have several new planners following a planners course and also have a new controller.</p> <p>e) Coaching Report Nothing to report.</p> <p>f) Club Captain Report There is a team going to the Compass Sport Trophy at Postenplain on Sunday. As numbers are low we are hoping everyone finishes their course. A second call for relay entries for the British Championships and the JK will be out soon.</p>	
4	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>None</p>	
5	<p>Next meeting Monday 11th April 2022 at 7.30. The link for the meeting will be sent out before the meeting.</p>	

