



Leicestershire Orienteering Club



Minutes of Committee Meeting held at The Conference Room, Groby Community College Monday 14th November 2016

Present: Chris Phillips, Roger Phillips, Ursula Williamson, Roger Edwards, Jane Dring-Morris, Laurie Fluck, Bob Haskins, Wendy West, Alan West, Peter Leake, Ernie Williams, Iain Phillips, Ian Wilson, Liz Heaton, Anna Barber, Mark Hardy.

1. Apologies for absence: Steve Chafer, Roy Denney

CP welcomed Liz and Anna to their first LEI committee meeting.

2. Minutes of the last Committee Meeting on Monday 8th August 2016

These minutes were agreed to be a true record.

3. Items arising from the last Minutes

Item 9 – CP is in ongoing discussions with Andrew Ward regarding marketing.

4. Request for inclusion in 'Urgent and important items' on the agenda

a. Review of officials' roles

There have been the following changes since the last meeting:

SC – appointed POC co-ordinator

LF – continuing as permissions secretary

UW – appointed minor events co-ordinator

JDM – appointed membership secretary

SS – probably taking over as mapping co-ordinator

5. Treasurer's Report

Please refer to the Treasurer's report November 2016 circulated prior to the meeting.

Gift Aid scheme

New item to be discussed further at the next committee meeting in February 2017.

It's the club's policy to pay subscriptions for committee members. There is a very low uptake of this. Only RD in the last 5 years.

EW – suggested members provide receipts to validate a claim and not to allow retrospective claims.

CP – potential cash flow problem between paying expenses and receiving donations/gift aid. Rules need to be specific to cover this. Example: for the JK we could get lots of claims once club members are aware of the scheme.

RP – scheme needs to be promoted to members with queries being referred to RE. Care needs to be taken to avoid cash flow problems.

EW proposed to accept RE's recommendation that the travel scheme be extended to include payment for full accommodation expenses and flights on submission of receipts/payment advice. Donations of 86% of the expenses to be invited on all payments including mileage.

Seconded by CP, motion carried by unanimous committee vote.

SI Air contactless dibbers

PL – at a recent DVO event the take up was low.

WW – not many dibbers are hired at events, most orienteers have their own.

CP – using an Air dibber allows orienteers to “jump the queue” at controls during events.

RP – proposed to retain the hire charge of £1 and replacement charge of £30.

CP – clarified the IOF position: in the context of fairness, clubs need to ensure there are sufficient contactless dibbers available for hire at events. There is a risk of an event being voided if a protest regarding lack of contactless dibber availability being upheld. Some orienteers have experienced failed contactless dibbers (Derek Herd, Tanya Taylor for example) which have had to be sent back to SI to be replaced.

EW – SI are promoting contactless very hard.

RE – proposed that sprint events are a good opportunity to promote contactless punching. Proposal accepted by the committee.

Entry fees

For level C suggested the following:

- £7.50 for adults on light green and above. Adults on white to orange to be at junior rate
- £4 for helpers on light green and above
- £3 for juniors
- £1.50 for junior helpers

CP proposed the committee accept the above, motion carried by unanimous vote. Changes to be effective from 1st January 2017.

Season ticket proposal – committee agreed not to pursue this.

6. Delegates' Reports

BH attended the East Midlands meeting:

- Treasurer (Mark Webster) and development co-ordinator (CP) to continue for 1 more year
- To promote a national coaching conference
- To promote the East Midlands Championships
- Urban league low attendance – 98 for Bourne, better attendance for Nottingham City and Lincoln.

IP and CP – housing estates are not popular

IW – less likely to go back to the same area

PL – there is a core of orienteers who favour urbans

IW – should the idea of urban orienteering be sold to running clubs?

Other points – There will be a new map of Shepshed next year. Families are put off by the U16 issue. Main issues to be discussed are the U16 issue and the housing estate issue.

- EMEWs will be published early December
- The BOF EGM vote was discussed.
- 04/03/17 – Planners and Controllers conference

Charnwood Forest regional park (RE):

- Now in phase 2
- Wanting ideas for the use of Charnwood Forest
- Outwoods and Beacon – possibly cafes and more parking
- Proposed to put in a Heritage lottery bid
- RE circulated a map of the area during the meeting

7. Events Sub Committee Report

UW distributed the 2017 v3 Summer League events list.

CP reminded everyone of the Christmas Novelty event on 03/12/16.

MH offered a Santa outfit for Simon Ford.

8. Development Team Report

MH advised there is a coaching conference on 15/01/17 in Crewe.

IP, MH and Peter Hornsby have indicated they wish to attend.

Cost is £55 per person for the weekend, £30 per person for a day. Accommodation costs are in addition this.

CP – proposed the club funds attendees travel and accommodation costs. Motions carried by committee vote.

RE – the junior development framework, its aim is to increase membership, sustainability is the key.

Monday club night is successful for juniors.

9. Club Captain's Report

Please refer to the November 2016 Committee Report circulated prior to the meeting.

10. Membership Report

UW reminded all to renew annual memberships.

11. Any Other Business

CP – should we have a coach available at all level C events? An “ask me for help” person.

Suggested organisers ensure they have 1 coach when recruiting volunteers. A list of coaches (who will also be first aiders) is available on the LEI website.

Next meeting 2nd Monday in February in the Conference Room at Groby Community College.

Development plan to be on the agenda for the February meeting.

Meeting closed at 8:50pm.

12. Dates of future meetings:

FULL: FEBRUARY, MAY, AUGUST, NOVEMBER

Events: JAN, APRIL, JULY, OCT

Minor events: MAR, SEP, DEC

Mapping: JUN

Development: JAN, JULY

Coaching Forum: MARCH

AGM: OCT