



Leicestershire Orienteering Club



Minutes of Committee Meeting held at Glenfield Parish Council Offices, Stamford Street, Glenfield, LE3 8DL Monday 14th August 2017

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

1. Apologies for absence: Ian Wilson, Roger Phillips, Anna Barber, Roy Denney

2. Minutes of the last Committee Meeting on Monday 8th May 2017

These minutes were agreed to be a true record.

3. Items arising from the last MOM

There were no matters arising from the last minutes.

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

a. AGM Agenda

CP added the O Safe policy as an item for discussion at the AGM.

BH is to stand down as Vice Chair but will remain on the committee. LF will do one more year as Permissions Secretary (to October 2018). CP to speak to Tracey Brookes to arrange the catering for the AGM.

b. Association and Club Conference 2017

Will be held in Leeds on Saturday 14th October 2017. CP will be attending. Possible agenda items could be how we handle major events and Sport England's initiative on participation. CP asked the committee if anyone would like to attend, IP suggested we wait for further details of the agenda before committing to attending. JDM to circulate the email to members asking them to respond to CP if they would like to attend.

5. Treasurer's Report

Please refer to the Treasurer's Report August 2017 circulated prior to the meeting.

RE – the accounts have been passed to Ian Chafer for approval.

Budget 2017/18 No changes to event fees, club night fees or subs are to be recommended at the AGM.

Events – the access fees charged by Leicester City Council wipe out our normal surplus.

Should we seek to use the POCs at nil/reduced charge?

IP – there is a difference between using a POC as a member of the public and attending an organised orienteering event, therefore access charges should apply.

CP to write to the Director of Parks and Leisure regarding access fees with a view to perhaps getting Leicester City Council to reduce them.

CP – the numbering of the SI boxes is to change from 3 digits to 2 digits so that the number can go on top of the box. To be changed after the Club Championships and in time for the Level C event at Burrough Hill. Peter Hornsby is changing the numbers and is aiming for 2

sets of 31 – 99. He wants to buy another 6 SI boxes, RE said we could buy 10 (cost £1,000). It was unanimously agreed by the committee to purchase 10 new SI boxes.
Insurance – LH commented that we need to insure just in case a whole set is lost.
IP – we should pay the insurance but reissue guidance as to what is covered, eg boxes in a garage v boxes in a car.
The recent low level of spend on mapping was continuing in 2017/18 despite the need to update all our forest maps for ISOM 2017, for Level A & B events immediate and other areas within say two years.

6. Delegates' Reports

BH is retiring as the East Midlands delegate, so a replacement from LEI is required.
David Olivant is planning an urban mapping workshop in September 2017 and Forest mapping in 2018.
Regional conference in 2018 and a Planner/Controller conference in 2019.
DVO are organising JIRCS.
Coaching – Hilary Palmer is looking for people to do level 2 courses.
It was discussed what we should do at Belvoir for the 50th anniversary.
The major event structure was discussed but not progressed.
AGM is 18th September 2017 in the Peace Room at Clifton Old Village Hall.
Amanda Roberts (LOG) is being proposed as the new Chair.

7. Events Sub Committee Report

CP – the Club Championships are to be held on 17th September 2017, entries are now open. The post event presentation will be at Moira Village Hall.
Winter League – UW is looking for volunteers to organise events.
CP – the number of control collectors at level D events is dwindling especially for the Winter League.
EW – should we bring the closing time forward?
UW – 6pm to 7pm?
EW – 2 people to organise rather than 1?
IP – the organiser should be empowered to ask for help to get volunteers before the event
To be reviewed at the next fixtures sub committee meeting.

UKOL weekend – March 2018.

Sunday event is at Belvoir and is progressing. The Saturday event was due to be held at Leicester Castle but is now not possible because there is an open day at De Montfort Uni. Leicester Uni were not able to facilitate LEI on this date either, so the current plan is to have a Middle Distance Level B at Irchester. CP proposes to ask SMOC for helpers in return for suitable remuneration, eg a free run. It will be an afternoon race to allow more travel time for competitors.

NOC and DVO's success running park events – this was reviewed by the events sub committee and Autumn 2018 has been penciled in for events using Leicester city parks.

British Sprints 2019 – LEI to organise, discussions to commence with Loughborough Uni after the Summer.

We are the YBT EM/WM regional hosts regional hosts on 22nd April 2018 at Spring Cottage.

8. Development Team Report

WW – we need to obtain permission from parents before images of children are published on the LEI website. WW has put out a plea via Facebook for images.

CP – Can we approach Rob Lines and use any of his images?

WW to liaise with John Cooke to get images uploaded.

WW and AW to approach Annie Leake to see if she has any images we can use.

Permanent Orienteering Courses – the incident where a child allegedly cut their face/hand on a POC marker at Newton Burgoland Primary School was discussed.

SC – circulated download statistics and questioned whether we have too many POCs, we have between 1,700 and 2,000 points across the LEI region.

EW – therefore 1,700 to 2,000 advertising points.

SC – areas with visitor centres are worthwhile pursuing. Should we maintain inner city park POCs in exchange for a nil/reduced access fee?

CP – can we maintain all our POCs?

SC – we need to understand what we want to achieve.

JDM to ask new members how they heard about LEI when they join.

SC – the next move is to look at the key POCs we want to maintain, maybe 12 – 20, then get volunteers to maintain them. The key ones should be ones which have visitor centres and ones which support LEI club nights.

SC to prepare a report to be discussed at the November meeting.

Mapping policy (RE). The Mapping Standing Order to be noted at the AGM.

BH – the rationale does not need to be included in the Standing Order.

CP – the Mapping Standing Order needs to be completely rewritten.

Coaching (RE) – the event at Cademan on 8th July 2017 didn't work, too few were interested so cancelled. The Lakes weekend was well attended however.

LH – some members couldn't attend the Lakes event due to the dates.

CP – would the lure of a top coach attract more attendees? Maybe include lunch or similar.

IP – the difference between Cademan and the Lakes was that Cademan was "turn up on the day" and the Lakes required a monetary commitment prior to the event.

RE – would a Midlands based coaching event be an option?

IP – increased participation at club nights is still an issue.

LH – 2018 weekend coaching in a different area would be worth organising. RE/MH to look at a more local high profile option with guest coach.

9. Club Captain's Report

Please refer to the Club Captain's Report August 2017 circulated prior to the meeting.

Rising Star criteria (CP) – BOF's O Safe policy is to ensure we don't put our juniors under undue pressure

IP – suggest we change the age range from M/W12 to M/W14?

MH – we need to set the criteria as a starting point for a discussion.

LH – the name "Rising Star" award in itself puts pressure on juniors. Criteria were agreed as submitted.

10. Membership Secretary's Report

Please refer to the Membership Secretary's Report August 2017 circulated prior to the meeting.

JDM – there have been no new members since the last meeting. Future reports to be broken down into numbers of seniors and juniors.

11. Any Other Business

LH – has spoken to a representative of Melton Stilton Striders with the offer of a tailored First Aid course and if LEI would be interested.

CP – yes definitely and LH to put Melton Stilton Striders in touch with CP.

Meeting closed at 9:40pm

12. Date 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