

Development report February 2019

Coaching

Iain Phillips has volunteered to be our new Coaching Coordinator and we need to confirm his appointment.

Iain and Peter attended the biannual National coaching conference in Nottingham in January.

Our coaching team is reducing as both Mark Sherriff and Iain Tebbutt formerly of Ashby Map Runners no longer wish to coach.

Club night at South Charnwood is working with a bigger set of coaches but fewer adult club members. It does have teenagers. The numbers attending vindicates our consolidation of all our club nights at one location to spread the coaching load and handle lower attendances.

We are still struggling to sort out first-aid and make sure we've got enough coaches with certificates. With a reduction in the number of coaches I'm promoting the one-off attendance at something put on by Leicestershire and Rutland Sports or a first aid provider. One of the pluses is that not all Qualifications expire at the same time.

Discussion

Development minutes Jan 2019 suggests we should look at changing the day of the week for club night.

What are your views?

Recruitment offer

Few juniors are joining the club. We have had one, Isaac Spencer, at club night this year.

The Coaching team would like to have go at a promotion getting people to club night in the summer.

Facebook adverts did get some people to attend Park Series. We spent £50 an event for the park series but we also had a £46 access charge for use of the parks. So we want to use Facebook like the Park series;

The suggested offer Coaching at South Charnwood say 6 session for c£10. starting 13th May and include Donisthorpe event Mon 10th June.

Discussion

The advertising and the offer.

Performance Incentives

There are various incentive schemes, the basic one is the BOF Navigation Challenge and the Racing Challenge. These are automated and certificates are generate when members achieve three performances of the required standard. The system is sensitive to two factors:- result being uploaded to BOF and the right colour being used on the upload.

My own results show for over half the events I have been to the wrong colour course has been uploaded. Also hardly any level D events are recorded.

So for beginners, in particular, hardly any of our events are recorded for use in the scheme.

Only the EM League tends to work correctly ie uploaded and has the correct colour.

We could make the scheme more effective for our own beginners by posting Level D results. We would need to allocate a colour to each course too. There would be a beneficial side effect if we used colours on our courses on all our levels Ds. All planners but especially new ones would then have standard guidelines to follow.

Discussion



How can we improve the arrangement for incentives to beginners and move to colours for all events.

Permanent Orienteering Courses

Jane reported that Stonebow and Booths Wood courses were heavily vandalised and we've now removed all the plaques. There is still the odd wooden post in position. Watermead Mammoth has been added as a revised course and eventually will have a fee. Outwoods has been repaired following feedback from Mike Napier. Good progress is being made towards an adventure playground and Peppercorn cafe/bus is still there.

Steve is asking wardens to get the course checks done so repairs can be undertaken.

I'm still working on how to do a low-cost questionnaire. I have in mind using free/ trial software sending to the last hundred downloaders and see ..

Whether they actually made use of the maps, whether they managed to find all or many of the plaques and were they intending to do another course.

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hire Schools event will be on Tuesday, 2 April and 800 primary school children are expected. Peter did a presentation last Thursday to representatives from about 25 primary schools. We are aiming to transfer as much of the support to the teachers so they will do the map walk, they will run the maze. As part of our package we usually print advertising on the obverse of the race map. This time we will be promoting Bagworth, a few days later with a free White offer, and point out other summer leagues in the North West. The actual experience is few maps actually leave the competition area but we need to try something different and schools do pay for our printing.

Safeguarding

Sport England Club Matters has a podcast from the Ann Craft Trust, It's quite a long, with the first five minutes probably of general interest to Committee members. It might help in changing your perceptions of what safeguarding is. Generally I think we think of young girls, young boys and old people in care homes; this highlights the other people in between. If 40% of the population have mental health issues then for instance potentially these are all vulnerable adults, so it's quite possible we have some of these in our adult membership?

Any actions?

Meeting with British Orienteering

We were to meet with Tim Herod to discuss the Entry Forms (safety aspects), Xplorer (Bradgate Follow on) and New member post card, which they will print for free.

We are still awaiting final report from pilot survey!

Roger Edwards
3 February

The Bradgate Trust want us to make use of the normal car park machines as it means their Parking contractor can check we have paid; So our vouchers are no longer used. So for the Swithland events you put a £1 in the machine and we pay a £1 per head access fee to the trust (Much like we do at the Outwoods and City council £46 charge for using a park for small event). We haven't worked out how it's going to work for the Main Bradgate events.

British Sprints.

The organising team have worked through a budget with entry fees are about £25 and with a conservative entry numbers, we should be looking for a significant contribution to club funds. The downside risks especially things causing the cancelling of the event at any point through events such as foot & mouth, loss of landowner permission, loss of car parking, bad weather are lower than at Belvoir. Here we had to put so much money out up front but we did survive, through forfeit of entry fees and we could do the same again! The upside is the marginal cost is about £5 per head so a big surplus if over target number.

Roger Edwards