

Quantock Orienteers – Minutes of Committee Meeting

20 July 2017 at the COACH facility, French Weir, Taunton

1.1 RC welcomed the “new” committee and non-committee attendees. Attendees: Roger Craddock (Chairman), Rosie Wych (Secretary), Bill Vigar, Bob Lloyd, Steve Robertson (Treasurer), Judy Craddock (Fixtures/JOG), Jeff Pakes, Angela Modica, Vikki Page. Apologies: Chris Hasler

2.1 Minutes of previous meeting and AGM approved. RW reported that changes to the constitution had been carried out on the website.

2.2 Matters arising: 1. ACTION – SI TRAINING REFRESHER DATE TO BE SET - ROSIE/ANDY - **SEPTEMBER SUGGESTED**

2. ACTION– TIGHTEN UP MANNING OF SI AT FUTURE EVENTS – ANDY – **CONTINUES**

3. ACTION – QUERY IF “3 EVENTS ONLY” RULE FOR INSURANCE OF NON MEMBERS APPLIES TO ACTIVITIES – ROSIE - NO RESPONSE SO RC WILL PURSUE. **After referencing BOF documentation RC concluded that the ruling did apply. QO now to monitor non-member participation and impose ruling that after 3 events to compete individuals must join otherwise the club could be liable for claims. As whole family BOF membership is expensive JOG juniors can more cheaply join as individuals.**

4. ACTION – PRODUCE FIXTURE LIST FOR 2017-2018 –JUDY /FIXTURES SC **ONGOING**

5. ACTION – ATTEMPT CONVERSION OF MAP FILE TO OCAD INHOUSE – ANDY – **DONE/ONGOING**

6. ACTION – RESEARCH FEASIBILITY OF PARKING AT ALFOXTON HOTEL – BOB – **ONGOING**

7. ACTION – PROMOTE CLUB JACKETS THROUGH WEBSITE – ROSIE – ONGOING THROUGH WEBSITE **RW also to respond to promotional email from AGAME sports offering orienteering kit.**

8. ACTION – GPS TRAINING FOR SUMMER COACHING – RC/ANDY. **Non-event through lack of response. RC suggested further offer in the autumn.**

9. ACTION – APPROACH POTENTIAL NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS – ROGER **No success**

10. ACTION – INFORM BL OF LONG O VENUES – ROSIE **Done and ongoing**

11. ACTION – MONITOR USEFULNESS OF FEE FOR DOODLE POLL– ROGER **Appears to be working without payment**

12. ACTION – ASSESS SUITABILITY OF DUNSTER DEER PARK FOR 2018 GALOPPEN – ROSIE – **has visited area which needs map update. Suggested use of forest roads and one way system through Nutcombe Bottom for parking. RW BV and BL to discuss.**

13. ACTION – CHECK LARCH ISSUES FOR BLACKBOROUGH – BOB **BV has visited. BL to continue to clarify permissions situation**

14. ACTION – PRODUCE AGM AGENDA INCLUDING CONSTITUTION CHANGES - ROSIE **Done**

15. ACTION - APPROACH PETE AKERS RE INTEREST IN LEARNING PERMISSIONS ROLE – ROGER **Done – PA felt he was too far away to be useful overall but willing to assist in South Somerset locality**

3.1 Finance report. SR reported little change since AGM. The grant from Sport England has been received but SR needs to clarify when it can be spent. RC reported the request of £400 for the re-mapping and map production of Norton Manor Camp and would expect £200 payment for the activity provided by QO. RC and JC are also providing an activity for Taunton Athletic StarTrack and would anticipate receiving £40-50.

Fees for QOFL 2 as a level C event were set at £8(plus 2) for adults with juniors at £3 and families £12

RC had received a request from COACH for some contribution towards funding various items for the building. VP

suggested a contribution towards the kitchenette (approved but no figure set) RW suggested some QO photos would fit as artwork and also would promote the club.

ACTION – INVESTIGATE PHOTO ARTWORK COST ETC – VP

4.1 Past events:

- Club Champs produced by Richard Sansbury was enjoyable especially with the novelty of a Trail-O section. Refreshments provided by COACH caterers adequate. Especial thanks to Ray Toomey for his presentation. Attendance was quite low and as usual numbers for the AGM although enough for a forum, disappointing. Decision on 2018 format needs consultation with Brian Pearson who, as the Club Champ, should plan it.
- Summer relay series – QO presence at most relays and a big turnout at the Adams Avery. Forward planning needed to assess suitability of events for juniors. AM volunteered to do this in 2018
- Norton Manor Camp schools event – over 800 junior school children took part. 17 QO adults helped to make it so successful. Tess attempted to encourage follow up at QO events by promoting QO activities to each school and individual competitors as in the past there has been little impact on JOG attendance
- Yvette Baker Final – QO unable to populate a team as the venue is too far away
- COACH launch – QO provided 2 activities which were enjoyed by large numbers of junior school children
- World Orienteering Day – VP and Ray and Sue Toomey provided activities in 2 schools

4.2 Plans for future events:

- Events 2017/8 season – well populated. QOFLs on Saturdays in the autumn to promote JOG attendance. QOFLs to count towards JOG league.
- StarTrack T.A.C. – RC/JC to provide maze activity
- Peter Palmer Relays – JC to pursue potential of organising a club entry, AM volunteered support
- Christmas/New Year novelty – RC suggested utilisation of the final COACH session on 14 December with various junior and adult activities and a social element. ACTION - JC – incorporate in autumn schedule
- 2017 Longo O plans – EVENT NOW ON Fabian 4. Planners/controllers working on courses. BL working on permissions. ACTION – CONSULT DEVON OVER 2018 PLANS - RW
- Compass Sport cup preliminary round 2018 – car parking issue has been resolved with the field at Triscombe to be used and forest roads as a backup. Forestry work continues which hopefully will be completed to allow map updates. An exclusion zone has necessitated moving start/finish location. SR to start course planning and BL continue permissions work. An offer to co-ordinate the entries by the individual who has done it since 2006 should be accepted unless the event organise (Richard Sansbury) declines
- QO club night and Sport England application – sub group to meet on Tuesday 25 July
- QO 50th Anniversary Event 2018 – as the event should be on the Quantocks it will need to be September onwards when forestry felling operations completed. RW suggested that the event should have some sort of “retro” content, ACTION – JP – WEBSITE ARTICLE TO PROMOTE AND REQUEST IDEAS

5.1 Junior Orienteering Group – fixture list ongoing. JC to target non-member regulars to join to adhere to BOF regulations

5.2 Coaching – sessions have now finished and has been well attended. VP reported that she and Tess intend a de-brief session to reflect on activities so far and help plan future strategy and the structure of the programme. AM has successfully enlisted adult volunteer helpers and feels they need guidance on their role.

6.1 Membership – no report from JR. RC listed some of the lapsed members and some new ones. Total membership at 125 slightly down on recent years

6.2 Club captain – no report as he has been absent through ill health recently. Hopefully now active and all are keen to see Chris participate as before

6.3 Development. BOF questionnaire – compiled responses were forwarded to BOF by RW. Comment made on difficulty of ranking 12 items in order of priority

6.4 QO Contacts list - ACTION – CHECK AND CIRCULATE – RW

7.1 Mapping & Mapping sub-Committee – see BV report

Discussion on need to have medium/long term plans for usage of areas felt to be important and a reliable system for ensuring maps updated. No conclusions reached and further discussion required at MSC

7.2 Permissions – see report. The recently instituted regular meetings with forestry personal felt to be valuable. Suggestions for new areas – Willet Hill now available and mapping can continue. Great Headon has access issues to be resolved before the area can be used

7.3 POCs – Steve Elliston declined responsibility role here

8.1 Equipment Report Andy Rimes communicated the observation that as he now did not store the equipment it was impossible to produce a relevant report.

8.2 Purchase of SIAC cards – grant money available for this. ACTION – CHECK TIMESCALE ISSUE – SR. Devon are to purchase the particular cards necessary for the SI kit provided by BOF. The BOF SI kit passed on from Devon was missing cards but it is Devon’s responsibility to replace these. Andy later confirmed that normal SI dibbers will work.

8.3 Website JP won the chairman’s award for his work here and continually tries to keep it lively and interesting. RW suggested that Sarah Maynard could be approached to help here as she has other club website experience. RW also offered to help proof read content.

9 AOB

- RC suggested amalgamating the next committee meeting into club a night in October to open the meeting to a wider membership
- AM proposed a QO contribution to the summer relay series for 2018 which was positively received. ACTION – APPROACH SWOA FIXTURES SECRETARY TO ESTABLISH A DATE – JC
- SR queried if there is a SWOA conference in the autumn ACTION – CONTACT SWOA TO QUERY CLUB CONFERENCE – RW
- Doodle Poll next meeting – Thursday date in October

Meeting closed at 10.10pm

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11. ACTION – WEBSITE ARTICLE TO PROMOTE AND REQUEST IDEAS FOR 2018 ANNIVERSARY EVENT – JP
12. ACTION – CHECK TIMESCALE ISSUE FOR SIAC CARD PURCHASE – SR
13. ACTION – APPROACH SWOA FIXTURES SECRETARY TO ESTABLISH A DATE FOR SUMMER 2018 RELAY– JC
14. ACTION – CONTACT SWOA TO QUERY AUTUMN CLUB CONFERENCE – RW

Mapping Report 20-07-17

Not much activity to report as the summer is not a good time for map revisions in woods.

The recent felling at Neroche has been added to the map of this area. The large amount of debris that has been left behind has not been mapped as it is not known if some, or all, of it will be removed or burnt.

Most of the areas at Blackborough that have recently been felled have now been re-planted. This may mean we will not get permission to use them for several years.

As the Lidar data for some parts of the Quantocks has recently been improved I have revised the contour detail for the Slades. This has resulted in an improvement in the shape of the re-entrants and spurs and the moving of a couple of the large re-entrants by about 20m. Until the car parking issue is resolved no further action is envisaged.

Andy has done a few revisions to the OCAD version of the St. Audries map.

On another matter, it seems to me the club is having some difficulty in finding acceptable areas for our events, especially larger ones. I have been thinking about Great Headon, the hill just south of Minehead. The western part was mapped originally in about 1990 and we held at least three event there, the last being a Galloper in 1995. The eastern part was used for Long-Os in 1997 and 2006, both these maps were at 1:15.000 and there was some overlap between them. I have checked that the western part of the area is still in a suitable state for an event so it may be worth getting Bob L to explore ownership/permissions before we take the matter further. We previously accessed

the area from just east of Wootton Courtney using a good forest road. There is plenty of space for parking at the top of the hill.

Bill Vigar

Permissions Report for 20.07.2017

All permissions are still only in place for all major events up to and including QOFL1 on 16.9.17.

Long O. 30.09 & 1.10.2017

It has been very difficult to decide upon a venue for the first day for various reasons but now that the North Quantocks have been chosen, permissions are being pursued.

The same applies to the area decided upon for day two (the area around Cloud Farm on Badgworthy Water).
St Audries. QOFL2. 21.10.2017.

Not all competition area owners have been contacted yet but there is no reason to expect any problems.

The parking area question for this event has been resolved and agreed by the FC. This is to park along certain forest roads in the FC Deer Park area.

The Windmill Inn is to be approached about parking for coaches bringing groups who will be going on to the Compass Sport Cup at Yelverton

Wind Down QOFL3 18.11.17

Permission in principle has been received for this. Forms need to be sent.

Young Wood QOFL4. 14.01.2018.

Jon Burgess of FC and Gavin Saunders of Neroche Woodlanders have replied to queries about this area and there are points that still have to be sorted out. The main ones are the use of the actual Neroche Woodlanders area and permission for access along the route that they take in.

Compass Sport Cup Round 1. 11.03.2018

Access/parking/permission proposals and negotiations have been ongoing and a solution seems to have emerged.

A combined plan has been decided upon for the parking area and access to and from it, which incorporates fall back possibilities in the case of bad weather, etc.

The owner of the parking field needs to be consulted but has always been agreeable in the past.

Andy Harris (FC) is happy with this plan and only a bit of paperwork needs to be done.

Deer Park at Dunster for Galoppen 8.04.2018

Still to be fully investigated. A suggestion of the required area has been given by Bill.

Details of ownership changes have been received from Savills, the Crown Estate agents but need studying.

Car parking seems to pose the biggest question but NT will be approached about possibilities.

JOG and QOAD Areas

These have mostly been decided for the autumn and permissions will be obtained.

Willett Hill

FC Manage this area for an unknown owner.

Andy Harris has asked him, on or behalf, if an event on 24.02.2018 would be possible and he has agreed.

Apparently he is interested in outdoor country sports.

Haddon Hill

The ownerships (Exmoor National Park and one other) are now known and contacts to approach about event permission have been given.

Bob Lloyd