

Quantock Orienteers

Minutes for QO Committee Meeting

19.15 Friday 18th November 2022 67 Staplegrove Road, Taunton

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1	Start (1915) 1.1 In attendance – Steve Robertson, Judy Craddock, Roger Craddock, Bill Vigar, Pete Shirvington, Karen Lewis and Ollie Rant. Roger in chair in absence of Chairman. Apologies from Alasdair Shaw, Andrew Hopkins, Phil Sorrell. 1.2 Minutes were approved.	Karen
2	Matters Arising (1920) 2.1 Matters arising from previous meeting:	
	 We need more clarification as regards DBS checks and shadowing of juniors. Judy to obtain DBS forms and forward to JOG coaches. Phil has discussed DBS requirements with Jana Truby. 	Judy
3	Events and Activities (1930) 3.1 Past events: Club Champs – Mark Stodgell (winner 2022) will be planning it at Young Woods (formerly Orchard Portman). He has obtained the map from Bill. Triscombe – we need to ensure that risk assessments are retained. Ask Phil / Alasdair to set up a one drive that the organisers can upload the RA too. Can pre-entries and EOD (+ helpers) be added as well? Is RaceSignUp info retained? Kings Cliff Woods – First aid incident – accident form retained in book and we need to confirm that this was sent to BOF. Look at first aid kit. Talk to David Harrison about perhaps having crutches / walking stick available. We agreed the purchase of bolt croppers to ensure that we have access. Can we ask Phil / Alasdair to add a note to the 'How to be an Organiser' sheet about putting up of warning posters – at least 3 weeks before and at all public access points. Also we need to adhere to FE guidance on the permissions – warn riders / walkers / mountain bikers and regularly used routes. Map update needed. Castle Neroche – map update needed otherwise all went to plan. JOGs – can we ensure that Judy / Roger or whoever is on registration on the day, has a copy of the Racesignup details with contact information on. This follows a couple of competitors being out there after close of play. We also need to add Richard's Missing Competitor Procedure to the Risk Assessment – produced it for Triscombe and it was agreed this needed to be prepared for each event QOFL and above. Steve / Roger has the Triscombe one available to produce a template from. 3.2 Plans for future events: JOGs – see fixtures list. It was proposed by Phil to have a JOG league – we would need to increase fees to cover levy plus FE and maps. Nothing agreed as yet – committee members having a think about it ahead of next meeting. Can the all committee have access to the fixtures spreadsheet. Christmas Novelty 27th December and social afterwards – agreement made to put options on the Racesignup for food option – fees to be £2 per c	Roger / Judy

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- St Audries (Quantock North) 29th January 2023 Devon have agreed to lending SI boxes for the weekend and we are waiting a response with regards assisting.
- Street Series Steve has a volunteer to do a further street event this series at Monkton Heathfield. Can we run it by Alasdair. It was believed that Alasdair would suggest that it would be better pushed to next year.
 - Taunton street event on the 28th January 2023. Ollie looking for assistance putting out controls. Pete, Steve and Roger offered to help. Perhaps have a later start (11:30) to help. Judy will ask Andrew Page if he can assist. To avoid any misplacing of controls perhaps provide a picture of the control site with what three words to help locate.
- Junior Development. Phil has launched his Junior Development Program and is getting to JOGS to promote and talk to parents. Suggested school mazes, interschool leagues, CATI in summer months, Gower w/e event.
- Events in 2023 BSOC (British Schools Orienteering Championships) 19th November 2023. Committee have agreed to go for it if we can get Devon to work with us. Waiting for a response from Devon following their committee meeting this coming Tuesday.
 - CSC 12th March need to find out numbers wishing to enter and then we can look at the possibility of using a bus. Pete needs to enter and Judy to check membership at 30th Sept to see whether Cup or Trophy competition.

Permanent course on the Quantocks. Still waiting quote for posts and funds will not be released without this quote. Steve will try again. Perhaps we could look at running a CATI event based on where the controls will be. There are grants available that will cover the maps and information board.

Steve to run a planning course up to level 5. This will cover responsibilities of the planner. He will come up with dates for 3 sessions in Summer 2023 at Staplegrove village hall. Each session to be a couple of weeks apart.

- 3.3 RaceSignup Claire up and running. Can we get Claire / Alasdair to add options for the Christmas event (see above). Can we please ensure that entries close on a Thursday night to allow time for printing for all events.
- 3.4 Map Printing as a result of time constraints for Triscombe and Castle Neroche, we had to do the printing in-house. The maps need so much work that planning is taking longer. In-house printing working well Bill printing the A4, Andy can do A3 (while he continues to work), Roger doing JOG events. Urban map printing to be done in-house.
- 3.5 Committee have agreed that SIAC is to be enabled for all events.

4 Places (2120)

4.1 Mapping & Mapping sub-Committee. Bill's course on the 26th November. Bill will cover surveying. There will need to be a follow up course to cover the software / tech side of mapping. Perhaps bring in an expert to progress from surveying. OCAD is becoming more complicated and it needs to be used regularly to maintain knowledge.

Bill

4.2 Permissions – we need access to the fixtures spreadsheet – can this be shared with committee.

Andrew

4.3 feedback from FE meeting – no meeting waiting on the change of staff and how that affects things.

5	Marketing and Communications (2135)	
	5.1 Website development – Phil has the website in hand – he was tweaked main navigation. He has a backlog of articles to write.	Phil
	5.2 Advertising of Events – Facebook campaign still going well.	
	5.3 Chatsite. / email campaigns / social media	
6	People (2145) 6.1 Membership – See membership report from Judy.	Judy
	6.2 Volunteer Report	
	6.3 Club Captain – CSC 10 th March – need numbers soon. JK over Easter 2023 in the Lake District.	Pete
	6.4 Juniors – Phil would like to organise coaching in the Summer of 2023. Perhaps a family trip. Thinking about doing a CATE summer series in 2024. Phil has 3 school maze events already booked and is looking for helpers.	Phil
	6.5 Team leaders going forward and separate SI Team (see Andy's comments on attached). Andy to identify a team to set up and run SI.	Karen
7	Equipment (2215)	
	 7.1 Equipment report – Committee have agreed the purchase of the new download box and Bluetooth thermal printers. A new Xerox Laser (Phaser 6501N) has been purchased and is with Roger. 7.2 Trophies – It has been decided that we will do away with the trophies. However, we will retain one for the purposes of photograph opportunities – the same one for each category. We will issue each winner something. However, we are still looking at options – it was agreed that it would be better to have something useful as opposed to ornamental. Karen will look at buffs, caps, visors etc. and get some options together. 	
8	Money (2230) 8.1 Finance report. See financial report produced by Steve.	Steve
	8.2 Official expenses reimbursement rate. It was agreed to increase the mileage rate to 30 pence per mile.	
9	Any other business (2235)	
	9.1 Accident report forms – blanks are stored in the first aid box .9.2 Doodle poll for next meeting – Mid January.	Karen

Meeting finish 22:43