Quantock Orienteers

Minutes for QO Committee Meeting

19.15 Tuesday 5th December at 67 Staplegrove Road, Taunton

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|  | Start **(1915)** In attendance: Richard, Karen, Miffy, Ollie, Roger, Judy, Steve, Bill and Pete. Apologies received from Andrew.  Welcome to Miffy – joining the committee and will be taking over role of membership secretary. Minutes from previous meeting approved – Minutes approved. |  |
|  | Matters Arising – nothing from previous meeting. |  |
| 3 | Events and Activities (**1920**) Past events:  * QOFL Blackborough – successful, great weather. Parking donations collected in aid of the Devon Air Ambulance. Total donated £250 – letter of thanks received from the charity. * QO SWOL Great Wood – positive feedback received. * QOFL Great Bear – a few disgruntled runners with regards the green area on the map. Lessons were learnt from this event. Need to make sure than runners on the longer courses start no later than 13:00 hrs and that 14:30 is firm course close. We need all control collectors to wait for all control collectors to return before disappearing. If a search needs to be organised, we will then have the numbers. Parking issue – not only put up a sign saying orienteers only but also a sign warning that the gate will be locked at 15:00 hrs. With regards website changes for an event, all should come through the organiser. Planner is in charge of the map numbers printed, so perhaps late entries should be channelled through to them. Ollie and Karen have received a lot of junk mail/messages as a result of telephone number / email address being on website. Need to look at setting up temporary email addresses – organiser@ / planner@ / controller@ * Summary of training sessions – juniors – total 12 participants * Summary of training sessions – seniors – total 12 participants   Both adult and junior training sessions a great success – thank you to the coaches. Feedback from participants positive and hoping for more. No training organised for next term. Need senior coaches to undergo training – there is a BOF coaching qualification session online.   * JOGS – League results and JOG stats (full list attached) – approx. 40% are senior members, and 30% are non-members. 50% of participants are under 16. Of the remainder the age group 40-70 is most common. 2/3 participants are new to orienteering. Equal gender balance. Good use is made of all 4 levels with badger being the least popular. 10 planner and 8 controllers were used, providing potential for future QOFLS. * Regional Events - Email from Brian Pearson – see below. Numbers are on the increase and hopefully we will get the numbers for runs to count in the ranking in future. Steve had analysed attendance figures year on year and numbers are increasing. We agreed that events would be regional, so let’s leave them as is at present. | *Roger / Judy* |
| 3 | Plans for future events: - Following the strategy meeting – see attached proposed future events pattern which was drawn up by Richard. The purpose is to try and not reduce number of events but reduce the burden on planning and permissions. Committee agreed the basic monthly pattern and the continuation through summer. However, it was suggested and agreed to use 4 regular venues for JOGs – each twice per year. It was also suggested and agreed, to avoid event congestion, that we have some events on Saturdays.  Coaching to be considered an activity. JOGs to be registered as events and levy paid otherwise insurance is in doubt. This will increase charges – about £40 per JOG. It was agreed to increase JOG charges to £3 for online entry and £4 for entry on the day.  - Spunch league summer 2024 – Ollie keen to get a Spunch league up and running. Ollie will co-ordinate. He needs willing people to take ownership of an event. He will advise and show how and each event takes about 5 hours tops to set up and run.  - Bill proposed no white course and perhaps make the yellow shorter. Too big a step for juniors - committee agreed to review this in a year.  UKOL in 2025 – Jim Mallinson to plan. Just need to confirm start location. Alasdair to register.  Compass sport 2025 – need to decide area / find planner etc. Steve and Richard to discuss. |  |
|  | Places **(2020)** Mapping & Mapping sub-Committee. Steve has a master map inventory - list of maps, who holds them, present state of map and last used. This will be shared on cloud based system once up and running. Andy holds masters of the larger areas and Jim holds master of urban and smaller JOG areas. Steve needs to pass on map updates for Great Wood, Great Bear and Triscombe.Permissions – email received from Andrew – he is chasing up all controls etc. New FE system should be up and running soon and will speed up the process. Andrew is on it.FE meeting – See attached minutes. | *Bill*  *Andrew* |
|  | Marketing and Communications **(2040)** Website – issues with feeding information for updating website.Advertising of events – regular email to go to interested / signed up members. Miffy will email BOK to advertise our events with them. **5.3** Chatsite. / email campaigns / social media. Phil has suggested that we set up a WhatsApp Community (doesn’t share phone numbers). This can be used for lift shares etc. |  |
|  | People **(2130)** Membership – see attached membership report.**6.2** Club Captain – nothing to add at this time. **6.3** Team leaders  **6.4** Roger and Judy stepping down – update following meeting. No responses received to website appeal. It is a big task finding people to step and fill the roles. At this time, Richard will concentrate on the big issues to start with – finding a job co-ordinator and an equipment caretaker. Richard will cover the position of fixtures secretary at present. Committee to let Richard know if they have any suggestions. | *Judy*  *Pete*  *Richard* |
|  | Equipment **(2145)** EquipmentDefibrillator Unit – over £800 to buy and about £50 per year maintenance. Committee agreed not to get one at this present time. **7.3** One drive / cloud storage update. Richard has investigated Dropbox and thinks this is the way forward. Need a volunteer to set up and look after subscription. This will be used for documents that have to be kept for the 5 year required period (RAs and participation lists). |  |
|  | Money (**2200**) Finance report. See financial report produced by Steve. Once we have paid FE, then it will be about £1800 to £2000 in deficit for year. | *Steve* |
|  | Any other business (2210)  **9.1** Next meeting – Next meeting to be held on Wednesday 7th February 2024. | *Karen* |

Email from Brian Pearson –

I just thought I would raise a potential issue with the step up to making QOFLs Regional events, probably more for the committee to review.  On Blue there weren't enough competitors to have BOF ranking points applied and at the previous event Blue only just scraped through on second attempt when a missing BOF number was added.

I know there isn't much that can be done about who enters which course or how many enter, but if people are travelling to a regional event, they may be disappointed not to receive points.