

Minutes of Meeting, CLOK Committee – Thursday 12 May 2016

Present - Paul and Wendy Taylor, Peter Archer, Duncan Archer (Chair), Joan Selby, Diane Mayes, Dave Aspin, Joe Trigg, Ann Cranke

1. **Apologies**

Chris Wright, Paul Thornton, Richard Rigby

2. **Minutes of March 2016 meeting**

The revised minutes (as circulated with May meeting agenda) were approved

3. **Matters Arising from Previous Minutes**

3.3.3.3.6 Grade B Controllers Course – Rob McKenna and Julian Warren would like to go ahead with this – Paul Taylor to report back when he has made progress – *Deferred until the Autumn*

CLOK League

The results of the 2015 CLOK league were published in the last edition of Tchimes and all trophies have now been presented

The events that form this years league have not yet been identified. After discussion it was agreed that the league should continue to be based entirely on CLOK events at level C or higher. Score, O-Cross and Urban events are to be excluded due to complications in scoring - *Duncan to compile list of events that will form 2016 league*

Also noted the winners of the Acorn trophies, based on the results of the northern champs event at Mulgrave have not yet been determined – *Ann Cranke to identify 2016 Acorn winners*

Post meeting note:

Duncan has identified the following events:

- Feb – Hutton Mulgrave & Skelder
- Mar – Hutton Lowcross
- Apr – Mulgrave
- May – Silton
- Sep – South Gare
- Dec – Fylingdales

CLOK Membership List

Peter Archer has circulated latest list to committee.

CLOK website & use of Facebook

- CLOK website is agreed to be the best reference point and information source in regard to events etc. Works well for established orienteers.
- Website does not 'attract' new participants
- Facebook probably better for providing 'dripfeed' of information and can be used as a targeting tool
- Some areas on the CLOK website contain information that is old/out of date - *Duncan to liaise with Alastair Mackenzie to address update of out of date*

information

4. **Treasurer's Report**

Richard prepared the following report in advance of the meeting:

Main account is looking healthy

Northern Champs- still can't give a final figure but

Whitby costs £2344

Mulgrave costs £5441

Fab 4 income £7698, so break even at present

Further income expected is expected from Fabian 4 - just waiting on their monthly spreadsheet

It was noted that the Whitby urban benefited from a larger entry than expected, helping to offset the additional cost for coaches on Sunday –should we have asked for a voluntary contribution from competitors towards the cost of coaches?

CLOK subsidies

It was agreed that CLOK would apply its usual policy for subsidizing national representation / camps, which is 50% of personal contributions, up to a max of £300 per junior/student, or £200 per senior, per year. Payments will be made to

- Rebecca Aspin – JROS camp
- Alice Rigby – JWOC
- Aidan Rigby – EYOC

Post meeting note: Duncan has asked Richard to arrange payments

5. **Events**

Summer series

Summer series is going well. Joe requested assistance with registration/ map exchange at Marske event as Maureen is not available. Joan & Peter both available.

Permissions for Geneva Woods has been obtained.

Training

- Numbers attending training seem to range from around 12 at Eston to 20ish at Errington
- **21 May – Teesside University**
Nigel Wright (NN) is leading.
- **25 June – Live Moor**
Joan has arranged areas for parking. May be limited if it is wet.

Barnard Castle – Urban

With less than 2 months to go there are currently no officials in place. There has been

no response for the recent request for event officials which was circulated to the whole club. It was therefore agreed the event should be cancelled.

Joe Trigg to cancel on the BOF fixtures

South Gare

Due to injury Ann may not be able to plan the event. Charles Mayes may be able to plan as an alternative to planning Newton Hanzard. *To be discussed further*

Post meeting note: Ann would still like to plan if she can. Neil Hunter has also offered

Cringle Moor –CSC 2017

Duncan to confirm with Chris Mackenzie whether he is in the process of appointing officials for this event

6. Northern Champs weekend review

Much seemed to go well. There were significant challenges including the weather on Saturday and late requirement for busses on Sunday. Many good comments and most competitors seemed happy.

The size of the Whitby urban map gave last minute issues.

At Mulgrave there were issues with toilets. The starts were poor and a dedicated start team leader must be identified in the future. We were also a bit exposed by a lack of first aid.

Duncan to write up learning from this weekend as an aide to officials of future large events

Equipment:

- Start clocks were borrowed from HALO – without instructions:
Following the fun and games at the N. Champs weekend it was agreed we should go ahead and purchase TWO of the Ted Finch clocks @ £300 each
- It was agreed we should explore getting TWO new laptops. This would allow us to do at least all our Level C and Level D events with new laptops, meaning various benefits, e.g. can keep up to date on security patches, faster to start, etc. For larger events we also then have a more powerful laptop to cope with e.g. extra commentary load. We might also consider buying a wireless router, if that allowed us to connect laptops together wirelessly at events (less wires to plug in when setting up!), and allow competitors to see results on local Wifi network.
As laptops obviously vary massively, Duncan to work out requirements and make a recommendation for approval.
- Gripples – At Whitby it was seen that a few were become well used and may need replacing although Joe noted that more had been bought recently and at least had enough for summer series. Additional gripples may be needed for the Guisborough event in September.

Duncan to notify Richard to confirm we can go ahead with purchases.

Post meeting note: Richard has confirmed his support for purchase of the above.

7. **Events Programme 2017**

Agreed we should continue with overall plan of:

- New year team score
- CSC round this year
- Level C events monthly on Sundays
- Winter Saturday morning training (Jan/Feb/Mar/Apr, as we then have summer series)
- Summer series evening events
- Autumn sprint series Saturday mornings

Discussion:

- This is quite a load on officials – so will need to work on training up more
- Maybe a problem finding areas, although our subsequent discussion revealed we have sufficient, especially as we are happy using areas two years in a row.
- One alternative discussed was reducing the number of Sunday events in favour of lower key level D events, but we agreed we definitely want to keep such “proper orienteering” events.
- Also Level C events do have a certain attraction that Level D events (just in the name, although also higher expectation of area, planning, etc.).
- Agreed to focus on forest/moor orienteering as much as possible for Sundays, as we have plenty of park / urban type events in summer and autumn series.

2017 events:

- Jan Hardwick Park team score
- Feb Hutton Mulgrave
- Mar Cringle CSC round
- Apr Eston O-cross (2 loops on moor, then down the slope?)
- May Roseberry & Newton Woods
- Jun Ayton Moor (early in month; park on Percy Rigg as Gribdale gets too congested)
- Sept Stockton (riverside map extended towards town centre)
- Oct Sneaton
- Nov Boltby incl. moor (NE score champs)
- Dec some combination of Cod Beck, Scarth Wood Moor, Coalmire (tbd what)
- Plus winter training (4), summer series (8), autumn sprint (4) to be arranged nearer the time

Next steps:

- Duncan to fix dates at NEOA fixtures meeting.
- Chris Mackenzie to make early start on identifying officials.
- Officials to then make early visits to identify exactly which bit of area to use, any map update requirements, and which permissions required (if not obvious).

October Odyssey 2018 at Sneaton & Fylingdales.

JK 2020 some discussion, nothing concrete, suspect we may end up with Northumberland areas, which is a long trek for CLOK officials. Will be discussed further at NEOA fixtures meeting.

Other map notes:

- Arncliffe – Duncan to have a run round some time to see if viable.
- Coalmire – Duncan also (same run?!)
- Ayton Moor – Paul's spreadsheet coloured it green, but it is thought to be fine.
- Cringle – Some discussion on parking, we have permission for the grass, although could be waterlogged and alternative options not obvious (double yellow lines on road)
- Bank Foot – More recent felling, write-off for now
- Brierley – Felling around Dec 2014 (Duncan visited), write-off for now
- Catterick – Current army head is anti-orienteering so unlikely to get access till he retires. Beyond that we may, they reserve the right to pull permission e.g. if we go to war, but in practice maybe we would take that gamble for a Level C?
- Errington – Considered ok still for Level C although not using in 2017.
- Goathland – Has current permissions problem. Goathland south issue is game keeper who would have to remove/move all his traps. Goathland north is the landowner (the gamekeeper fine, and said so for our 2015 event, although subsequently the owner said no... but only after the event had happened!)
- Mulgrave – We can go in every 2 years.
- Silton – More recent felling, just about ok for this weekend, but then write-off for now.
- North Gare – Not mapped but apparently better than South Gare. Joan to investigate.

8. **Any Other Business**

Permanent Orienteering Courses

BO has updated the permanent course portal on their website. Following brief discussion Duncan will act as the POC manager as far as keeping the BOF website up to date is concerned.

Duncan to contact Mike Hardy to get an update on general state of repair of each POC, and whether the landowners would be ok with use putting a map for free download on the BOF website

BOF Association/ club conference

Date is 29th October. No agenda or further details yet – *Peter Archer likely to attend*

Schools orienteering

Recent inter-primary competition had 857 participants. It is a shame that if the ODP stops such events won't happen anymore however following brief discussion it is still felt that these events have brought particular benefit to the club.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held Thursday 09th June - location TBA

