

Minutes of Solway Orienteers Committee Meeting 2nd November 2022

Present: Tim O'Donoghue

Helen O'Donoghue

Stuart Graham

Joyce Rammell

Fiona Penney

Derek Kennedy

Alistair Murgatroyd

1. Minutes of last meeting not available but hand written notes were referred to
 - A] The NWCampus coaching is in progress – outcomes are variable at present.
 - B] There has been little additional information about Racism at Cricket Scotland. Ian and Tim have in the meantime updated our "Matters of Concern" form as discussed previously.
2. A brief update was provided about a first aid provision company having been found to be run by people previously convicted of sexual abuse offences, following the arrival of a few emails over summer from SOA. Apparently there is a court case scheduled. At no time has Solway Orienteers had any dealings with the company.
3. Forthcoming events were then discussed using Derek's spread sheet. Changes or matters arising are as follows
 - 09/09/22 Crichton – The date of this has been changed.
 - 03/12/22 Summerpark – Derek is now considering either Troqueer or Georgetown for a street event
 - 14/12/22 Crossmicheal – Alastair was informed that the area is very small so effort needs to be made to keep people crossing the area.
 - 2/1/23 Mabie Knoll bagging – Briony has agree to take this on but may need to change the dates to accommodate her family Christmas plans.
 - 21/01/23 Heathhall – Ian mentioned that there has been some recent felling there but it should not have an impact on the part of the wood that we use.
 - 04/02/23 Barhill has been suggested, there are still some restrictions, but you can get round it. It may be suitable for a score event.
 - 25/02/23 and 25/03/23 – no locations as yet decided but both dates have no calendar clashes. Corncockle woods was proposed but most likely options seem to be Hills Wood in February and Rainton in March with the latter possibly following on from a schools championships.
4. The proposed date for the club meal is 20th January.
5. The new SOA Development officer has links with university orienteering and they are keen to revitalise university participation in the sport. In line with this interest Tim has sent the Crichton students body an invitation for their students to take part in our next Crichton activity.
6. Sports clubs can be either Incorporated or not Incorporated. The benefit of being a charitable organisation is that if there is a serious incident resulting in litigation, liability rests with the club and not the individual. However our constitution would need amending considerably and could grow from a single page to more than 10 pages if other examples are to be followed. We would also need to open a new bank account

which is not without problems. The committee decided to shift the club to Incorporated status.

7. Dave has reminded us that he wishes to step down as the third signatory for our current bank account. This is not an arduous role but does need to be filled.
8. The 80 question BOF survey on clubs was discussed at length, even though only the questions that needed discussion were addressed. Tim will complete the form and submit it before the due date (6th Nov), and will include mention of our concerns about the process.
9. AOB: a request has been received for club Committee and AGM minutes to be circulated to all members. The committee view is that only a limited number of members will read them but making the minutes available on the website is reasonable route to sharing the information with those who wish to see it. Future minutes will need to avoid using full names of juniors and also be circumspect when discussing topics like potential event officials and committee members. Some checking of back minutes will be needed to ensure that they comply with such requirements.

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Apologies Alistair Murgatroyd

10. Minutes of last meeting agreed, no matters arising

11. Carol Graham has stepped down but Briony Kincaid has agreed to join the Committee

12. Planning -The upcoming events were discussed at length – see the attached spread sheet. Discussions was initially about who would plan which events. The Summer season was very successful and bought on board some new planners – we need to build on that, In particular the following and who may plan them were discussed

03/09/22 Crichton – seen as a good option for a youngster to plan as its relatively easy to plan and it would also be easy for experienced members to help out.

03/09/22 Silvercraig - this was suggested as ideal for Ali Gourley

22/9/22 Cally Woods – Stuart was happy to take this on and felt it would make a good night venue or possibly a night event followed by a day event.

15/11/22 Crichton – Derek

03/12/22 Summerpark – Derek

14/12/22 Crossmichael – as yet the organiser is to be confirmed – Alastair?

3/1/23 Mabie Knoll bagging – Briony may agree to take this on.

21/01/23 Heathhall – Ian

The Autumn SOL/SOSOL was discussed but it was felt that we had no area big enough with parking.

Events. Various rural woods were discussed as possible venues. Mabie is open again but has not yet been visited. Silvercraigs which was unusable due to storm damage in December is now feasible again.

8/06/22 Drumlanrig – There are various issues but if they can be resolved, this could be a useful venue.

13. Other possible events and venues were discussed including and the Spread sheet was referred to

a) Cally has been visited by Tim and it is in good condition.

b) 24/09/22 Drumlanrig - there may be a conflict with the Lakes coaching. The woods are still closed but we should explore use of the open area. This would be a welcome return to our calendar – courses will need to be designed to be sufficiently challenging.

c) 15/10/22 Shambellie – this was still not considered a suitable option and it may need re-mapping due to the paths being rearranged.

14. Mapping – we need to develop our use of Lidar. Alistair is now confident using Lidar. A group of people interested in mapping had a preliminary session where each looked at a small area of the Crichton and we then shared our views on how the area should be mapped.
The pros and cons of Lidar were discussed.

15. Now that Covid restrictions are much reduced, although no one can predict how this may change in the future as it hasn't gone away, the question of continuing pre-entry was raised. This could involve any of several commercial systems which vary in price. An obvious problem of this is that entry on the day may no longer be an option and this could effect membership numbers. Tim is familiar with the option that was proposed as being best suited to our needs and described it as a bit tricky to use. A hybrid solution was put forward and going forward a few additional maps will be ordered for events to accommodate anyone who turns up looking for entry on the day.

16. The recent report on racism at Cricket Scotland was raised and discussed. It was decided that our form for "Raising Concerns" should be extended so that all forms of failing to behave respectfully to others be included, after checking that our welfare officer agrees with this.

If we had a policy within the club SOA can then join us if they want to do so.