

Minutes of club meeting on 18th May 2010

At 8 pm at Merry Bells, Wheatley

1. Present

Colin Duckworth (chair), Yvonne Hodson, John Dalton, Neville Baker, Ian Buxton, Steve Stone, Martin Ricketts

2. Apologies for absence

Peter Narramore, Alison Smith, Lyn Blackie, Peter Riches, Mark Thompson, Alun Jones, John Farren, Bob Beresford, Brian Palmer, Fred Ashford, John Thompson, Andrew & Liz Chalmers, Lyn Blackie

3. Minutes of last meeting

Accepted

4. Actions from January 2010 meeting

Neville can find out who owns & seek permission for new area E. of Furze Brake, Culham. Mikhail Gryanevitch will map if permission granted. Neville will do this after the Furze Brake event (3rd June)

Action: Neville Baker and Mikhail G

Bradenham event to be promoted through countryside 2010 campaign. Yvonne Hodson has done this. Action complete

5. Actions from March 2010 meeting

JOK considering Shotover for sprints on day before CC2011. Peter Narramore has been in touch with John Dalton and the JOK team regarding Shotover access, contacts and current issues to be aware of. He is happy to answer any further questions as required. Action complete.

John Last to ask Roger Thetford to send AGM minutes to Ian Buxton. Done. Apparently minutes were written in November but did not reach Ian.

John Last to put "updating the web site to include a member's forum" as proposed by Steve Stone on the agenda for the next meeting. Done

6. Past events

11th April 2010, Shotover, organiser Peter Narramore, planner Ed Nicholas.

Peter Narramore reported by e-mail, "Shotover in April seems to have been a success (even attracting the BOF chairman, or so I gather). A good turnout (146 seniors and 45 juniors, up from 101+26 last time) and no serious injuries or complaints. I've just sent the event finances spreadsheet off to Martin Ricketts. There are still some costs to

include on that and hopefully he will be able to report final figures at the meeting. However, it looks as if the event was successful financially too.”

7. Future events

6th June, 2010, Bradenham/Downley, organiser Paul Greenough), planner Brian Palmer, controller Mark Thompson. Parking to be in main field at bottom.

Mark Thompson reported by e-mail, “I have controlled the courses and sites. All ok except for long orange which Brian needs to fix. Expect to go to printers on schedule.”

Brian Palmer reported by e-mail, “I will be carrying out a final tidy up on the Bradenham maps before sending them to the printers. There will not be a Long Orange course. Courses are: Brown; Blue; Green; Light Green; Orange; Yellow and White.”

30th August, Didcot, Organiser probably Lyn Blackie but open to offers, Planner Roger Thetford, Controller John Spence.

24th October 2010, Kingswood. Organiser, the Forbes, planner Ian Buxton, controller Roger Baker.

19th December 2010, Wendover. Same team as for 2009 of: Ian Buxton (planner), John Thompson (controller), Martin Ricketts (organiser)

13th March, 2011, Chiltern Challenge, Hambleden, John Dalton (organiser), Steve Long (planner). The FCC & UK Cup will be included.

7.1. Venues for Chiltern Challenge

Venues for the next few years include Great Hampden, Christmas Common and possibly Woodcote. Colin Duckworth will investigate Woodcote availability.

Action: Colin Duckworth

JK 2013 will be in SCOA area and TVOC will be involved. This affects the choice of CC venues. Neville Baker will consider.

7.2. Saturday Series

Completed Whiteleaf, Cholesbury, Downley. Coming Penn Wood and new event at Shotover on 12th June

Mark Thompson is looking for planners for Sept 2010 to June 2011. He thanked Yvonne, Pete, Heather and Bob who stepped up to complete the line up for this year.

7.3. Summer Series

Completed Brill & Shotover (44 people). Coming Wittenham, Hodgemoor, Furze Brake, etc.....

7.4. Non TVOC events

1. 13th June, Hawridge & Cholesbury – private event for a village society on new map. Organiser: Yvonne Hodson
2. 26th June, Aylesbury Youth Games. Organiser Ian Buxton

3. 27th June, Oxford Youth Games, Iffley Road. Organiser Denise Harper
4. 4th August, Playday
5. 8 to 14th August, Girl Guides in Abingdon

John Last will find out what these last two are.

Action John Last

8. Officers reports

8.1. Captain

Alison Smith reported by e-mail, “We have held the first of the two schools training events, for girls from Year 8 from 7 schools in the Didcot and Wallingford area, at Wittenham on Friday 7 May. The day was very successful, including a map walk, cone and grid exercises, short courses and a score competition. Many thanks to the six TVOC helpers who gave up time to organise the event. The second event, for boys, will be on 14 May. We are receiving a donation of £200 for the two days, towards the purchase of a second download printer as it would have been useful to have two available on the day. The committee is asked to approve this.

Tina Blower, the school sports co-ordinator, is very keen to hold a similar event for primary schools but I feel we cannot ask coaches to give up more of their weekdays in the near future. I will discuss with the coaches whether we might be able to offer anything similar next year or in the autumn.”

Yvonne Hodson said that Denise Harper had trained several coaches at Riverside Centre. These could be put in contact with Wallingford Schools.

Action Alison Smith

A second download printer was agreed.

Action Alun Jones

8.2. Chairman

Colin Duckworth read a letter from Neil Cameron (BOF chairman) to group committee chairman limiting their freedom to express opinions. It was agreed that this was high handed in an amateur sport run by volunteers.

Colin read out a list of the new 4 tier event structure sent by Barry Elkington. This seems to be similar to the old structure.

8.3. Treasurer

Martin Ricketts said that we were breaking even over the year.

8.4. Car Park team

Neville Baker is investigating rolls of plastic mesh for ground cover in muddy car parks. These would be expensive and hard to transport. A trailer could be hired.

8.5. Development committee

John Dalton reported on the first meeting, which took place on Monday 17th May. Alun Jones chaired. They had decided on areas on interest, identified club strong points and looked for potential for improvement. They intend to make proposals by September.

9. Clubmark

Colin Duckworth listed the officials and organization that we will need for clubmark. The list will be given to the development committee to decide how to proceed

Action: Development Committee

10. Mapping

Mark Thompson reported by e-mail. "Hambleton map update complete. Thanks to John Farren for doing half of it. Blocks have been felled. We are pursuing access plan for an update prior to event and forestry work plan! Some areas will be taped oob."

Bob Beresford reported by e-mail, "Mapping - almost completed the NE part of the wood- 60% of the Penn Wood area - enough for the Saturday courses. The whole area has been resurveyed based on the Roger Lott draft map from 6 years ago - apart from the main paths everything else is changed!

Draft courses (Yellow, Orange, Light Green, Light Green extension) done and being reviewed

Final permission awaited from Woodland Trust - outline permission already given (done by Andrew Chalmers earlier this year)

Very limited parking in Curzon School, Penn Street -remainder on the roads outside school. (We couldn't use the church car park as there is a wedding - but it would be OK for future use in small events)"

11. Updating the web site

At the March meeting Steve Stone said that he was thinking of updating the web site to include a member's forum using a commercial system. Ian Webb thought that our Google web site could cover most of these functions. This was not really discussed, as the meeting had broken up so it is on the agenda for this next meeting.

Steve Steve described his proposal using phpBB. The site licence would need to be upgraded costing an extra £50 p.a.. The upgrade was approved.

Ian Buxton had ideas for updating the web site using Drupal. He will discuss with Steve.

Action: Ian Buxton, Steve Stone

12. Any other business

12.1. Not JK

Peter Riches proposed a "not the JK" event at Easter next year, as a lot of people will not be going to N Ireland! Neville Baker will check fixtures. It was assumed that Peter is willing to organise.

Action: Neville Baker

12.2. Competition Review Phase 2

Alison Smith asks how we should respond to BOF's Competition Review Phase 2, received from BOF. Most members objected to the review and survey in various ways. Colin Duckworth will collate and coordinate comments and reply to BOF

Action: Colin Duckworth

12.3. Jonathan Fairn Trophy

John Thompson asked how the Jonathan Fairn trophy should be decided now that the BOF ranking list is useless. It was agreed that times should be compared with the 3 fastest in the age group running the correct course at the November Classic. Martin Ricketts offered to help with calculation.

Action: John Thompson

12.4. Harvester

The TVOC Harvester team was congratulated on retaining the B class trophy.

13. Next meeting(s)

July 20th, September 21st, and November 16th. All at 8pm at the Merry Bells. The Summer Series should avoid these dates.

John Last