

Minutes of club meeting on 19th January 2010

At 8 pm at Merry Bells, Wheatley

1. Present

Colin Duckworth (chair), Ian Buxton, Mikhail G, Steve Stone, Fred Ashwood, Neville Baker, John Farren, Martin Ricketts, Yvonne Hodson, John Dalton (minutes)

2. Apologies for absence

John Last, Peter Narramore, John Thompson, John Worth, Lyn Blackie

3. Minutes of last meeting:

Accepted

4. Actions from November meeting

New club banner. It's not clear who currently holds the banners. Could they all be brought to the CompassSport Cup on Sunday? Still need to discuss permanent keepers of the banners. Should they live with the Saturday kit?

Neville Baker to consider sprint race in 2010 fixture list. Decided NOT to run a sprint race in 2010.

Colin Duckworth to complete Clubmark forms. This can now be achieved.

Action: Colin Duckworth

5. Past events

20th December, Wendover. Ian Buxton (planner), John Thompson (controller). Martin Ricketts (organiser). Cancelled due to bad weather causing a multitude of problems (e.g. road up hill impassable to vehicles, status of car parking field, snow covering dangerous terrain, more snow forecast overnight Saturday). Discussed rescheduling of event and reuse of pre-printed maps. Concluded this could only sensibly occur on 19th December 2010.

9th January, Oxford University Parks, [SP 513072](#), Beginners Coaching, Postponed due to snow/ice

16th January, Oxford University Parks, [SP 513072](#), Beginners Coaching, 10:00 - 12:00
Took place with 4 children and 2 adults. A good start, impacted by preceding school closures due to weather and therefore reduced publicity. All leaflets have been distributed (approx. 250).

6. Future events

23rd January, Furze Brake, Culham, [SU 534965](#), Introduction to Saturday Series Event

30th January, Oxford University Parks, [SP 513073](#), Beginners Coaching, 10:00 - 12:00

6th February, Oxford University Parks, [SP 513073](#), Beginners Coaching, 10:00 - 12:00

13th February, Oxford University Parks, [SP 513073](#), Beginners Coaching, 10:00 - 12:00

20th February, Shotover Woods, [SP 564062](#), Introduction to Saturday Series Event
John Thompson needs a cut of the Shotover map now to enable the planning of this event. John Farren and Mikhail G to talk to Ed Nicholas to ensure latest copy can be sent to John Thompson. Mikhail G to ensure that his corrections are included in future version of map
Action: John Farren and Mikhail G

14th February, 2010, Nettlebed. Fred Ashford (organiser), Roger Thetford (planner), Mike Pemberton (controller), Martin Ricketts and John Farren (mapping), Steve Stone (entries). Fred summarised the problems that he has had obtaining the necessary manpower for the event. There will be two starts and three road crossings to be manned. Much chasing and tracking down of correct email addresses for members has been carried out. Fred thinks we are OK now. But more offers of help will lighted the load for everyone. Steve Stone to run a RADIO event at the event. **Action: Steve Stone**

11th April, 2010, Shotover on extended map, organiser Peter Narramore, planner Ed Nicholas. Email from Peter Narramore discussed. Should be OK. But there has been a reorganisation within Oxford City Council resulting in new contacts, and a possible environmental review. Colin gave copy of email to Neville.

6th June, 2010, Bradenham (not Downley), planner Brian Palmer. Parking to be in main field at bottom. Permission to be confirmed. **Action: Fred Ashford**

24th October, 2010, Kingswood

19th December, 2010, Wendover. Provisionally 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). JOK considering Shotover for sprints on previous day. Mark Thompson re-mapping Hambleden with help from John Farren. BOF have allocated a Mapping Advisor, Colin Hicks. John Dalton to make contact with Colin Hicks.

Action: John Dalton (COMPLETE)

7. Officers reports

Mark Thompson wants to give up as organiser of Saturday Series.

John Worth wants to stand down as Club Captain after CompassSport Cup.

John Thompson wants to stand down as organiser of Summer Series.

Much discussion was had to identify new people to step in to these important roles. JK Relays need coordinating very soon. No names were confirmed for any role. Colin Duckworth (and anyone else) to talk to club members at CompassSport Cup on 24th January. Volunteers welcome. **Action: Colin Duckworth**

Membership, Yvonne Hodson.

Yvonne is expanding contacts with Riverside Activity Centre, Donnington Bridge, Oxford. They are trying to get Orienteering promoted into local secondary schools. Denise Harper is helping them do this. In addition, they have access to Westminster Woods, and can provide showers and indoor and outdoor classrooms. Facilities can be made available to TVOC if needed.

Treasurer, Martin Ricketts

Have received the £600 BOF grant to cover coaching expenses.

8. Clubmark

See above

9. Mapping

Mapping course with Andrew Chalmers going very well, despite interruptions from the weather. Some very nice maps being produced. Cholesbury part pretty much finished. Hawridge part has been started.

New area E. of Furze Brake, Culham has been identified as a potential new area. Would link with Furze Brake map via a short footpath. Would make a good Saturday / Summer event. Area thought to belong to one of the Oxford colleges. Mikhail would map the area if Neville can find out who owns it to seek permission.

Action: Neville Baker and Mikhail G

10. Any other business

Countryside 2010 is a campaign being promoted by the Rural Development Programme in England to get people out into the countryside 29th May -13th June this year.

Bradenham event to be promoted through this programme. **Action: Yvonne Hodson**

Mikhail G wondered if more could be done to mitigate against the risks of cancellation of winter events through bad weather. Two TVOC events were cancelled (or at least postponed) due to snow in 2009. Should TVOC employ a more rigorous approach to Risk Management, and identify alternatives in case of snow etc? General feeling is that this is a responsibility of the event organiser.

11. Next meeting(s)

March 16th, May 18th, July 20th, September 21st, November 16th. All at 8pm at the Merry Bells. The Summer Series should avoid these dates.

John Dalton