

Minutes of the Border Liners Committee Meeting on Monday 7th March 2016

Venue: (with thanks to Richard and Anita Evans)

Present: Stella Lewsley (chairman), Dick Whitworth, Christine Goulding, Gerry Garvey, Paul Williams, Jeff Powell-Davies, Andy Lewsley, Anita Laird, Richard Evans, Anita Evans

Apologies received: John Roelich, Emily Brown

1. The Chair: welcomed everybody to the meeting

2. The Minutes: from the previous meeting were taken as read, with no amendments or matters arising.

3. Treasurers report: The Beacon event made a surplus of £68, but we bought 6 mats for £120 out of the event income. These mats would have been used to get cars into and out of the parking field, had it been used, and are there to be possibly used in the future.

BO are increasing fees – something to discuss at next meeting? **DW**

4. Feedback from recent events: PW said mud was an issue at the Beacon. Golf club ok'd track to wood, PW diverted route – a complaint re mess. Positive feedback re event location – tea/coffee, large room, food available etc. Advantage that no players on course that day due to weather otherwise more marshals would have been required. Car parking was excellent but might not work for future event if golf course was open. Golf club was paid £200 plus extra income from food. Would be useful to know how much money made from food etc to give as guideline to any possible future venues where food was available.

Aughertree. The LDNP have asked for £50.00 this year, previously the fee has been £25.00. If this new figure is to be a flat rate for all areas used in one year it could be viable BUT this year we are only using Caldbeck Commons once and that is a level D which is not viable at £50.00. Query before licence signed or fee paid. Action **AL**

Club night on 22nd Feb, Lowry Hill. Planned exercise was rather long, objective not met in terms of route analysis as not enough time for repeat runs and comparisons. Worth doing this again in slightly different format, probably in the autumn after dark with high vis jackets. Easier to see cars etc. **AW**

5. Lightweight stakes: Do we need them? Beacon – someone commented about having to bend down as our club always put boxes on floor while some other clubs use stakes. Present stakes are heavy so most planners don't use them. Decided that new stakes maybe not worth the expense but do have advantages over canes, canisters, rubber bands etc. DW estimated we would need about 60 or 70. Sample stake to next event or club night. Action **JPD**

6. Easter Egg O family event: Should the committee ask if GN willing to organize this again? Hallin too expensive – cost of £60 not really viable. Gowbarrow also a possibility. Watermillock is open access and could now be considered as not used for event this year. Commoners need to be told. Use 1:25000 Ordnance survey map as o map can't be put on website.

Permissions. Action **AL**

Need to put advisory re any road closures eg A592 on website. Action **AE**

7. Message from Go Outdoors: discount in return for mention on website. Re-instate mention of Cotswold etc (BO discounts already mention on membership page AE). Saturday flyer needs updating due to date changes. DW prints, designed by PJ. AL to contact. Reply to Go Outdoors email. Action **CG**

8. Eycott Hill events: (re message from Jody Ferguson, EH Communications and Events Officer)– do we have an event we can put on. Perhaps combine with Eycott event in September. Action **AL**

Problem with easy courses? Maybe path improvements will help. Eycott will need new map – various developments taking place including wetland trail, tree plantings etc. Also cattle grazing. Action **DW**

9. Follow up from last meeting:

Development plan – circulated by RE. No negative comments. Personnel required. Discuss in more detail at next meeting. How to encourage new volunteers? Organiser is job which is most difficult to fill. Would solution be to have an organizing team? How seriously do we need to take the development plan? Basically intended for Club Mark application which is probably not relevant. Useful as an ongoing evaluation however. Is it worth highlighting the need for organisers on the website? Put

development plan on website – ask Karen to put in email that difficulty in recruiting organisers has been highlighted by this, and request that club members read the plan. Mentor system – we do have experienced organisers but we need more. Someone to do text for email, action **RE AE KB**

Stella has proposed that she read the development plan before each meeting and highlight area for discussion. Action **SL**
Safety course on 14th May would be good opportunity to provide info to attendees re organising. Advertise around other clubs. (Cabin at Talkin Tarn is booked). Action **CG**

New date for Bothel club night – there is a wedding at the venue. Run combined with social – first Saturday in June proposed. Confirmed with Jenny Wren

Feather has been purchased – both at Bothel currently! Should be in different places.

Junior tops – 13 have been sold, 4 left **CG**

No progress on website backup person. Action **JPD AE**

Map Messengermire – Contact relevant people. Action **DW**

Laptop – new one still to buy. Action **JPD**

Club Delegate Meeting, 12th March – **CG** and **GG** to attend

10. Upcoming Events – updates:

Talkin Tarn – tea, coffee, milk provided by club, attendees to bring food

Alston – organiser to check permissions

Talkin Tarn people apparently using photocopied BL map for school parties etc on which BL has copyright. Approach tactfully to discuss reciprocal advantage – we want to continue using area and don't want to ruffle feathers, but it should be pointed out to them. Action **?**

Cumbria Schools event Hackthorpe 29th June – awaiting permissions. Action **AL**

Fixtures 2016:

Gelt Woods to be abandoned.

May 14th Talkin Tarn Level D + Safety Course and Organiser info. Planner David Rawle. Angela - safety course, Dick and Richard - organiser info Confirmed

June 18th Alston Urban Level D. Planner - Paul Gaines Contact Paul for confirmation later

July 16th Carlisle Parks Level D. Planner - Chris Lates

September 10th Eycott Hill Level D. Planner - Gerry Garvey

October 15th Askham Level D. Planners - Richard and Shirley Moss

November 6th Coombs Wood Level C. Planner – Richard, Organiser – Dick Whitworth, Controller – Jeff PD

December 3rd Hackthorpe Level D. Planner – Isabel Berry

11. 2017 Galoppen Dates: AL proposed reducing number of Galoppens from 3 to 2 which was approved. Action **AL**

Faulds Brow – March?

RE suggested Greystoke if map can be completed in time – November?

High Pike B in September?

Check for conflicting events. Action **AL**

Possible new area for mapping – Priest's Wood, Caldbeck. Action – **RE, ALew**

12. Next Committee Meeting: Monday 20th June at