

Minutes of the Committee Meeting of Monday September 12th 2016
held at Muddy Boots Nursery, Newton Rigg Campus, Penrith._

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

Apologies received from: John Roelich

1. The Chairman welcomed the committee.

2. Matters arising from the minutes: none

3. Treasurer's report

Club financial accounting year ended 12 days ago. DW distributed itemised list of income and expenditure for year ended 31st August 2016 showing a loss of £466.22. Only significant income came from Faulds Brow level B event, though all events made a profit. Numbers were down at these events for various reasons - weather etc. Subs down by £100+, mainly through less Friends of BL joining.

SL queried 2 items of expenditure - ink cartridges and SI 5 year licence. DW said ink cartridges were for laser printer (map printing) and therefore expensive, but lasted well and were reasonably economical. Laser printer is hired and came with ink, most of which has not yet had to be renewed. JPD said that SI licence is for the Autodownload event software which can be used on multiple computers.

It was noted that there were two items of expenditure for First Aid. One was for the Cola course, the other was completely offset by a NWOA grant. It was decided that the First Aid kit was in need of a thorough check and replacement where necessary. **Action SL**

There followed a discussion on whether the club should help with funding for JW – winner of the Veteran Home Internationals in NI and selected to run for England in W65. Cost of travel covered by EOC, but personal contribution was £115 to cover entries and accommodation etc. How much? Would full funding set a precedent? Club agreed to pay half of funding.

Suggested she applies to NWOA for the remainder. **Action CG**

4. Event Feedback

Hackthorpe (CSOA) planned by GG - bad weather, kids did well - two particularly showed great tenacity. Use of village hall was fantastic – should consider it's use for future events.

DW commented that Cumbria schools gave donation of £50. Committee wondered if anyone else would be prepared to do Cumbria Schools events now JR has stood down. This also affects the school games with Carlisle and Eden selection events being put on by the JR and PR

Rickerby Park (planner/organiser CL) "The two beginners courses were well received, even with the herd of cows sitting around one control. The more technical course needed careful planning rather than orienteering skills but went down OK. Two things I learnt from this were: A. Sometimes there is a number on the reverse of SI box, which may not be the same as the control number. Obscure/ remove before the event. B. SI boxes cannot be dibbed from the back! The chip does not get close enough to the sensor. Both of these problems can occur when boxes are hung on wire gripples rather than rested on the ground." CL was commended by the committee for good planning, especially given the area.

Eycott Hill (planner/organiser GG). Well attended – 60 runners including several youngsters on Orange. Rained heavily overnight so ground saturated but good weather on the day. No lost children or dibbers! Apologies from GG for misplaced control (104). This didn't seem to

affect people's enjoyment and the courses were very well received overall. Cattle were present but weren't a problem. CWT car park very useful. It was noted that CWT does not own all the land. Check farmer's contact details. **Action GG/ALa**
Good liaison with CWT with a representative there on the day. Event advertised in CWT's 'What's On' leaflet plus reciprocal advertising on facebook and twitter.

5. Club Nights.

Provisional dates for club nights are 10th October, Newton Rigg, 14th November, venue TBC and 12th December, Low Hesket Village Hall (xmas party).

It was noted that there was a problem with the village hall being locked last time so key should be acquired in good time for meeting. **Action CG for Village Hall, SL/AL for Newton Rigg**

6. Mapping

Greystoke is being harvested in a big way so plans to map it no longer appropriate.

Knipe Scar – DP and KP happy to do surveying for new map. RE to do LIDAR base map. He will liaise with the Parkers - they can advise which time of year will be most suitable. Will it be big enough for a level C in November 2017? Possibly if scrubby area used. RE knows local farmer - useful contact for possible parking field. GG also has local contact. Not suitable for summer - too much bracken. Could map be ready for spring 2017 and replace Faulds Brow? Possibly too much time pressure for mapping and later Autumn/Winter date more practical. Land owned by Lowther estates. **Action RE/ALa**

7. Club's viewpoint about BOF's proposed changes in membership/levy fees

Details are on page 5 of BOF's Orienteering Focus magazine, Summer 2016. More income is needed from membership and levys and there are 3 options for members to vote on. Committee wondered if increased membership fee worth it for families? Other sports eg rugby, squash clubs have much larger annual fees - perhaps advantages of membership are more obvious than in orienteering. BOF appears not to want family membership as this affects Sports Council numbers. Could the club have family membership? Club would have to consider raising entry fees. Trying to encourage families with children - having to pay nearly £40 is going to put them off. Committee was reminded that people are required to join after 3 events for insurance purposes (*please read clarification in footnote below*). Can they join club only? WCOC has no membership fee. Would lose £400+ but this isn't much relative to other income. Give Juniors free club membership? SL not in favour of raising club fees. First event free perhaps? Committee reminded by DW that BOF voting requires individual responses, not the club view. An email could be sent out to club members outlining the committee's stance on this, though ultimately decision on how to vote is up to individual members. To summarise – the Club favours Option 3 which is £10.00 senior, £3.00 junior plus £1.60 levy. This would keep price of events down. Could also be offset with free club membership for juniors. Adult fees to be discussed at AGM– may offer first run free. **Action SL**

8. Follow-up from last meeting

New dibbers - 50 new finger loops already bought. Is the club going to get a grant for new dibbers? JR was dealing with this for schools. **Action SL**

NW development meeting - 1st October - who can go? DW volunteered if no one else is available on that date.

9. Fixtures Update

Askham Fell level D on Oct 15th - GG volunteered to be first aider. Volunteers required to put tent up. CG, RE, AE offered to help. Check parking permissions **Action ALa**
Hackthorpe level D on Dec 3rd - nothing to report from planner/organiser (IB)

Scottish 6 Days 2017 (Royal Deeside) - shuttle buses available from central campsite. RE commented that at previous S6D the shuttle buses were good but those travelling on them had different start times to other club members. This made socialising impossible. Can entries be co-ordinated by club in any way? Committee did not know if this was possible or not. **Action RE**

Greystoke off. ALa asked for comments re 2017 fixtures. Hackthorpe maybe too near Xmas? Changed to Dec. 2nd. Should Faulds Brow be changed? 5th March? Or Knipe Scar could be used if mapping finished. Hallin Fell - move to Saturday 13th May so doesn't clash with Scottish Individuals. This is same weekend as WCOC Long O but could work to our advantage if people already in area.

High Stand? Not a pleasant area currently and costs £50. Use Miltonrigg instead? Woodland Trust always very accommodating and area attracts some NE clubs so probably a yes. Brampton Urban in August? No events in August this year – too many clashes, so probably do the same in 2017. High Pike ok for September. July - suggested club replaces Carlisle Parks (still some probs after flooding) with Brampton and ask for planner/organiser at AGM. Email updated 2017 fixtures list and circulate at AGM to ask for volunteer officials. (NB, High Pike is level B, not C) **Action ALa, PW**

There will be no level B in 2018 but BL will be offering an area for Lakes 5 Days

Next meeting. November 7th at CG's, 2, Heskett Place, Southwaite 7.30pm

Meeting closed at 9.40pm

Footnote re insurance (with thanks to AW):

Mike Hamilton (BO): "Non-members are covered for 'taster' sessions which can be either events or activities (such as club nights). After participating at 3 the non-member will no longer be provided with cover – although the cover to the club and organiser/volunteers will continue as normal."

AW "So there is no detriment to the Club's Insurance and no BO compulsion to join after three sessions, although it is in the best interests of the individual concerned to join."

Mike Hamilton: "Agreed"