

Minutes of the Monthly meeting of Lakeland Orienteering Club

Held at the Anglers Arms, Haverthwaite

Thursday 9th February 2017 at 8pm

Present: Chris Heppenstall, Dave Walton, Derek Fryer, Dick Towler, Ian Smith-Ward, Judy Burge, Judy Filmore, Richard Tiley, Rob Browne, Selwyn Wright, Simon Filmore, Andrew Smith.

Apologies for absence: Derek Allison, Diane McClure, Margaret Buckle, Steve Buckle, Steve Burge, Sue Butterfield.

1. Minutes of the January meeting: two corrections as follows:
2. Minute 16: the last part of the minute reads:

the Club does not have the resource to, for instance:

- aim to win the Compass Sports Cup
- provide a wide range of events for local members
- train up members to be better orienteers.

This implied that the Club cannot do these three things. It should read:

Derek Allison stated that the Club at present

- gets involved in competitions e.g. the Compass Sports Cup
- provides a wide range of events for local members
- provides coaching of members to be better orienteers

all of which stretches its human resources.

Minute 14: This was headed Tech Series; it should be headed: Level D events.

3. Circulation of draft minutes: concern was expressed about minutes containing errors being circulated to the membership, and their correction being delayed till the next meeting of the committee. We agree that draft minutes should be circulated to attendees of the meeting for checking, with comments due by a given date (about a week later), before being distributed to the membership.

Matters arising

4. Action 121: Caravan. ISW proposed buying a specific awning at a cost of about £1,000. We agree to this purchase. (ISW)
5. Action 148: DW and ISW have put the LOC mapped areas on the website, but they need editing and info adding. (Ongoing)
6. Action 156: RT to add a section for enquirers / beginners to the website, and a point of contact. He aims to do this after the British Champs. (Ongoing)
7. Action 158: ISW to invite LOC clothing orders via the newsletter. RB to then order enough to have some in stock. (Ongoing)
8. Action 165: Volunteer Voucher System: see agenda item below.
9. Action 166: The Barn: We ask Iain to look into where it could be located (ongoing).
10. Action 165: Club development: Selwyn has received expressions of interest and will progress this.
11. Action 166: Coaching. The first of the sessions took place at Stony Hazel last Saturday 4th February with 35 attendants, a record for such a LOC activity. There were lots of positive comments on the day with most/all saying that they had learnt something about their orienteering. The next session will be on Saturday 18th February at Thwaite Head; a delightful area with lots of similarities to Stony Hazel. The coaching exercises will be based on the courses that have been planned for the previous Wednesday's night event. The coaching will be led by Jo Cleary.

We agree to add coaching sessions to the Fixtures Planning.

12. Action 168: Welfare policy – safety of young people. Ongoing.

Correspondence

13. Selwyn has received a letter from Fiona Newby thanking LOC for its contribution to the World Schools trip.

14. The new Club Champion Frances Biggin was shocked to find that she is expected to organise the next Club Champs, contacting Judy Burge to say that it has put her off attending future events. This is one of the quaint old traditions of LOC but has led to difficulties in the past when Juniors have won and needed much support to undertake the role. We agreed that it shall now be an ex - 'quaint old tradition' and instead we will appoint an organiser as for our other events, and invite the winner to help if s/he so wishes. Both Judy and your Secretary have apologized to Fran and we hope that she will go on to win many more LOC Club events!
15. We have been asked if there is any interest in putting on an Urban Club event on the rest day (Wed 1st August) at the 2018 Lakes 5 Days. Note this would raise a significant amount of money for the Club; also that LOC will be organizing one of the days. We agree that in principle we would like to do this. Action 169: We will look into a location, and consider what time of day (probably evening to minimise clashing with shoppers).
16. Sue Butterfield (our treasurer) has reported that the bank will now allow Direct Debits (sic); however this would allow her to operate without a countersignature. We think that direct debit may be the wrong term. Action 170: We ask Sue to look into HSBC's two person bank transfers for payment of invoices and expenses. (This system allows person A to set up a bank transfer but not action it, and person B to action it; it is equivalent to two-signatory cheques.)
17. The Secretary raised the question how he should deal with amendments to draft Minutes. After a discussion it was agreed that Draft Minutes would be circulated to the Committee together with members attending a meeting and a week would then be left for any amendments prior to publication via the google group and website. Minutes would still have to be approved at the next monthly meeting.
18. A resident in Clarence Street, Ulverston has written to complain about the Night Urban event held recently. It is thought that she may not have received the informatory letter. ISW apologized but the apology was not accepted. We agree to ISW's decision to put Clarence Street out of bounds for any future events.

Fixtures

19. The Night events are being well patronized. Dick Towler is happy to continue as Controller for the series for the time being.
20. Judy Burge has received only one volunteer to her request for controllers of the Tech series and the Summer series. This volunteer, Simon Filmore, is happy to be controller for them both; however we feel we do need more controllers. Action 171: Dick Towler will document how "non-onerous" the role is, and will send it to suitable individuals. We note that Roger Smith is planning to put on Controller training after the British Champs.
21. British Nights, and Northern Champs are both attracting a good number of entries.
22. Stony Hazel and Sales Bank mapping. CH reported a conversation with Martin Bagness to the effect that these two areas would benefit from an update using LIDAR, at a cost of £200 each. Sales Bank could be updated in time for the fixture on 5th April Action 172: We agree to updating these two areas.
23. Dick Towler reported that an on-line form for the National Trust requires the applicant to have an official position. We agree to his suggestion that he be designated Permissions Officer.
24. Judy Burge drew our attention that the current Fixtures List has been updated to show Bishops Wood on 12 April, and Eggerslack on the 19 April.

Voucher scheme

25. Judy Burge tabled a suggestion for the voucher scheme, being a slight modification of Dick Towler's original:

There should be a standard voucher, with a notional value of £2.

Possible Scheme for voucher allocation

Event	Officials & Helpers	Vouchers
Level D	Planner/Organiser	6 vouchers
	Computer Team	Free run or 2 vouchers
Level C	All Officials	8 vouchers

	Senior Helpers	Free run or 3 vouchers
	Junior Helpers	Free run or 2 vouchers
Level B	Organiser & Planner	10 vouchers
	Senior Helpers	3 vouchers
	Junior Helpers	2 vouchers

She suggested slightly reducing the number of vouchers allocated to helpers. This would mean that helpers would need to be given vouchers for Level B events and cannot just be given a free run.

We agree to use the voucher scheme as above.

26. Entry system for Level C events

Richard Tiley mentioned that other clubs (Bristol, South Ribble, among others), are using Fabian, which enables them to know the number of entries and so print only as many maps as required. In contrast, LOC either prints more than turns out to be needed (at a wasted cost) or runs out of maps.

Fabian charges 6% of the entry fee, which for an entry fee of £5 is 30p. Maps also cost 30p each. We note that the club at present is better off unless it printed twice as many maps as required. On that basis we agree not to use Fabian.

AOB

27. To be added shortly.
28. Meeting in March of the Fixtures group. DT will advise JB of the date.
29. We confirm that the club is continuing to subsidise entries to the Compasssport Cup event.
30. We note that the Harvester is on Blake Holme on 24 April. Action 174: We encourage putting a team in.
31. Dates of next meeting, all at 8pm at the Anglers Arms, Haverthwaite

March	Tuesday	7 th
April	Monday	10 th
Ma	Thursday	11 th
June	Tuesday	13 th
July	Monday	10 th
September	Thursday	7 th
October	Tuesday	10 th
November	Monday	6 th
December	Thursday	7 th

Meeting closed at 9.15pm