

## Minutes of the monthly meeting of the Lakeland Orienteering Club

held at the Anglers Arms, Haverthwaite

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2017 at 8pm

Present: Alison Bartlett, Chris Heppenstall, Clare Evans, Dave Walton, Derek Fryer, Dick Towler, Ian Smith-Ward, Judy Burge, Margaret Buckley, Richard Tiley, Rob Browne, Simon Filmore, Steve Buckley, Sue Butterfield, Andrew Smith.

Apologies for absence: Selwyn Wright, Judy Filmore,

### **Matters arising**

1. Action 148: DW and ISW have put the LOC mapped areas on the website, but they need editing and info adding. (Ongoing)
2. 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)
3. Action 158: LOC clothing (see AOB)
4. Action 166: The Barn: We ask Iain to look into where it could be located (ongoing).
5. Action 165: Club development: Selwyn has been looking for the previous plan. Richard Tiley was involved in the 2014 version; he will look for his copy and forward it to Selwyn.
6. Action 168: Welfare policy – safety of young people. In progress. Judy Filmore has introduced herself to the UHVS youngsters.
7. Action 169: Urban Club event on the rest day (Wed 1<sup>st</sup> August) at the 2018 Lakes 5 Days. Judy suggested that, being a rest day, it should not be a full length urban. Re location, Derek Allison has suggested Ulverston; Steve Buckley suggested Kendal. We note that the 5 day event that LOC is organising is on the Friday, which minimizes clashes of equipment and time.
8. Action 170: Sue Butterfield (our treasurer) is now using bank transfers instead of cheques.
9. Action 171: Dick Towler will document how “non-onerous” the role of Controller is, and will send it to suitable individuals. We note that Roger Smith is planning to put on Controller training after the British Champs. (ongoing)
10. Action 172: Stony Hazel and Sales Bank mapping - ongoing

### **Correspondence**

#### **Vouchers**

11. A letter has been received from Joe Cleary expressing strong dissatisfaction with the revised voucher scheme: her main points were that the reduction of vouchers did not reflect effort input, and that the revised scheme was introduced with no consultation from the membership. Extensive discussion took place.  
Action 173: It was agreed that:
  - Dick Towler would circulate to the membership the revised scheme and a summary of Joe’s points, asking for responses within a week of receipt.
  - A group of three comprising Dick Towler, Iain Smith-Ward and Judy Burge would review the responses, and produce a further revision of the scheme.
  - This further revision to be tabled at the next committee meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> April.The proposal should include whether to backdate the allocation of vouchers for the Night Champs and Northern Champs under whatever new scheme is introduced.
12. Action 174: Separately to the scheme revision, we shall consider whether vouchers could be used not only for entries and clothing, but other items as well e.g. refreshments, entries to non-club competitions.  
Action 175: We ask Dave Walton to enquire of SportIdent whether they would accept a bulk order for air dibbers at a discount. We could then consider offering the air dibbers in return for vouchers; this would help those sitting on a large number of vouchers.

### **Fixtures**

13. Judy tabled an updated list of fixtures for 2017 and 2018 .(see attached)  
Three fixtures need an organiser:
  - 14 April 2018 - level B - Middle Distance - Bishop Wood (?)
  - 15 April 2018- level B - Long Distance - Lingmoor (?)
  - 3 August(?) 2018 - Lakes 5 Day - level B - Graythwaite East

Matt Rooke has volunteered to organise the Park Race series, and Dick Towler the Night series.

14. **Night Champs and Northern Champs Feb 2017:** Dick Towler said he was co-ordinator for the weekend, and organiser for the British Night Champs. In hindsight, he feels the one person should not do both jobs. For the Northern Champs he forgot that the Elite course required a 1:15,000 map, and supplied a 1:10,000 map by mistake; he has written to BOF to apologise. However there were only two adverse comments about the map scale.
15. For the record, the committee thanks the British Night Champs and the Northern Champs organisers, planners, and all the helpers for their contribution to a successful weekend. The Committee also thanks the Club Coaches for a successful coaching series (which is on-going).

### **Finance**

16. Sue Butterfield tabled half-yearly accounts (for the six months September 2016 to February 2017). There was concern that the issued vouchers were not accounted for, given that they represented a sizable creditor item to the club, especially if they are to be used for non-entry items. Action 176: to resolve whether to, and if so how to, account for issued vouchers.
17. Sue announced that she would be standing down as treasurer at the AGM. Action 177: to seek a new treasurer.

### **Club kit**

18. Rob Browne would like to place a bulk order for about 26 items costing about £1,300, as being more efficient than dealing with small orders. Action 178: We agree to this spend, but ask Rob to first email the membership to get some idea of sizes required.

### **Website**

19. Dave Walton announced three new features being implemented on the website:
  - a Post-it type note in the top left corner of the home page for urgent immediate news
  - a reworking of the photos page: it will show five photos from each album, with a link into the Flickr album for the rest.
  - A list of other clubs: clicking on one will bring up a list of that club's events.

### **AOB**

20. Judy Burge asked if the club could ensure that enough kit is available to cater for back to back events i.e. to reduce the organisation required to retrieve resources from the first day in time to be deployed for the second day. Action 179: extra resources required to be identified.
21. We agree to purchase 3 or 4 replacement radio batteries. Some of the existing batteries are near the end of their life, and we need to have enough batteries to be able to issue a spare with each radio. Action 180: Dick Towler to purchase them.
22. Gallopens: Dick suggested there could be age related course at Gallopens, to allow for a winner for each age class. Action 181: ISW to raise this with Roger.
23. Junior helpers. Clare and Alison said that keeping track of up to 48 youngsters at an event when some of them are both helping and running is tricky. They asked that junior helpers be allowed to run first before they help to ease keeping track of them.
24. Fabian4: it was noted that though start times are usually allocated by Fabian, they can in fact be allocated by ourselves if we so wish.
25. Committee dates. Due to pressure of LOC event related work, the date of 2017 committee meetings are not on the website. Action 182: that dates of all known future meetings should be put on the website.

Dates of next meetings, all at 8pm at the Anglers Arms, Haverthwaite

April	Monday 10 <sup>th</sup>
May	Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup>
June	Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup>
July	Monday 10 <sup>th</sup>
September	Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup>
October	Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup>
November	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup>
December	Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup>