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Forth Valley Orienteers

Orienteering at the Heart of Scotland

Committee Meeting

Date	Thursday 25 November 2021
Location	Zoom
Present	Jon Cross, Roger Goddard, Paul Hammond, Andy Llewellyn, Neil Polwart, Steve Scott, Chris Smithard
Absent	N/A
Apologies	N/A

1. Approval of previous minutes

- Minutes of previous committee meeting on 7 October were accepted.

2. Event forward planning

Major events and new map requirements

- 2022
 - Harvester – May or Aug (Aug 13/14 preferred), need to check Drumlanrig availability
 - AL asked about bracken in Aug, JC confirmed OK and map large enough to avoid worst bits
- 2023
 - Euromeeting inc. Stirling City Race (SCR) – October
 - Scottish Champs – agreed to propose Edinchip (ind) / Birnam (relay)
 - Aug/Sept is FVO 50th anniversary – SCR as celebration or low-key, club-only event?
 - Decision parked until other major events confirmed
- 2024
 - SCR separate from WOC
 - Spring Touch/Trossachs weekend inc. SOL
- 2025-6
 - JEC & JWOC

Proposed future events

- Inter Areas being organised by West – targeting SOL @ Errochty. RG suggested relays at Barrwood
- Additional SOUL suggested for Jubilee weekend.
- JC suggested we get organisers in place for CAT/WEE before adding more events.
- **ACTION CS/SS** – co-ordinate request for volunteers for CAT and WEE

March 12-13 weekend

- CS suggested Falkirk Wheel as a middle distance on the Sunday as handy for transport and plenty of parking. All in agreement.
- **ACTION CS** – request Josie to get permissions for upcoming local events inc. Falkirk Wheel

Nominating event organisers/planners/controllers

- JC reminded committee that Jen Leonard is volunteer coordinator
 - **ACTION JC** – contact Jen about volunteers for upcoming events

3. Recent event reviews

British/Scottish Relay and SCR

- News items on BOF/SOA websites not effective in attracting relay teams. Email was sent to club captains but may have been too late with members already committed to other events. However, the teams that did attend enjoyed the event and the different format.

Club Champs

- SS fixed the age classes and courses for this year, all approved of the change.

Local events

- SS informed us that we will have 2000+ runs at local events this year which has never happened before
 - **ACTION SS** – create a spot prize for the 2000th runner

4. Mapping Update

- **ACTION PH** – contact Graham with go-ahead for Falkirk Wheel update.

5. AGM Preparation

- McLaren Leisure Centre booked for 29 Jan
- **ACTION PH** – check constitution for dates by when AGM must be announced and papers distributed.
- RG offered to create version of progress reporting to share at AGM with a tweak to focus on forward-looking trends.
- **ACTION ALL** – consider suitable nominees for Jim Herdman and Friend of FVO trophies.

6. Development Officer Update

- Kieran's PVG still not through – currently stuck at Disclosure Scotland.

7. Finance Update

- AL expectation for end of year is to roughly break even
- Relays and SCR made approx. £1000 surplus, Dinner Dance made approx. £150 loss
- Masterplan Adventure have offered FVO whole Bannockburn map for £500.
 - **ACTION AL/JC** – negotiate suitable deal with MA for Bannockburn map on behalf of committee

8. New Members Update

- NP informed us that we are up to 245 members now, with several new members joining from other clubs.
- **ACTION PH/NP** – create new mailing list with all members (and no non-members) for important mailings e.g. AGM details

9. Trophy Engraving policy

- Previous committee decided to stop paying for trophy engraving to save money. As a result there was a suggestion that nameplates be removed from trophies.

- JC suggested that trophies should still be getting engraved, and trophy winners would be happy to pay for the engraving. All in agreement but FVO to pay for engraving of a couple of key trophies.
- **ACTION JC** – write up new trophy policy and let Lindsey Hensman know.

10. Website survey response

- Feedback on behalf of Orienteering Foundation suggested we should improve the newcomers' information and experience on the FVO website.
- All agreed three levels of improvements:
 1. Things flagged by survey that we can improve within existing framework
 2. Other things that can be improved without changing framework
 3. Looking for an alternative, newer framework to improve appearance and usability of the website
- **ACTION SS** – link up with Kieran and begin addressing first two items

11. Outstanding actions from previous meetings

- Map overprinting – Jason now reviewing Night-O maps if received Thursday before event
 - **ACTION JC** – inform Lewis of this map review service

12. Any Other Business

- Complaint received about running up at Club Champs. All in agreement that result should stand.
- SS asked about junior certificates not handed out at Dinner Dance
 - **ACTION PH** – deliver certificates to NP for mailing

13. Date of Next Meeting

- Thursday 13 January 2022, 7.30pm by Zoom