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Forth Valley Orienteers

Orienteering at the Heart of Scotland

Committee Meeting

Date	Thursday 13 January 2022
Location	Zoom
Present	Jon Cross, Roger Goddard, Paul Hammond, Andy Llewellyn, Neil Polwart, Steve Scott, Chris Smithard
Absent	N/A
Apologies	Neil Polwart

1. Approval of previous minutes

- Minutes of previous committee meeting on 25 November were accepted.

2. Event forward planning

Future events

- **ACTION JC** – follow-up with Jen about recruiting organisers
- 12 Mar – Callander Crags
 - JC chasing Josie for permissions
 - **ACTION JC** – recruit officials
 - Map checked for storm damage by Martin Bagness
- 13 Mar - Falkirk Wheel - no organisers yet
 - SS offered to plan at Regional – gratefully accepted
 - Need organiser + controller, outside FVO if possible (Phil Smithard?)
 - **ACTION SS** – attempt to find controller, liaise with JC if necessary
- 5 Feb - scrap Belsyde as CS not here
 - Move Belsyde to September
- Beecraigs permissions underway with Jen
- **ACTION CS** - speak to Jen about finding volunteers for Apr-Jun
- **ACTION SS** - chase for WEE organisers (align with above)

Harvester

- Drumlanrig have quite a lot of storm damage
 - Not committing to events in May
 - Other events clash with dates in August
- Date now updated by BOF to 13-14 Aug
 - Marie Claire might not be available to organise
- Trevor speaking SOLWAY about Dalbeattie
 - If not – need to find venue in FVOland or nearer Carlisle

CSC Final

- Mark Wood has offered to plan in Devilla
 - Need to check state of woods
- NP agreed to organise
- Still need controller - can wait to see which clubs don't qualify (March)

- JC has asked Josie to check permissions with Police and FLS

3. AGM Preparation

- Strategic Plan
 - RG – asked how to pitch it – as appendix or separate section
 - JC – planning to reference from President’s report, for people to review
 - **ACTION RG** - add as Appendix to report by Sunday
 - RG - coaching numbers actually 13 (higher than BOF)
 - **ACTION RG** - colour some segments non-green to indicate areas for work
- Format
 - JC - proposed Zoom at 1730-1830, all agreed
 - **ACTION PH** - send out invite, check with Nicola for Activity Day, ask NP to set up a sign-up
 - JC suggested asking for volunteers for committee in 2022 or 2023
 - **ACTION AL/JC/PH** - chat in week ahead for logistics
- Preparations
 - JC – checked nominations, all existing committee members are OK to stand again
 - **ACTION PH** - contact other post holders to check they are happy to stay in position
 - RG – commented committee is not very diverse, one or more existing members could make way if required to increase diversity
- Trophy winners
 - Jim Heardman, Friend of FVO (optional) - awarded at AGM
 - **ACTION ALL** - submit nominations to JC

4. Recent Event Review

- SS - event review log not being filled
 - JC – asked how to remind people? Suggested series co-ordinator to nudge for WEE etc.
 - **ACTION PH** - add agenda item to review log
- PH – request from Will to remind people how to look after kit, e.g. drying out flags, SI after events
 - RG – suggested to instructions for organisers

5. Mapping Update

- From David Robertson, ESOC - enquiry about making new map of Bathgate Hills, local venture charity offering support
 - **ACTION JC** - forward to CS, GG for review
- Bilbo looking for projects e.g. Touch
 - JC – don’t think we’re quite ready for this yet, need a specific event in the calendar
 - RG - need to check access before committing
- Abbey Craig
 - **ACTION JC** - ask GG for quotes to update after storm
- Gartmorn
 - JC - very difficult to get permission inc. hand delivered request, no response. Need to find a way through e.g. via grant provider
- JC - grumblings about mapping style much reduced, Condes template helping.

6. Development Officer Update

- Update from JC:
 - PVG now through, KW seems to be getting on well

- Newcomer block for Feb/Mar, plus doing things with more experienced/volunteers
- First Aid course arranged
- Monthly 'reporting' aligned with Strategic Plan
- Work with KFO 1/day per week, has been deferred - suggested additional SOA roles, but Kieran happy with existing workload

7. Finance Update

- AL has circulated report in advance
- Lots of grants accrued, need to make sure we drawn down appropriately
- RG - any way to accelerate expenditure?
 - **ACTION AL** - contact Will for suggestions

8. Membership Update

- JC - thanks to SS for rapid updates to new members sections of website
- RG - is membership retention an area for concern given feedback on comms?
- **ACTION SS** - to discuss with Kieran the additional report from Orienteering Foundation

9. Outstanding actions from previous meetings

- **ACTION JC** - write down trophy policy and communicate to Lindsey

10. Any Other Business

- JC - SOA doing consultation on WOC24 legacy, open for club and individual responses. Should send in FVO response.
 - **ACTION ALL** - provide feedback to Jon to collate as club response by Sunday 16 Jan

11. Date of Next Meeting

- Wednesday 2 March 2022, 7.30pm by Zoom