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Forth Valley Orienteers

Orienteering at the Heart of Scotland

Committee Meeting

Date	Wednesday 02 March 2022
Location	Zoom
Present	Jon Cross, Roger Goddard, Paul Hammond, Andy Llewellyn, Neil Polwart, Steve Scott, Chris Smithard
Absent	N/A
Apologies	John Heaton

1. Approval of previous minutes

- Minutes of previous committee meeting on 13 January 2022 were accepted with minor corrections.

2. Finance Update - Andy

- AL presented the budget for 2022, based on 2021 actuals plus 'prudent uplifts' based on plans - see attached.
- CS asked if we shouldn't spend all non-DCI funding by end 2022?
 - AL - don't actually need to, but should be looking for routes to spend e.g. alternative mapping options for Gartmorn Dam
- CS asked are O Foundation paying in instalments?
 - AL - yes, approx £2k per year
- RG asked if there are opportunities to spend on additional equipment?
 - AL - yes, could have discretionary spend if we have surplus. £1K allocated for SI, is it enough?
 - RG - do we need another tent?
 - JC - possibly, ask Ben for missing kit e.g. generator
 - **ACTION JC** - check with Matty Smith to see if he has generator from Callander Park SoSOL
 - **ACTION PH** - contact Ben to ask for kit 'holes'
 - **ACTION CS** - propose pop-up tent for smaller events
- JC suggested ask Will for proposal, e.g. a few SIACs for hire as need to hire from S6D company anyway for larger events
 - **ACTION AL** - chase Will for proposal, can afford to be more ambitious
- JC asked what is biggest risk in 2022 budget?
 - AL - CSC Final getting cancelled late on, after fixed costs have been incurred
 - JC commented we have a similar risk profile in 2023 with larger events
- RG asked about running reserves?
 - AL - 6mths is approx. £18k, so seems about right
- All happy with budget

3. Event forward planning

Future events

- CS mentioned no particular problems with upcoming schedule of events
 - SS commented that Jubilee weekend is only problem
 - JC noted SOA haven't moved Scottish Champs to Jubilee

- CS suggested we could do one day, another club to do other
- JC - should stick to Sunday event, Vicky/Heather have offered to do one day but not both. Use big Callendar map as proposal, with at least one proper sprint course plus courses for newcomers.
- SS - V/H suggested hybrid event with crags + town maps
- **ACTION SS** - follow up with V/H after CSC qualifier. Proposal to use urban maps for sprint prep, plus Callandrade for newcomers.
- **ACTION SS** - cancel Saturday event from Jubilee weekend (4-June)
- RG suggested Jubilee as possible weekend for SWAT training (combined with ScotJOS)
- CS asked why we have cancelled Callendar event this weekend?
 - JC – Nicola had reported a general lack of interest.
- SS asked what's happening about cancelled STAG SOL at Errochty on 4 Sept
 - RG - JIA relays will be held at Black Spout (hostels booked in Pitlochry), SOA looking for another club (TAY/MA) to put on replacement SOL, otherwise will need to organise separate JIA individual races.
- JC requested backup area for Polmaise in case unusable due to felling, can we use Callander Crags?
 - ALL - yes

Harvester – JC

- Not great news - can't get into Drumlanrig, SOLWAY are saying Dalbeattie is trashed.
- **ACTION JC** - explore areas near Carlisle, suitable at end of LSD and for Trevor to plan - check with Derek (?) and Martin Bagness
- **ACTION JC** - flag up risk with BOF
- SS suggested a RR area, AL suggested Yorkshire Dales, RG suggested FVO area. Need to see if we can find somewhere near Carlisle/Lakes before casting the net wider.

Sprint Series

- JC informed the committee that Cathy offered to take over as series co-ordinator
- **ACTION PH** - contact GG and KT to start work on this (dates in calendar)

Club Champs & Awards Dinner

- JC said best date is 19-Nov, all in agreement
- **ACTION PH** – inform social committee

March 12-13 Weekend

- JC has spoken to JH about CSC Qualifier, all is under control
- NP commented that Falkirk Wheel have been excellent landowner

4. Recent Events Review

- No action required
- SS - inter-clubs going well, FVO should catch ESOC soon

5. Mapping Update

- Mark Wood has inspected Devilla/Tuli Allan - no significant storm damage
- JC suggested for larger events, we need to sort Harvester and Scottish Champs before committing to Touch etc.
- CS said plan is to use Belsyde in Sept/Oct
- CS suggested we just press ahead with Gartmorn Dam and hold event anyway under open access legislation
 - ACTION JC - follow up with Josie to find out where 'open access' applies
 - SS - concerned about mapping another dud area
 - AL – asked if there other areas we could map instead of Gartmorn Dam?
 - RG suggested Dollar or above Menstrie

- PH – Jen is making good progress with NTS on House of Binns
- **ACTION PH** - to get update from Jase on POCs

6. Development Officer

- JC - will sit down with Kieran next week to get a proper update.
 - He has done couple of sessions with Dollar Academy, plus with Linlithgow Athletic club planned.
 - Need to follow up with measurements of numbers etc. to judge success
 - Coaching for FVO after night events, looking for what people want after other events.
- **ACTION JC** - provide a standard set of reporting headings based on Strategic Plan responsibilities
- **ACTION JC** – ask Kieran to take responsibility for club mailings.
- **ACTION RG** - sync up with KW on a regular basis about coaching.

7. New Members Update

- **ACTION NP** - follow-up with lapsed members before end of month deadline
- JC - what about Anna and Jagor? Have they remained as members? Can we follow-up with offer of support?
 - All agreed - they are our friends first and foremost
 - **ACTION JC/PH** - craft a message of support
- SS asked about rest of BOF leavers?
 - JC said we can follow up after BOF reminder
 - NP provided list of lapsed BOF members, all reasonably explainable
 - **ACTION JC** - follow up with Andrew Stuart

8. Outstanding Actions

- JC still to follow up with Jen on what is role of volunteer co-ordinator
 - Thanks to SS for finding volunteers for WEE series
- JC to follow up on Bathgate Hills
- PH to contact GG about Abbey Craig
- JC to write down trophy engraving policy

9. Any Other Business

- JC - handover to John Heaton will happen after CSC qualifier
- JC asked for preference of F2F vs. Virtual committee meetings
 - All agreed to stick with virtual Zoom meetings as more efficient
- PH - Google Workspace not free after July 1st (inc. 2 month grace period)
 - **ACTION RG** - to discuss with Fran @ SOA about options
 - **ACTION PH** - follow up with David Nicol
- CS asked about Kinraig weekend
 - **ACTION AL** - contact Christian Centre for dates e.g. 8-9 Oct or 24-25 Sept as backup
 - SS - Trevor offered to host a weekend in Lakes – backup plan or option for 2023
- SS - SOA Gold Accreditation, 95% there. Jen looking at couple of non-compliant issues (Active Schools, SOA Code of Conduct).
- RG - plans for 50th celebration to be discussed at next meeting

10. Date of Next Meeting

- Thursday 21 April 2022, 7.30pm by Zoom