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Forth Valley Orienteers

Orienteering at the Heart of Scotland

Minutes of Committee Meeting, 25th February *Hillside Farm, Keir, Dunblane*

Present: Gary Longhurst, Brad Connor, David Nicol, Hazel Dean, Kyle Heron

Apologies: Penny Hicks, Steve Barrett

1. Matters Arising

Dealt with under specific items.

2. New Correspondence

Nothing outstanding

3. Membership Scheme

Susan had provided an update before the AGM. David to get an up to date list from Susan, and do an email reminder. **David**

4. Policies

There was a general action on David to review policies. Child protection policy was specifically discussed. Hazel is now our Child Protection Officer, and maintains a list of people who have been cleared through the disclosure process. The committee were less clear as to how this list should be used/publicised as necessary. Hazel offered to speak to Donald. **Hazel**

5. Finance

Healthy

Hazel had put in a grant application for SI units to the "Payroll Lottery".

She also indicated that support from Stirling Sports Council was going to change in form. Support for personal development for juniors, and for coach development will now be made through the clubs. The talented athlete programme had now gone. FVO would have to apply on behalf of the juniors/coaches. To establish what we should apply for, David to put out a letter asking for indications of what courses juniors might be going on/what courses people might be doing. **David**

6. Events

- Thanks to Louise & Maureen for the fine colour coded February at Callendar Park.
- Thanks particularly to Martin (for getting it off the ground and organising), and to the other organisers (Jon / Tori) of the night event.
- Wed Evening Series – we still need a couple of organisers. Neil is sorting out

- Scottish Champs. We will run the relays on the day. Gary will front. Steve is doing the planning
- Scottish Six Days.
 - Dave Coustick – day organiser
 - Penny Smirthwaite – assistant organiser
 - Kevin King (one of the two planners)
 - Trevor – controlling
- SOL 6, 30th September. Tevor is planning. Gary to get organiser **Gary**
- Club Champs, 25th November. Venue and organiser **Gary**
- 2008 bids in for SOL for 11th May + sprint event (the one we have suggested Stirling for)

7. Training

Perhaps something local on a Saturday. Gary to organise/find an organiser? **Gary**
 Find a suitable weekend in calendar for October training **Gary**

8. Six Day 2009 (for information)

Seems to be under control. Brad happy he doesn't have to be Mr Sport Ident.

9. Mapping

Continues to be our biggest problem....

Larger Areas

Finding a new big area, and developing our Wed evening ones.

Large Areas – we have thought about Airds Park, but access needs checked. South Achray should be looked at again.

Smaller Areas

Gareth is now mapping North Third.

We aim to continue to roll through our small areas. The University is being remapped by Dave Peel for the sprint race, and Falkirk wish to remap Muiravonside for a permanent course.

Dollar and Abbey Craig should be being dealt with.

Permanent Courses

Interest from Falkirk for a permanent course at Muiravonside and from the Scouts for Barr Wood.

Generally –suggested that Gary/Brad to assist with Steve in looking for mapping areas (building on Steve's winter runs)

Gary/Brad

10. Socials

Look for some accommodation for Scottish Champs near Loch Doon **David**

Tori's Ceilidh on 11th May

Dinner dance. Stirling Highland (almost) finalised. **David**

Brad would put round about his night out in Perth again **Brad**

11. Equipment

Banner. Design had been decided on. David to pursue. Some comments on suppliers in a current thread on nopeport. **David**

Brad to take lead with SportIdent. We are assuming we are going ahead provided we get some of the funding we have applied for. Brad also offered to build on his role of looking after the laptop for us, by building a schedule of when we would need it, and then by generally looking after all electronic equipment. **Brad**

12 Sponsorship & Publicity

Publicity had been going quite well – more of same needed. **David**

13. Date of Next Meeting

Monday 30th April at Brad's house