

# Minutes of the SMOC Committee Meeting on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> August at 8:00

**Present:** Keith Downing (Chair), Helen Nisbet (Secretary), Robert Dove, Freya Askham, Ros James, Karen Vines, Steve Hardy, Ann Harris.

**Apologies:** Neil Carter

Keith welcomed Freya to her first committee meeting and thanked Steve for taking over the Chair role after Rosie moved away.

## **Club Nights**

Recently have experienced some highs and lows in terms of participation numbers. During the Olympics were down to three (plus coaches) but last week had high numbers and two groups of newcomers. The away evening at Stockgrove was very popular, especially with more experienced SMOCies and will be repeated soon.

## **Level 1 Coaching**

We could do with some more coaches. There is a Level 1 Coaching Course at Leighton Buzzard in the autumn – this will be promoted amongst the club. It was agreed we would consider funding 100% of the course fee in return for a commitment to coach a number of sessions at the Club Nights.

## **First Aid Courses**

It was agreed we would all keep an eye out for relevant First Aid courses – and promote these amongst the club. If none come up soon we will consider providing a SMOC first aid course by buying in a provider.

## **KeyneO**

Going well. Large numbers attending. IOF control symbols are being used for Trot and Run – and some Trot runners are unfamiliar with them. Helen will provide a crib list for the next KeyneO.

The OU KeyneO will not be using the campus. Keith will be talking with Karen Bradbury about use of the OU campus in the near future – perhaps an early KeyneO next year.

Must set the 2013 KeyneO dates at the next meeting.

## **AGM and Summer Social**

Seemed to be well received, despite heavy downpour!

## **MK Play Day**

8000 children in Campbell Park. SMOC put on a mini course. Certificates advertised KeyneO – ran out. Cost about £50. Worth doing next year.

## **Future events**

### **CompassSport Cup – 30<sup>th</sup> September**

Agreed that SMOC would fund all entry fees. After much discussion it was agreed any further funding would be difficult to justify – despite concerns about the cost of petrol and accommodation.

### **Club Kit**

It was agreed not to fund a club hoody for the CompassSport Cup. But this led to a discussion about the possibility of a club rain jacket. Interested parties are to bring proposals to the next committee meeting.

### **Silverstone**

It was agreed that our preferred date is March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Level C. Planner – Robert Dove. Organiser – Ros James.

### **November 2013 event**

Possibly Twywell.

### **Northamptonshire Community-Led Orienteering**

In early 2013 there will be training for community led orienteering in Northamptonshire. This is training for community leaders arranged jointly by Natalie and Pauline Olivant of EMOA. It was agreed that Steve would contact Natalie to find out more with a view to some contact/involvement.

### **Brackmills**

Dorien has been mapping Brackmill – an area in Northampton around Barclaycard HQ. An event here could tie in with the Northampton Community O. Possible date 13<sup>th</sup> Jan 2013.

### **Bedford Community Orienteering**

Steve is leading a 6 week course in Bedford's Priory Park, in conjunction with WAOC and Bedford Sport Development team. This may lead to the formation of a satellite club in Bedford.

### **Succession Planning**

The concept of succession planning was discussed. Despite being agreed in principle, no one stepped forward to succeed Keith.

### **Membership Fees**

It was agreed to call an EGM to discuss and set the SMOC membership fees for 2013. 21 days notice will be given on the website and in SMOC Signals for an EGM on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> September after the club night. Helen will contact Andrew Elliott to find out the approximate amount of next year's EAOA capitation fee.

**BOF Club and Association Conference 20<sup>th</sup> October 2012 in Sheffield**

Robert and Keith will attend for SMOC. Keith to inform BOF.

**Help requested at JK 29<sup>th</sup> March to 1<sup>st</sup> April**

SCOA are hosting the next JK. This event requires 125 volunteers daily and this cannot be sourced from SCOA clubs alone so they are requesting help from neighbouring clubs [reward free parking and a food voucher]. Keith will give them his name as a contact.

**Next committee meeting**

This will be after the club night on 25<sup>th</sup> September and also be an EGM.