

**Minutes of the SMOC Committee Meeting
on Friday 10th January 2014 at Karen and Steve's**

Present: Freya Askham, Helen Nisbet, Steve Hardy, Karen Vines, Keith Downing (Chair), Neil Carter and Robert Dove.

Apologies: Ros James, Dorien James and Ann Harris.

Club Nights: Still quiet some evenings. Xmas party well attended. Start up again next week.

O initiatives:

MK Council Stakeholder meeting – 30th October – Karen and Steve attended. Not hugely relevant to SMOC.

Bedfordshire – school mini-league in Leighton Buzzard run by Caroline Louth with Steve helping.

Northants – orienteering within the Activ8 framework with Pauline Olivant.

Past Events

- **Twywell, 10th November** – a surplus of £96. Anne Braggins wants to use the area for Trail-O. We await more details, but feel that other areas may be better suited, e.g. Stewartby.
- **BOF Association and Club Conference 2013:** Saturday 19th October. Keith and Robert attended. Not very relevant to SMOC – biased towards volunteering for S6D and WOC.

Future Events

- **CompassSport Cup** – 16th February – Broxbourne. It was agreed that SMOC would pay for all the entry fees.
- **Club Champs** – 19th January – Ashridge. Helen to do a reminder email, stressing that SMOCies have to be members on the day.
- **Rushmere** – March 23rd – Roger Edwards to be Controller. Mapping and Planning on schedule. Ros to confirm land access negotiations, event pricing structure and car parking fee. Assume we are using Fabian4. Helen to email Ros for details.
- **Keyne-O** – Unsure as to whether all officials are in place. Suggestion of a publicity sub-committee - probably Ros, Freya, Steve and Helen.

New O tops: Order placed on 19th December. Helen to chase.

Clubmark: Ed Nichols has left BOF, but Natalie will be advising us via telephone and email.

Ros (and possibly Helen) are attending a Child Protection course in February. SMOC

agreed to pay the course fee.

Policy adoption: As part of Clubmark, we are required to have various policies in place.

SMOC is affiliated to British Orienteering and is bound by the governing body's Rules and Regulations for the conduct of the sport. The club commits to the British Orienteering Policy on Equality & Inclusion and will do everything possible to ensure that the sport is open and accessible to all.

SMOC is intent that children and vulnerable adults will find orienteering a safe environment in which to have fun, learn and develop. The Club will do this by adopting and promoting the British Orienteering Policy on Protecting Young and Vulnerable People.

Helen will communicate the relevant policies via website, newsletter and facebook.

AOB:

- SnapNav and Josh Jenner – Freya continuing to liaise.
- Freya is starting an after-school O group at Akeley Wood Junior School.
- Robert is mapping a school in Brackley and working with Lois Matthews at a school in Eaton Bray.
- Neil requested a more formal approach to submitting financial information. Robert and Neil are working on a template spreadsheet for event reporting and will liaise with Ros for a similar simpler version for Keyne-O.
- Keith asked whether we should be using SI for Keyne-O. After much discussion it was decided that need to discuss with Ros.
- Karen and Steve would welcome comments on the Data Explorer system.

Date of Next Meeting: Possible dates are Friday 28th Feb and 7th March. Helen to ask Ros which preferred.

(Post meeting update – I can confirm that the next committee meeting will be on Friday 28th February at Helen's)