

Minutes of SMOC Committee meeting, 12th January 2007

Attendees: Steve Hardy, Helen Nisbet, Robert Dove, Keith Downing, Jason Falconer, John Shaw, Val Russell and Karen Vines

Apologies: Sue Leaker, Richard Pownall, Rosie Shaw, Stan and Jen Holroyd

1) Future Events

- Edgewick Farm, Woburn Sands. It was agreed to put on a Keyne-O type event at the Woburn Sands centenary festival on Saturday 14th April 2007, between 1pm-4pm. The area is big enough for the short and medium courses and a long course could be fitted by extending to local public footpaths.
- Keyne-O. During the summer, Keyne-O will transmute into the usual Summer Series. In May and June, suggested venues were: Marston Vale and Broughton Park. The Summer Series final will be on the morning of 29th July at the Frontier Centre, with two other activities in the afternoon/ Organisers / Planners needed for these events.
- SMOC's 21st birthday event. This is rescheduled for 1st April. It is proposed that SMOC AGM and dinner be held the night before.

2) A committee member will attend the EA fixtures conference on 4th March. A bid for a regional (badge) event for February 2009 should be put forward.

3) It appears that Keyne-O events will not be liable for BOF levy. (At least not at the current size.)

4) Planned Events

- Keyne-O
14th January: Blue Lagoon - Ready to go.
18th February: Willen North. In progress.
18th March: Teardrop Lakes & Furzton – mapping underway.
- Salcey Regional Event (Midland Champs)
A subcommittee will handle the preparation for this event. Keith Downing to chair as Organiser.

5) Matters arising (and not covered elsewhere in these minutes)

- Keyne-O will start appearing in fixture lists. Flyers will be produced for distribution to running clubs, gyms, Youth groups, Parks Trusts notice boards etc.
- Grants are available for development of Orienteering – some extra kit for low key events will be requested.

6) Secretary's report

EAOA is thinking about rebranding. It was decided that, so long as this process is cost-neutral, SMOC has no opinion about the matter.

7) Mapping

- A extra copy of OCAD should be bought to help with the mapping associated with all our planned events.
- The Frontier Centre has asked permission to include their map in Welcome Packs. SMOC would prefer it if this includes the opportunity for users of

the centre to take the maps away with them as there is information about SMOC on the maps.

8) Membership.

Registering local members with BOF is creating extra work and is subject to delays. However, this extra burden should not occur next year.

9) Coaching.

This will continue to be offered at events.

10) SMOC Signals

No-one has requested a paper version. The fixture list and contact details of club officers no longer needs to be included as that can be easily obtained once online anyway. (Links to the fixture list pages for nearby club websites should be added to the SMOC site.) The copy date for the next issue is on the 28th January.

11) AOB

- Library exhibition

Luton library is reopening and someone is needed to talk to the public on 24th February.

- Suggestions for small areas in Luton we could bring into use include Stockwood Park, Norton Park and Luton Hoo. We have a lack areas on Northampton too. However the club needs to grow before we have the resources to put on events in such areas.
- Spare plastic bags will be placed in the equipment shed.
- City Challenge, a commercial 'adventure racing' organisation has requested use of A SMOC map for one of their events. Ouzel Valley North seems to fit their requirements though we would charge commercial rates for both maps and any remapping.
- The Brogborough map is on sale at Marston Vale at £1.50 per map.

12) Next meeting: 7.30pm, Friday 16th March 2007. Non-committee members are welcome to attend but they should contact Steve Hardy first.