

Minutes of the meeting

1. Present

Andy Dale, Gill Berrow, Paul Frost, Ross Lilley, Carol Burnapp, Kate Hunter, Lynne Walker

2. Apologies

None

3. Outstanding Action Points from last Googledocs meeting

Outstanding:

Item 9 – permanent courses: need a named person per course and people to look at new ones.

Inverawe (Ross),

Sutherland's Grove (Andy) but new Forestry Commission officer in place but he will get on to them;

Lochgoilhead (Mark Hill – Lynne to contact Mark);

Glenbranter (Lynne & Paul);

Map costs: how do we reimburse our costs? Do we actually charge for them – what about organised group?

Dave Bleazard for sponsorship? Supply of maps with Dave? PDF download off the website.

Action

Ross to liaise with Dave

4. Matters arising from Spring Club Activities

Seems like we've done a lot between Spring Series and other events attended by members? Any lessons learned?

Brief explanation from Paul. Despite feelings, the numbers since 2008 have been relatively constant. The attendees seem to be repeat custom rather than the more casual drop-in people.

Use newly qualified coaches to help at each event to talk through course (before & after) with juniors & new adults. More experienced coaches can then work with TD4 – TD5 before & after their course.

Actions:

- 'badge' each event having a 'Come & Try It' course (yellow)
 - bring-a-friend and then free entry to the person.
- leaflet to help them round the course (comfort blanket) with key / description, how to get round course etc. (**Action by???**)

5. Autumn/Winter Series

Result of survey:

1. Day: vary between Saturday & Sunday

2. Time: starts 11:30am – 1pm

3. Location: some areas folks are not so keen to travel to but some areas will be included

4. Fitness run: should keep going with this on a more regular basis

5. Training/coaching: varied responses – Paul to feed to Carol

Autumn series: see spreadsheet attached (Fixtures Sept2010 to April2011); some areas will be under an embargo as they are being used for Oban 2011.

It was decided to not have any events in December due to so many things happening in that month.

There will be coaching/IT things on the calendar January & February.

Action:

- Lynne: Circulate the sheet on Huddle/Googledocs to seek volunteers and also target people!!
 - Lynne to register the events when some personnel are known
- Andy D: to research easier hill races and suggest ones EckO could go along to and also maybe also a suitable hill for a 'hash' type run.
 - Include Benmore Gardens in January.
- Carol: Coaching day at the end of February for outdoor skills.
 - Carol will also investigate the electronic skills menu.

6. Oban 2011

Ross gave a verbal update on the event.

Rest day – Fearnoch MTBO, park/maze O at Tralee

Action:

Andy to co-ordinate this day and make a map!!

7. Equipment (including IT stuff)

If most coming to events have their own SI card results are much easier.

Do we

- Sell them (with a guaranteed buy-back) – but still need to be registered with SI to allow AutoDownload working

Action:

Paul to set up this system.

8. Club Development & Juniors

Document circulated and all to look at their 'Monitor' area and let Lynne know if they would like any adjustments to detail/target group/date. Once this is done the document will be placed on the EckO website.

Action:

All

9. Finance

- Nominally earmark circa £500 for development funds but emphasis to be put on seeking grant assistance wherever possible first;
- Members can apply to club for 'development' funding according to the principles outlined in the Googledoc discussion;
- Committee considers applications periodically at meetings but can consider them via e-mail in between if necessary;
- Awards at discretion of committee and subject to available funds
- Awards based on principle that club will assist with plugging remaining gap between expected cost and member's final sum raised up to a maximum of £100.

Paul: GPS tracker – is the club interested in buying 10 for coaching purposes?

Action:

Paul will look into this and SOA Development fund?

10. Do EckO want to take on any 'big' event for 2012?

If we go for a SOL 2012 then would have to bid by the autumn this year.

Kerrera: before end of March or autumn.

Action:

Lynne to contact fixtures sec and say EckO are interested in a SOL 2012.

11. Date of next meeting

TBA; meanwhile items for discussion on Googledocs with summaries being published from this.

Paul then asked if we would like to have a job dedicated email address

chairman@

secretary@

treasurer@

etc.

Action:

Paul: There is an EckO account and Paul would like to set things up. The calendar could also be useful for us.