

**MINUTES of CLOK COMMITTEE – Monday 11th January, 2010.
held at Laurence Jackson School, Guisborough.**

PRESENT – Joe Dobbs (Acting Chairman) Ann Cranke, Malcolm Gibson, David Murphy, Paul Thornton, Joe Trigg and Joan Selby.

1. **APOLOGIES** – Peter Archer, Duncan Archer, Chris Poole, Chris Wright.

2. **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING** – were approved.

3. **MATTERS ARISING** from the last meeting

3.3.3.3.4 SI EQUIPMENT AT CLOK EVENTS –

f) A system to keep together as well as keep track of laptops, printers, batteries, cabling, instructions etc is on-going. **ACTION Marion Archer**

3.3.3.4. MAPPING

6) DEVELOPING MAPPERS – Paul Thornton will put something in the February Tchimes regarding training for those Clokers interested in mapping. **ACTION Paul Thornton**

3.5 MEMBERSHIP and PARTICIPATION –

5c *(Latest) Peter reports back that he has spoken to Mike Hardy about two things:-*

a) *Gerald Helm's offer to help make permanent courses more accessible to potential runners. Peter now has the up to date list of permanent courses as well as comments on them and will discuss further with Gerald.*

b) *Printing CLOK future events information on the back of schools maps, which Mike was in favour of. Peter has e-mailed Phill about this and is awaiting his reply.*

5d Alastair told the committee about the following website improvements to help sell our sport to newcomers.

- o He is almost ready to launch a system for gathering people's email addresses and then putting out messages about forthcoming events. Hoping to go live later this month & will have sign-up sheets at events. **Duncan will put a note in Tchimes**
- o He is going to revamp the "introduction to orienteering" pages on the CLOK website to make the content more up to date and add some photos/graphics. **ACTION Alastair Mack**
- o Alastair suggested organisers could provide photos and/or interesting map fragments to go on the individual event summary pages to help sell the particular event (eg nice forest, interesting map etc). Note in Organisers handbook?
- o He is keen to keep the rest of the site simple and informative. It is important that potential orienteers get to the website in the first place (eg via the colourful posters we already have, plus other advertising avenues we have to pursue)

Discussion continued on Membership and Participation. Paul Thornton had circulated a list of statistics for 2009 with suggested targets covering membership, event average participation, mapped areas and trained active people. Joe Dobbs does have a problem finding officials and Paul Thornton is mindful of mapping updates.

Alastair ran through the BBC Dropzone Campaign which runs from 31st January to 11th April, 2010. The committee agreed that he should move ahead on this. He will publish all our events and will include all NEOA clubs. He plans to put a discount voucher (voucher = BO discounted price) on our website but access to this is only via the BBC Dropzone website.

6.3 Joe Dobbs reports that the new SI equipment is now ordered.

6.4 Paul Thornton had reviewed and updated the Organisers Checklist on the website, but had not been able to get it down to one page. He will implement the slight amendments suggested.

ACTION Paul Thornton

4. **COMPASS SPORT CUP Cancellation** – Alan Cranke had done most of the planning but been delayed by the heavy snow and cold weather which also hampered the controllers ability to get into Silton. Joe Dobbs has investigated moving the date forward but the 7th Feb hosts a coaching conference and a big Lakes event. All the following weekends are very busy. Peter Guillaume says we can find our own date. (The final of the Compass Sport Cup is in October.) Several options

were discussed and it was felt that access into Silton would still be okay for 21st February. Joe Dobbs will talk to Duncan Archer and NATO to see if we could utilise 21st February (the date of a NATO event) and if not ask other local, participating clubs about dates we could use. (*Latest – NATO has been approached but we will not know until after their meeting next week.*) **Joe will report when he has information**

5. **ORIENTEERING CONSERVATION and the wider ENVIRONMENT** – A note had been received from Peter Brett, Environment Officer at BO who is trying to consolidate many of the stories he hears as he travels around the country of problems encountered when seeking event permissions, many, but not all, relating to nesting birds. He is particularly interested in refused requests that have been received or influenced by organisations such as Natural England, Countryside Commission of Wales and Scottish Natural Heritage as well as the Forestry Commission and the National Trust. **Paul Thornton offered to respond on our behalf.**

6. **DEVELOPMENT REPORT** – (Regional Development) Mike reports that he has now received tactile maps for the sports hall at the Rainbow Centre in Coulby Newham where there will be two introductory sessions for visually impaired children in February. These will be followed by two outdoor sessions at The Kings Academy. Anne Dehany and Mike will be attending an evening course covering sport for the visually impaired in January.

(CLOK Development Project) Paul Thornton is planning an urban orienteering event based on Saltburn Valley Gardens in June this year. Enthusiastic support has been received from Parks and Countryside and Sports Development in Redcar and Cleveland. Paul is developing a website featuring the town and Mike and Paul have a meeting planned in early January with the Redcar Events people. Mike has received substantial support from Teesside University regarding a university orienteering club and a meeting will be held in January to plan strategy.

7. **TREASURER'S REPORT** – Malcolm reports that he has the on-line banking set up and ready to go. He has also raised cheques for NEOA :- £226 for 2009/10 contribution
£772.74 for NEJS squad contribution including CLOK share of
2008/09 deficit.
£120 from coaching fees donation.

8. **SECRETARY'S REPORT** - Nil

9. **EVENTS PROGRAMME**

9.1 24rd January 2010 – WHITBY TOWN – Relays
Re-instated on new date following cancellation due to snow – also replaces Silton (Compass Sport Cup). **Paul Taylor will send Alastair a revised flier for the website.** Paul will need help as he is in the Lakes on Saturday 23rd.

9.2 14th February – AYTON and NEWTON MOOR – Monitor Joan Selby
Planning is done.

9.3 Saturday 27th February – CEILIDH at East Harlsey Village Hall
New re-arranged date. – Tickets from Linda Thornton.

9.4 Friday 5th March – CLOK DINNER – Marion Archer
At the Tree Bridge near Stokesley

9.5 21st March – CRINGLE & COLD MOOR – Regional – North East Champs - Monitor Chris Wright

9.6 17th April – SKELDER – Local – Monitor ??
Needs either an Organiser or a Planner.

9.7 12th September – Local event - venue to be decided.

9.8 13th March 2011 – MULGRAVE – Regional
Duncan confirms that this date is now fixed with the National Fixtures Group.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 10.1 Gerald Helm has offered a trophy for CLOK to utilise. It was agreed that we would accept Gerald's kind offer of a hand-made wooden trophy to be presented to the winning team at the New Year Relays. **Joan will let Gerald know.**
- 10.2 Alastair pointed out that the lift sharing system on the website by each event was not being used. It is a sensible cost and carbon saving system and we should encourage club members to use it where possible.
- 10.3 Duncan pointed out that the Tchimes deadline is 31st January, 2010.
- 11. Next Meeting – Monday 8th February 2010 probably at Guisborough.**
- 12. Rotating Agenda Item for February “PARTICIPATION”**

JMS 13.1.2010.