

MINUTES of CLOK COMMITTEE – Monday 14th June, 2010
held in the Friends Meeting House in Norton.

PRESENT – Peter Archer, (Chairman) Duncan Archer, Ann Cranke, Joe Dobbs, Malcolm Gibson, Sarah Hague, David Murphy, Chris Wright, Linda Thornton, Paul Thornton, Joe Trigg, and Joan Selby.

1. **APOLOGIES** – Alastair Mackenzie.
2. **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING** – were approved.
3. **MATTERS ARISING** from the last meeting

3.3.3.3.5 **MEMBERSHIP and PARTICIPATION**

Alastair is going to re-vamp the “introduction to orienteering” pages to make the content more up to date and add some photos/graphics.

ACTION Alastair Mack

3.10.1 Tees Valley Sport – Club Benefits Package – Mike has signed CLOK up to this package which entitles club members to free places on any of their listed courses. This has already been publicised in TChimes. Alastair will put it on the website. **ACTION Alastair Mack**

5. **PUBLICITY** – Rotating agenda item

a) Distribution of Alastair’s colourful publicity fliers – please let Alastair have a list of where they are displayed and where they have been refused.

- Alastair will distribute in Darlington
- Joan will distribute in Yarm and Stockton
- Peter will distribute in Northallerton
- Ann will distribute in Norton
- Duncan will distribute in Durham
- Paul Thornton will distribute in Saltburn

b) Alastair created a small flier, aimed at runners to go into a “goodie bag” following running events. They were successfully distributed following the recent Redcar Half Marathon to advertise the Saltburn event and the Summer Series. **Alastair will also create a bookmark shaped flier for the Long-O.**

d) Peter and Mike Hardy have discussed A5 or smaller fliers to be distributed after each inter-schools event.

10.2 Dave Cauldwell of Northern Navigators has moved out of the north east area. Peter Archer offered to speak to Boris Spence of NN as well as John Crosby of NATO to see if any help is required. **ACTION Peter Archer**

10.3 Duncan reports that Mike Hardy has arranged for TChimes to be printed by Ryehills School in Redcar.

4. **JUNIORS Update – Rotating agenda item**

Linda Thornton reported that the Monday training sessions based in Guisborough have been very successful. They have now been running for 15 months and developed a nice core of juniors with an average attendance of 17-20 juniors and 2-3 adults. Many children live in the area and just walk to the training, but there are a few who travel. Families are joining CLOK as a result of the training. Linda had applied for and received an £850 Grow Project Grant which covered room hire costs and payment for coaches. The plan is to continue the training through winter, spring and summer with goals of attending the Peter Palmer Relays, Yvette Baker and also to take a team to the Scottish Championships. Mode of transport will be via minibus hire/loan – Linda is investigating this. It would be advantageous to have more members with MIDAS driving certificates.

Linda will pull a programme together showing income and costs.

“Increasing Club Talent Squad” project - BO is encouraging more clubs to form a talent squad and Linda Thornton, as Coaching Co-ordinator, has applied to organise this. Sarah Hague attended the meeting to introduce the klub to the “Increasing Club Talent Squad” project, which is intended to improve orienteering skills and athletic development throughout the klub. She is keen that CLOK should think in terms of whole club talent development and would of necessity include juniors as well as seniors. The project requires a considerable commitment from participants and it would take

place on a regular basis. The committee agreed to move ahead with this. Sarah will develop progressive sessions for one year's duration with the aim of a September start.

Sarah will go through grants available from Sport England with Linda. Linda also asked for some help to complete forms for grants and Malcolm Gibson offered to do this.

Linda also reported that Jon Williams had agreed to be a Coaching Mentor. Linda will check with Jon about publicity and clarity about the role.

5. **BO COMPETITION REVIEW (Phase 2 – UPDATED paper)** – The review had been circulated just prior to the meeting (sent via e-mail 9.6.2010). Duncan had already replied to the questionnaire and this had also been circulated. As time was short, Peter asked that any further comments should be sent to **Duncan and he would pass them on to BO.**

New BO Event Levels – Patrick Smyth has asked if anyone has any comments on what the difference is between event levels 2/3 and 3/4 (Joan will circulate this e-mail to all committee members) You may wish to read an e-mail received recently from Paul Taylor on the same subject. (Joan will also circulate this.) If you have comments to make on the subject, could you please send them to **Duncan Archer.**

6. **DEVELOPMENT REPORT** – (Regional Development) – There has been a meeting with Teesside Athletic FC, which has police connections and does a lot of outreach work in East Cleveland. Ways of delivering orienteering have been discussed. Mick Garratt has now delivered the last of 10 after-school club sessions at Swainby Primary. A revised update to the permanent course in Albert Park is completed and Middlesbrough Borough Council has contacted 300 primary schools offering outdoor activity options and several have accepted. Contact has been made with Teesside Leisure working for Redcar and CLOK has been asked to organise a Family Fun Day in summer to introduce orienteering to their extensive contact lists.

(CLOK Development Project) – Three competitions have been held – Hartlepool inter-primaries, Darlington inter-primaries and inter-school league event number 5 at Hardwick Park. Many publicity fliers have been distributed by club members and the first response came from Kirklevington Cubs who had noted the poster in their village hall. 19 cubs attended the session at their local primary school. Stockton Borough Council have a three year programme of funding for sports development and have advised CLOK of introductory coaching required at three schools in the autumn term.

7. **TREASURER'S REPORT** – Malcolm reported that the Brierley event (fund raiser for the NEJS) had made a profit of just under £100 and had therefore sent a cheque for £100 to the NEJS. He had also renewed the equipment insurance. On-line payments were working very well with very few actual cheques, signed, most of which were for BO.

8. **SECRETARY'S REPORT** – Nil

9. **EVENTS PROGRAMME – past and future**

- 9.1 27th June – SALTburn/VALLEY GARDENS – Monitor Joe Dobbs
There has been good co-operation from Redcar/Saltburn council. A flier will be going through every door in Saltburn to publicise all events being staged on the day. Map numbers was proving to be a problem. Need to hire dibbers – possibly EBOR could help. Mike Hardy is talking with BO to see if it is possible to charge a much reduced price for total newcomers. Joe Dobbs has pulled together a "Treasure Hunt" map to utilise on the day. CLOK will need a number of volunteers to help in case many locals new to orienteering arrive.

- 9.2 12th September – SNEATON/FYLINGDALES – Local – Monitor
Initial fliers are published and being distributed at local events. Courses are now white to blue with two ultra-long courses i.e. 12K and 20K.

- 9.3 SUMMER SERIES – Dates and venues are now final and on the website.

- 9.4 AUTUMN SPRINT SERIES – all in hand and on the website.

- 9.5 2011 EVENTS PROGRAMME

Only June and July venues have to be decided.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

10.1 **CLUB NIGHTS** – Three fortnightly klub nights have so far been held with an average of seven members attending. Several good topics have been covered by Alan Crank, Pippa and Duncan Archer.

Questions – 1) Is it in the right place. 2. Is it on the right night. 3) Does it need more publicity. This will be discussed in more depth at the July meeting. It was agreed to suspend further klub nights and push harder for September re-start.

10.2 **Peter Archer will contact Gerald Helm regarding checking POC's**

10.3 **Stockton Club and Coach Awards** – Joan had brought a suggested letter to support our nominee for the “Young Volunteer” category and Peter Archer had signed it on behalf of the Committee. **Joan will pass this to Mike Hardy.**

11. **Next Meeting** – Monday 12th July, 2010 – The committee is invited to join the juniors at the ?Score event followed by a barbecue at Linda and Paul Thornton's in Guisborough, starting at 6 pm. Please take your own meat and Linda will provide salads and rolls. Our meeting will commence at 7.30 pm as usual, but in the sitting room. Thank you Linda and Paul for the invitation.

12. **Next Month's Circulating Agenda Item** – “Access and Mapping”

JMS -15.6.2010.