

## Minutes of BASOC Committee meeting 3 November 2014

### In attendance:

Lynne Walker (Chair), Gavin Miles, Jess Tullie, James Tullie, Johannes Felter, Hilary Quick (minutes), Paul Frost, Jenny Clarke

### Apologies: Peter Lamb

Lynne welcomed Johannes to his first BASOC committee meeting.

1. Finance: Peter had reported that approximately £4000 was available for spending. Committee agreed outlay on room hire for Event Safety/Organisers' Workshop at Tomatin on 13<sup>th</sup> December (approx. £40), and cost of photo shoot with Chris Spencer, end November or AGM day, up to £120 (photos then free to use) – Johannes to pursue both items.
  
2. Development Plan:
  - Membership static, though 1-2 families believed to be about to join – Jess to follow up. Many present not aware of BOF's Direct Debit option.
  - Block of 6 beginners' coaching Tuesdays deemed success. Jess to target another cluster for Spring 2015, try to involve more coaches, improve earlier communication. Include membership in the deal from week 2. All members to make effort to chat with newcomers, have printed forms available. Johannes to liaise with Jess in contacting primary clusters. Possible Teaching Orienteering course.
  - Nothing specific done for mountain bikers/trail runners – re-word heading. Johannes pursuing idea of CPD for mountain leaders etc., possibly with competition at end. Link with Tuesdays for continuity. Agreed use of club equipment.
  - Johannes to follow up with Cairngorm Runners early 2015, aim to get some to urban Tuesdays, possibly also dark trail runs. James to continue to post on their FB page.
  - Fixtures/events – James & Paul now doing Events Co-ordinator role, including co-ordinating Tuesdays. Use Tuesdays as training for bigger events, encourage planners to try ideas, it's OK for it not to be perfect. Attendance levels often 50% of membership. Over winter, first Tuesday of month will be urban – might put more structure in. December event with AGM, then Jan/Feb to be coaching/training rather than race (with use of village hall), March race as build-up to SOL1. Agreed not to conduct survey of members' wishes. Need more informal socialising.
  - Mapping: LiDAR data available for Anagach, professional re-map needed. James to approach INVOC again with proposal to take on copyright. Dulnain Wood mapped, other updates done. Progress with Macdonald Resort, possible permanent course; Kinveachy – Seafield not keen; Newtonmore & west into Glen Banchor might be interesting – Hilary to find out who owns it; Craig Beag new owner approachable; Docharn & Deishar definitely not possible; Rothiemurchus part sold to FCS has capercaillie – James to contact Colin Matheson re. SOA interest in mapping it; Loch Vaa covered by LiDAR – James to get it, Hilary to request SOA to update map.
  - Skills development:
    - Organisers' workshops in December
    - Johannes to train as controller end November
    - basic SI course to be offered via Val Springett (INVOC)
    - Planners' course with INVOC

- Communication: 19 editions of newsletter sent; no increase in number of e-mail addresses receiving it (33, ~60% open it). Needs more general news items; also to include reminders of Tuesdays and events – James/Jess to write about Tasmania trip, Jenny also to send it to Strathy, and include extracts from SOA newsletters (Gavin to forward to Jenny and Paul). Facebook – little engagement – push it more, Johannes to use pay promotion, also get more in Strathy.
  - WOLF 2015 needs co-ordinator. Jess/James will plan, venue Loch Vaa (see above note about map), organiser needed. Lynne to supply names to SOA Ops Director.
3. AGM:
- Paul, Jenny, James willing to stay as committee members; Gavin happy to stay or step down if new person found; Jess to be nominated as junior development person; Hilary stepping down from committee involvement. Marion happy to return to committee; Lynne also to approach Gemma Karatay, Dave Henderson.
  - Event pricing: agreed to propose to AGM differential pricing (=discount for BOF members) for Tuesdays and Level D events, also to offer pre-payment option for Tuesdays for BASOC members only.
  - AGM meal to be pot luck take a dish.
4. AOCB:
- Communication received from SOA President – confirm affiliation to SOA, declare link with Aviemore Community Sport Hub, agree to participate in membership growth drive.
  - Decline invitation to advertise with tourist information people.
  - Hilary reported from Community Sport Hub meeting that cycle tracks & jumps likely in Kingussie wood; committee rejected idea of using changing rooms at Aviemore CSH for £115/year.
  - Agreed fun social inter-club competition after WOC 2015 – Johannes to pursue with Mike Rodgers.
  - Idea of league floated – inter-club or intra-club – to be considered further.
  - Hilary to check with Marion about annual awards (present at AGM)

## Summary of actions

### Johannes:

- arrange organisers' courses and photo shoot
- liaise with Jess on contacting primary clusters
- follow up with Cairngorm Runners early 2015

### Jess:

- follow up families who say they'll join
- liaise with Johannes on contacting primary clusters

### James:

- continue to post on Cairngorm Runners FB page
- approach INVOC re. Anagach (again)
- contact Colin Matheson re. Rothiemurchus bit
- contact Colin Matheson re. LiDAR data for Loch Vaa

Hilary:

- request SOA update of Loch Vaa
- ask Marion about AGM awards

Lynne:

- talk to potential new committee people esp. Gemma and Dave

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