

BASOC Committee Meeting, 21st September 2015, 7:00pm, Aviemore Community Sports Hub, Committee room

Agenda

Present: Lynne Walker, Paul Frost, Peter Lamb, Gavin Miles, Jenny Clarke, Jess Tullie, James Tullie

Apologies: Johannes Felter,

Item	Detail
1	WOLF <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Agreed way forward:- 2016 - 10/11 Sept, Kingussie Hub- 2017 - 16/17 Sept Aviemore Hub, Including VHI
2	Winter events / activities <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Tuesday = DarkO, being programmed by James- Northern Night Cup - now organised, 6 night events- Christmas / New Year Fun event 29 Dec, Paul to organise
3	Finance <ul style="list-style-type: none">- £4k profit from Wolf 2015, invest in mapping and some new equipment.
4	Mapping <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Have permission to map Toquillie nr Carrbridge. Agreed to go with Steve Barrett's quote for mapping. James to progress- Aviemore map close to complete
5	Store <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Lynne has arranged for BASOC to use new community storage facility in Grantown once it's opened. Small cost, dry and secure storage.- Keep using current store till then.
6	AGM: Saturday 12 December <ul style="list-style-type: none">- at Kinncraig- suggest Janette plans handicap- Gavin to set up Agenda
7	Satellite club Discussed proposal for satellite club based Fort William. General agreement that it could work well and would be a good way of reinvesting old LOCHOC funds managed by BASOC. Agreed to invite Ed Niland to next committee meeting to run through proposal/options in more detail.
8	A. O. C. B. <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Jess proposed junior development plans for 2016. Agreed that some School maps need to be updated to support junior coaching and schools capacity. Jess to ask Johannes whether any SOA funding would be available to support school map updates.

9	<p>Next meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- 9th November 2015- Aviemore Community Sports Hub, 7pm- Agenda items: 2016 committee, What other events would members like/want to help plan/organise?
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Proposal for a satellite club of BASOC in Fort William

From Johannes:

I've been approached by Ed Niland, newly appointed Lecturer in Adventure Sport Science at UHI in Fort William. He contacted me to ask about establishing a new orienteering club in Fort William.

I think you may know Ed - see his profile here. <https://ie.linkedin.com/in/edniland>

Certainly he has a very serious orienteering background and it sounds like his previous job would have a lot of crossover with your work in coach education.

His intention is to get some areas mapped around Fort William, access some timing kit, and begin putting on small scale events. He intends to use orienteering as a subject sport for his sport science students, and also wants to include local orienteers as much as possible. He wants to work together with Outward Bound. I filled him in on what I knew of the LOCHOC history, and to get the ball rolling have put him in touch with Alex Campbell and Adrian. His intention is to establish a conventional open club, not a closed one for UHI students.

I wonder if you would be willing to put the following suggestion to the committee at the next meeting: that BASOC offer to help this new club get started by inviting them to operate temporarily as a satellite club of BASOC. What would this look like in practice?

- no need for the club to draw up own constitution, elect committee - they can concentrate on the practical essentials of getting orienteering going in FW area.
- could occasionally borrow SI kit, other equipment and Condes licence key from us (provided they come over to get & return it!)
- could have own section on BASOC website
- their members join BASOC
- they apply for SOA Development Funding through BASOC
- I think they would need to agree to send someone across to attend committee meetings

All this would be a temporary measure to help the fledgling club for a few years until sufficient momentum has been established. Once ready it could then constitute itself properly and break away, taking their own members with it.

What's in it for us?

- Good karma! Helping the wider orienteering community in a remote spot. I think BASOC is already leading the way on this type of thinking through your link with Petal Power, and our support for the Laggan area.
- It would really do a lot for our Laggan valley members - not to mention the ex-LOCHOC contingent. I suppose there's a risk they might break away to join the new club in the fullness of time, which would be a loss to us.
- Ed Niland sounds like a great guy to have on our side - the sports science research could be a great thing to get involved in. I liked him immediately on the phone and thought he sounded like a trustworthy and well intentioned guy.
- I have to be honest and say that of course this is an opportunity to demonstrate to SportScotland a further increase in BASOC membership (albeit temporarily). However I promise you I'm not so shallow - this is very much a secondary benefit from where I stand. In general I would stand by our previous understanding that the club should concentrate on local membership consolidation until next year. I think you'll agree that this satellite project is significantly different in that we wouldn't be responsible for engaging with any new members of the satellite in FW.

I did discuss all this a bit with Peter Lamb when I met with him to do some accounting the other week, and the subject of the LOCHOC funds held in 'trust' by BASOC came up. Peter agreed that I could mention this sum of money to Ed (without specifying the sum). I just hinted at this to Ed and mentioned that it would perhaps be something to approach the committee about. I hope you don't mind my taking that liberty - it was just part of explaining the local history to him.

Finally, I think this ties in with the possible goal of nominating ourselves for BO Club of the Year. One of the questions on the form is "How does your club relate to local and regional partners and build these relationships?" What a cracking answer it would be to say that we had helped a neighbouring club in this way. I had meant anyway to enter Club of the Year as a separate item for the agenda at the next committee meeting (even though I can't be there on the 21st).

Sorry, long email but I do think this is a very exciting opportunity for the club. I look forward to hearing what you think. I have told Ed I would make this informal approach to you in the first instance. It is his intention to write to you more formally in the near future, perhaps before the committee meeting on the 21st.

From Ed

I am very interesting in exploring the possibility of setting up of a satellite club in the Fort William area of your club, with the intention of seeing the viability of an Orienteering club in the Area.

I would appreciate it if you could inform your committee about the possibility of this happening over the next few months.

I had an excellent conversation with Johannes Felter today about how to proceed, he suggested I make you aware of the hopeful early shoots of rebirth of a club here, either as a satellite, closed club of the College/ University or an open club.

Talk soon!!

I (LW) responded to Ed with a 'holding' email, saying we would discuss at the committee meeting.