

Northern Navigators Committee Meeting Minutes

27th January 2022

Present

Kath Marshall-Ivens
Boris Spence
Barry Young
Debbie Warren
Julian Warren

Dave Peel
Matthew Foskett
Maya Hampshire Wright
Kate Hampshire (joined at 19:32)

1 Apologies

Dougie Nisbet

2 Finance – club accounts

Accounts sent out before meeting. **Action:** Kath to sort out internet bank account before next meeting.

3 Future events

Northern and Junior Champs at Shaftoe Craggs 2nd April – only option as it's lambing season. Might have an issue with more vehicles than usual and the parking field being boggy at that time of year. BO estimating 90 junior competitors plus parents, so potentially 300 competitors. Fri eve is an urban event, Sat (our event) might be a warm up or a selection race with selection race by NATO on Sun at Simonside. Lots of different courses, including four green and remainder as normal, all junior winning times should be 25 minutes. Will need to hire toilets in. Will be using SI, from CLOCK or Border Reivers. All entries through SI. Boris is organising but will need as many helpers as we can get. Only two crossing points on the wall, Rob will look at an issue on the map for a bolder/crag. Additional parking at Bolam Lake, coaches can't use our regular field. **Action:** Boris to create an organising team.

Queen's Jubilee sprint as part of NE weekend – Boris happy to organise, Kate to plan, in S Tyneside adjacent to A19. **Action:** Boris to approach community association re: using their car park, toilets, etc. Discussed whether we need to go to local authority for permission, based on other clubs experience decided not.

Boris suggested using some of our savings to buy about 40 SI boxes so we have our own kit. What are the hidden costs for insurance, software, license, etc, would we have to put our entry fees up? **Action:** Boris to contact the SI to ask if they do a starter pack; would need a laptop which Boris might be able to provide.

Score Champs in autumn, Fontburn – no update.

Beginner events series - Debby has asked DCC about license costs, she has a contact to speak to in Corporate Property and Land, DCC. Considering Bearpark Woods, Deerness picnic area and Ayckley Heads. Considering running these once a month from May. **Action:** Debby to put a proposal together and send it to DCC.

CST 13th March near Pickering – Debby will send out entry details nearer the time.

Long O – Barry wanted to do this, would be good for June. **Action:** Debby to speak to Barry.

4 Developing new areas

As Rob isn't present will leave this for another time, also consider developing some of our existing areas we haven't used recently. Barry suggested Bollihope Quarry at Frosterley and the cement works at Weardale.

5 Communications

Matthew circulated a paper prior to the meeting which had a number of suggestions.

Newsletter - Debby and Maya happy to contribute, Matthew will coordinate. Debby suggested Dougie would be keen to contribute too. **Action:** Matthew to email whole club to ask for contributions, then produce first edition for end of February and try out EmailOctopus.

GDPR - emails to whole club should be sent out as BCC not CC for GDPR.

Facebook – page has 97 followers which is three times the size of our membership. Discussed creating Facebook events for our actual events, agreed this was a good idea. **Action:** Matthew to check current admins are happy to continue.

6 AOB

Julian informed the meeting that to be a controller you need to do a training course, there is one currently being arranged somewhere near Hexham. Maya is interested. Boris happy for people to shadow him when he's organising, this would be a good opportunity to learn. **Action:** Julian to share info when available.

Meeting closed at 20:20

Date of next meeting: 7pm 24th March 2022