

DPFR Committee Meeting: 19:30, 17 September 2024

Venue – Zoom

In attendance: Guy Ward (GW), Will Boothman (WB), Despina Berdeni (DB), Richard Hakes (RH), , David Arundale (DA), Tim Tett (TT), Tom Saville (TS), Rob Greenwood (RG), Mark Whitworth (MW)

Apologies: Lisa Watson (LW), David Hakes (DH), Helen Elmore (HE), Cynog Williams (CW),

Julie Wilson attended the meeting as a non voting guest.

Attendance on Wednesday Nights

TS: Drafted a document which outlines basic stuff – do not want to overcomplicate it but also do not want to miss stuff out.

JW: Introduced self – Issy Mae's mum. 16 at Christmas, competes next year as an under 19. Some of the u19 are the same as the adult races. Juniors is great, but sessions are not appropriate for older runners. How do we transition for the older runners? Not many athletes but Amelia Frost, Issy, other runners.

Under 18s, not adults, and need to cover changing rooms and safeguarding – who is going to be responsible?

Hallamshire – Hallamshire committee meeting had the same issue. Easier for Hallamshire due to the number of groups. Happens more naturally and they go on to university. They have nothing in place. Looking at social sessions.

TS: Trying to see if it is possible to get involved on a Wednesday. It is the community event. Would be invite only, subject to rules.

JW: Parent/guardian is an issue because lots of parents are unable to come. Will rule a lot of people out. Wednesday

GW: Lisa suggested a run once per week, one or two leaders, limited numbers. Would have some admin requirements – signing on, DBS, LiRF. Still may need to be invite only. Lisa happier with the social route

MW: We would need to consider who is in the group, how we can pull the ages together. What if adults are in the group? What do the ages look like? Would need set routes etc. Good way to test appetite with the older juniors, then review.

What Lisa is proposing is the role we haven't been able to fill

GW: No need to DBS adults in group.

MW: Yes but need to consider as part of risk assessment, what in case something goes wrong.

GW: CPSU – fine with it in principle but we need to follow their guidance. Fell age group is a mix of adults and children (u19)

JW: fell age groups make this a problem that other athletics competitions do not have. Lots of factors to consider – should parents be there, are they too pushy?

GW: Cannot agree everything tonight, but seem to have a framework to move from.

TT: Would we need DBS checks

MW: Would definitely need the leaders DBS checked.

TT: Some members might want a shorter run. Would have to be more rigorous.

MW: May grow over time depending on how well it goes. If we can get all the details worked out, safeguarding, safety, cover bases. Happy to lead some of the groups, but a bit injured. Happy to get involved once back. Focus on under 18s?

GW: Need to be strict with signups – if you aren't signed up, you cannot come.

JW: Happy to help where I can but cannot take a role on.

GW: MW, LW and I to hash out a process and agree details then present to committee.

MW: Short on time but happy to help where possible.

JW: Once a month is a great starting point. The young ones run for Hallamshire anyway, but it is good to have the experience on the fells and to get to know some of the other women.

TT: Would we need parents supervising children?

GW: No, leading runs would supercede this. EA do not like parents supervising children.

MW: Parents join with under 11s but not over 11s. Generally don't want this

TS: Why does FRA allow competing with parental consent.

GW: Probably haven't thought of it.

TS: Easier to race than train at that age.

MW: Majority of issues and risk is at training.

GW: People in a position of trust in training.

JW: Lots of fell race rules are ridiculous on distances and contradictory.

MW: Include Helen in the discussion. She was nervous and is redrafting safeguarding policy

Can items be sent? Yes.

Financial Report

DA: Usually make more on edale skyline, made less this year – 4k surplus and would normally give a couple of grand to charity. Do not have to and no obligation but we like to and have done in the past. Coinscious that the hut might be upgraded and we don't want to give too much away if we need to take action.

TT: When did we last give money>

DA: End of last year on back of skyline surplus.

TT: reasonable income from burbage

DA: (1800) which we did not have last year as iit was cancelled. No need to donate if we don't want to.

TT: was edale at burbage?

GW: Saw a van. But not sure which one it was. Suggest waiting until the next meeting before making a decision.

MW: Mention of need for DBS and LIRF – at the moment also 1 or 2 parents have interest and previous the club did have a budget for training for stuff like this. We did have an approval following the outdoor first aid course that Matt Pickering had organised. Do we need leaders on Sunday morning to have a bag with first aid kits, emergency shelters etc? Agreed it was sensible. Would be useful for group leaders to have that kit. Just bear in mind.

GW: Useful whenever we need it

MW: Club champs etc. People take own kit but useful to have as a backup.

DA: Accounts are now with Companies House.

TT: 19k in the bank? Fairly typical.

DA: Yes, dropped a bit last year but there were reasons for that.

TT: Cannot see any reason not to donate. Give 1k. Woodhead give other services to us.

60/40

GW: Makes sense. 60/40?

WB: Fair to me.

Membership Report

DB: 421 members, a couple joining per week. 56 juniors. 364 adult members.

TT: looking through the membership list, quite a few older members who are not on the list. At least one is not IT literate, so some definitely slipped through the net. Some are involved that are not members.

DA: Some standing orders still in place.

TT: How would they get in to the membership system?

DA: Still get some, including lately. Used to send list over. Believe that the people who paid by standing order would get a refund.

TS: Some definitely paid twice.

DA: Nothing Dark Peak can do – down to the member,

GW: Can we give free membership?

DB: We can refund but we need them to actually sign up through SI. We need to support joining through SI – impossible to manage otherwise.

WB: Can you enrol on their behalf?

TT: I can look through membership list and have a word. Definitely some are not members who want to be members and continue to run.

DB: For them to sign up, they need to be members of SI.

TT: let's find out who they are and sort it out.

WB: We cannot be the only club.

TT: Has been mentioned that we should have lifetime members, become paid up after a number of years accrued.

DB: We have honourer members. Shortlist of founders who got it and some others. No need to pay when they register. Just founders at the moment. Can modify.

DA: Can we tell on SI if refunds have been made.

TT: Without pointing fingers, both Tim and Tom paid the bank, should have had a refund.

DB: JL has a list of people to be refunded, will review.

DA: Potential for 700 pounds of refunds which would come out of the surplus.

GW: SI should do it through the search functions.

DB: Thought this was done a while ago but will review.

TT: Do we want honorary membership?

GW: Need to consider how much each tier would cost. 30 years, 40 years etc.

WB: Don't want to wipe out large chunk of income.

TT: 40 years?

GW: How do we know?

TT: If I remember them, they will have been around.

DB: Unwaged category would give them cheaper membership already. Can create the category.

DB: Facebook group – we only approve signed up, paid members. Far more members of the FB group than DPFR members. Do we remove people?

TT: Can we easily tell who they are?

DB: For most, yes. Some give funny names.

GW: Need a month or so warning to sign up before being removed. Lots apply with their name different to the one they signed up with, I will amend the question.

DB: There is an issue that we broadcast certain activities.

WB: Publicly available on the website, will keep on there.

Club Hut Update

TT: Everyone knows what happened after old landlady died. TT and GW met up with them. Updated Tamsin on DPFR, she was surprised that we had been using the hut and pub for so long. They took over as we started summer season so have not seen the DPFR presence which explains the clobber in the hut. Issue was the barn – the barn was rubbish and they moved stuff into the hut as a result.

Keen to resolve the situation – their stuff needs chucking or moving and they are happy to do so. Footballers will be moving out as they will be getting two containers from Fargate, which will create more space.

Prospect of putting in the changing areas should be able to go ahead, but nothing imminent.

TT and GW will meet up in coming weeks to look at the hut, figure out whose stuff is what and what can be moved around to make stuff usable.

TS: I have the trig point, if you are unable to find it.

TT: didn't know they had the builder as a tenant.

GW: brewery didn't know it owned the hut.

TT: Nothing will happen overnight but we will see progress.

Camping Weekend

TT: Thanks for all those who attended – trying to up the numbers. Will book again for the same weekend – one before August Bank Hol.

WB: Weekend before bank holiday is safest bet but due to holidays it can be tricky. Good for parents, others likely to be away.

GW: Not too many families with slightly older children. Never going to please everyone.

TS: Get it in the calendar early.

GW: Email out around club activities including camping.

DB: Last year it was on a champs weekend, which didn't help.

TS: Likely to have ended before the camping weekend but we should check.

TT: Has always been that weekend.

TS: Only really clashes with Sedbergh.

TT: More family stuff. Kids race?

TS: Rob and I keen to add more fun activities.

GW: Bamford Rec wanted to use our photos to help advertising.

TT: Will contact Richard Hakes.

TT: For those who went, spread the word.

Longshaw

Update provided.

TT: Proceeds to the sheepdog trial

DA: We get nothing from them at all. Not even prizes.

Edale

Update provided – car parking an issue, as are marshal numbers.

TT: about 25-300 in the past. 400 is because they require it.

TT: People need to be aware of how grim up there it can be.

Disciplinary Policy

GW:

In person meetings

TT: Held at the fat cat – other pubs we could use meeting rooms in . One thing we haven't ever done is mix online and in person – people may only show online.

GW: Tech would be difficult.

TT: later or earlier start?

TS: Whatever we had before.

GW: 20:00 would be preferable for me. Will poll earlier.,

AOB

Champs

TT: Club champs – who is organising?

TS: Dave Sykes.

GW: Mentioned at AGM, no one has been in touch since.

TS: He's had a new hip – got time to to it but would be worth checking.

TT: Happy to check. Date has been set, dinner has been booked. New menus.

Local Access Forum

Will post on facebook – ask the person to update committee.

Lishman

All happy with the leaflet.

TT: Website, obvious link to it. Facebook and Whatsapp announcement with a link to it. Put it in the email when you join (alongside the disc policy).

TT: Disc policy should be available on the website. Question is what we push on whatsapp announcements.

TT: pub is on the calendar – Yorkshire briud