

Black Canon Collective

Meeting Minutes and Action List

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1. Meeting Info

Meeting: Fifth meeting – reviewing draft proposal from Longleat Estate
Date: 27 March 08
Time: 20:00
Location: The Rose and Crown, Warminster
Attendees: Ash Brown, Neil Cousins, Andy Denham, Ben Irons, Robin Liquorice, Alastair Mackinlay, Caroline Mackinlay, Tom Rickhuss, James Sinclair,

Meeting Chaired by: Andy Denham

2. Meeting Agenda

- a) Minutes from 20 March 08
- b) Outstanding Actions
- c) Review of draft proposal received from Paul Grugeon
- d) Any Other Business
- e) Actions

3. Minutes

a) Minutes from 20 March 08

The minutes were accepted as an accurate record of the meeting

b) Outstanding Actions

Al has looked into document hosting for the club and is going to sort out using Google Documents. We can use this for free if we have under 50 members or if we are a charity. He has bought www.blackcanoncollective.com and www.blackcanoncollective.co.uk. We have agreed that www.blackcanoncollective.co.uk will be our definitive URL.

Andy has written up the revised Rules but still has some work to do on the Constitution. CASC (Community and Sports Clubs) guidance requires some elements that we haven't covered. In particular the Objective needs to be rewritten in more CASC-like language in order to make it more obvious that we qualify! Also the document needs to be knitted together into a more cohesive whole.

Andy has also received a draft proposal from Paul Grugeon and they have a meeting on Friday 28th March at 4pm.

Ben estimates a draft budget of £1195 minimum, without tools/Freelap etc. Still to fill in bank account forms (no rush here).

Neil had a reply from Wharncliffe; they don't have a formal club or membership, it's more ad-hoc and they are allowed to build what they want as long as they are sensible. He has

also contacted a couple of other clubs. Hamsterley are in the same situation as us; their landowner is Forest Enterprise. They pay £3500/yr for the land. Membership is £40 per year plus £5 per time to ride (of which £3 is for uplift and £2 goes into the kitty). They run uplifts at £15 per day, no profit from this. They have a real problem with randoms turning up and riding without paying. Macclesfield Riders have private land that they can seal off (locked gate with restricted keys).

Rob is still waiting for a response from his southerndownhill.com partner Tom Phillips about what they can do to help.

Ian is also still waiting for a response from his CentreParcs contact.

c) Review of Draft Proposal from the Longleat Estate

Andy had posted online a draft proposal received from Paul Grugeon. This was reviewed and the following comments were made and queries/clarifications to be sought of Paul.

Firstly, determine whether it would be possible to lease the land rather than licence it – and get an idea of the rough cost of pursuing this path. The additional time isn't necessarily a problem to us as felling hasn't yet started. The reason for asking is security of use (greater than 24h notice of closure).

3f) Clarify what is meant here.

3h) Times are very restrictive and would preclude summer evenings. Suggest 9am – dusk normally and 6am – dusk if we are holding a race or other event.

3k) Define requirement – is this to come out of a risk assessment? Is it only during an event?

3p) We need this clause amended to say something like no motorised vehicles during wet weather (although we have and wish for no right to take motorised vehicles there anyway), or no vehicles except emergency vehicles. We need to be able to ride/build in winter.

3q) We cannot make provision for toilet facilities and they aren't required by us. Maybe only during races? (We couldn't get any in there anyway – no motorised vehicles)

3r) Maybe in future, depending on what's happened during felling, we might like permission to suspend a tarpaulin above the seating area, or make similar provision to cover/shelter it.

3s) Not possible. Suggest signs/membership cards refer to a URL where the licence can be viewed.

3u) See top

“The Rights” on page 8 – request change the singular “A downhill MTB track” to “an MTB trail network” as this will allow more inclusive trail building.

Second Schedule – negotiate on price! Also determine method of payment.

Third Schedule -

b) Query need (not required outside races at any other MTB area)

- c) Clarify whether this only covers racing. Code of Conduct covers usual parking requirements i.e. we are to use Longleat's car parks, ideally at Cley Hill end.
- d) Again, racing only, no need under usual conditions

d) Any Other Business

Andy said that Paul Grugeon has been contacted by a guy called Tim Matthews at Easynet regarding permission to build at Longleat. There is a good opportunity to increase our membership here if we can work together.

Andy thinks that we should go for CASC status and not charity status as charity status is a lot more effort to gain but for no extra reward. We can still seek charitable donations and use Gift Aid as a CASC.

Money was discussed briefly – we should keep to the minimum budget from membership funds, and seek to use charitable donations for extras like Freelap etc. The budget is now online on the SDH forum; we're looking at around £40 to £50 per person at the moment.

A replacement committee member for Conservation / Health & Safety was sought – James Sinclair was voted in unanimously.

4. Actions

(in alphabetical order)

AI – Redirect longleatriderscollective.com to blackcanoncollective.co.uk.

Set up Google Docs for us to use

Andy – Take list of queries/clarifications on the draft proposal to the meeting with Paul Grugeon.

Clarify with Paul G that we can use fire roads to access the site

Clarify whether risk assessments can be conducted by us in-house or whether an outside body would be required

Contact Tim Matthews

Continue work on the Constitution

Publish Rules

Draft a document to use as a guideline when requesting money from companies etc, covering what we are asking. Suggestion to include a percentage of all donations going on rider development.

James – familiarise yourself with the role; contact Darren to see if he'd done anything

5. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held in the Rose and Crown, Warminster, on Thursday 3 April, at 7.45pm for a prompt 8pm start.

Draft Agenda for meeting:

- Review minutes from meeting of 27 March (these minutes)
- Review Actions
- Andy to go through the outcome of his meeting with Paul Grugeon and where we go next
- AOB
- Agree next meeting