

Black Canon Collective

Meeting Minutes and Actions

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1. Meeting Info

Meeting: February Committee Meeting
Date: 07 February 2008
Time: 19:00
Location: The Lopes Arms, Westbury
Attendees: Neil Cousins, Andrew Denham, Ian Crook, Caroline Mackinlay, Simon Truelove
Apology: Rob Lewis, Ben Irons, Alastair Mackinlay

2. Meeting Agenda

- a. Minutes review
- b. Action List review
- c. Club Logo
- d. AGM
- e. Dig Day planning
- f. Suggestion Box
- g. AOB

3. Minutes

a) Minutes review

The minutes from the committee meeting of 08 January were accepted as an accurate record.

b) Action List review

The BCC action list was reviewed and has been updated with new target dates for completion of actions.

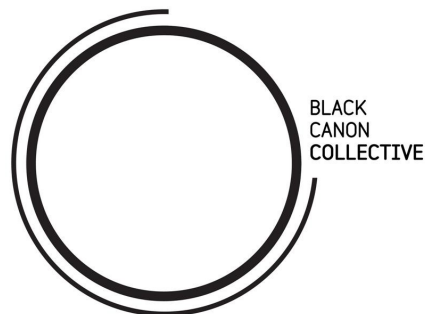
Once again a lot of actions are outstanding – several of these are small items which require little effort to complete, so please can the people with these actions clear them off the list.

Selected action updates follow:

- We now have a proper map of our site and also the provisional go-ahead to route the XC trail through Longleat land which is not licenced to us.
- We propose to take the Allotment development forward by having one person oversee development with three “champions” for the three main disciplines of the sport. The XC “champion” is Russell Burton and the dirt jump champion is Chris Smith. The downhill “champion” is still under discussion. Currently Neil Cousins as Site Development officer is overseeing the plan; however we did discuss Neil becoming DH “champion” and then Andrew Denham would oversee the whole plan.
- The club's first AGM is planned for the end of March (before the end of the club's membership year). A few more details can be found later in these minutes.

c) Club Logo

Miles Gould, currently working at Howies in Cardigan, has come up with the following logo for us. Ian presented it to those present and the committee are to vote (via the SDH forum) whether it should be adopted. (n.b. Since the meeting, the logo has been accepted by a 4:3 vote) The logo is very clean and will translate easily onto t-shirts and stickers.



d) AGM

Our first Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held on 29 January at 7pm, in the conservatory of the Horse and Groom pub, East Woodlands (the usual starting point for the Tuesday night ride).

A provisional agenda has been agreed:

1. Welcome – explanation of purpose of meeting
2. Apologies for absence – from committee members not present
3. Chairman's report – summary of this year; plan for next year

4. Treasurer's report and accounts – summary of this year's accounts and proposal for next year's budget, including membership fees announcement
5. Election of Committee – via ballot box on the day
6. Proposed Changes to Constitution – open voting
7. AOB – any issues arising, from anyone

We hope to see everyone there.

All full members are eligible to vote, and are eligible to nominate themselves for committee posts. We hope to run to about an hour of reports with half an hour for AOB.

Please keep an eye on the website for information on the AGM, elections, etc.

e) Dig Day planning

The next dig day is Saturday, 14 February.

Ben Batt has raised the issue of the danger of hanging wood. Andrew is going to talk to Rodney the head forester regarding whose job it is to remove dangerous hanging wood, and will also ask whether we can use chainsaws to cut up wood which is on the ground already. Note - we **do not** propose that BCC members with chainsaw licences should use chainsaws up trees to remove hanging wood!

It is proposed that next Saturday, we mainly concentrate on the jump spot. The list of work proposed is:

1. Move the tarpaulin to the seating area by 143
2. Tidy, remove and replace course markers on BBMS, as required to bring the course marking to the same as that on the other tracks
3. Extend the waterbar on 143 which was started two dig days ago
4. Define a route for the bottom section of 143 – this will then be actioned on a forthcoming dig day
5. Work on the jump spot, to include tidying up the hole where soil has been removed, removing the “kicker” which is supported by twigs, and continuing and tidying the work already started.
6. Gather and stack wood; chainsaw use dependent on Longleat agreement.

The day will start at 10am; committee please be on site early as usual.

There will be a riding day on Sunday 15 February; the Freelaps timing kit will be available for timed runs.

f) Suggestion Box review

Cheaper or Student memberships – we propose getting rid of the half-membership, and having two membership classes – one for under 18s and one for over 18s. We would also have a Family membership which would be “pay for adult(s), get children under 13 free”. Only the adult Family members would get membership cards as under 13s have to be accompanied.

Dig evenings – rather than having specific “dig evenings” we plan to have a list of agreed “work which needs doing” which can be done outside of the formal Dig Days. This will allow those who work Saturdays to still contribute towards course building and maintenance.

e) AOB

Andrew requested funds to buy two 5L tea urns, to hold hot water for tea/coffee on the Dig Days. The one purchased previously worked well but wasn't nearly big enough at 2.7L.

We have received a donation of £250 from the Corsley Elizabethan Evening – thank you very much to Marion Liquorice for nominating us for this. The Elizabethan Evening would like volunteers from BCC to help set up the day before, and dismantle the day after their Elizabethan Evening. More information to follow on the website and forum.

Andrew has a meeting on Friday at the Allotment with Paul Hawkins from Project 1SW. Andrew met Paul at the National Mountain Bike Conference. Paul runs Project 1SW, with a remit to develop MTB in the south west. Info on Paul's project at www.1sw.org.uk.

Once we have our XC track in place, Live2Ride in Frome have expressed interest in running an off-road duathlon on the track.

4. Next Meeting

The next scheduled committee meeting will be the regular monthly meeting on Thursday 12th March at 8pm, venue TBA.