Appendix 2 to SWOA minutes 17 Sept 2013

Report on Caddihoe Chase 2014 - Pat Macleod, organiser

The planner for all individual courses, days 1 and 2, is Peter Ward. The planner for the VHI relays is Paul Taunton. I will be overall coordinator. All of my comments below are subject to further work and final decisions by the planners, but.....

Day 2 will be based on a new assembly area towards the NE corner of the Mallards Pike map. Assembly and relay changeover co-located on what was once an old spoil heap, now cleared and levelled. Mainly linear parking on a nearby forest track, but maybe enough room at assembly for helpers and VHI competitors.

Day 1 will be based on the same assembly area, subject to some further thinking and exploration by Peter Ward on best options to exploit the terrain without too much re-use of the same areas on both days.

The event area will cover the Eastern part of Mallards Pike, and all of Blakeney Hill. The Western part of Mallards Pike is scheduled for extensive forestry work over 2013/2104, so we are somewhat circumspect about using it at the moment. However, we may end up using some of it, and may move day 1 Assembly to a different location.

We are actively looking for a mapper to review and revise maps of the competition area. Currently I have interest from 2 foreign based mappers, but am concerned that they will be unaffordable. My more local requests have so far all be turned down. I have had differing opinions on the quality of the current maps, and may seek to appoint a mapping adviser to provide an independent view on the quality of the maps, and the work needed to bring them to a suitable standard. This should be sorted out in the next few weeks.

We have discussed possible controllers, but have not approached anyone yet. Again, I will get on with this urgently. If there are any SWOA grade 1 controllers in need of work, or experienced grade 2s looking for opportunities, let me know. Otherwise I shall try to find someone at least at grade 2 but fairly local, from WOA or WMOA.

You'll gather from this that Speech House fields do not currently feature in our plans. If SWOA wish to hold an AGM, or any other sort of gathering, then Speech House is an option for that, but I would need to book it fairly soon to be sure of a slot. Pat Macleod