



Berkshire Orienteers

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

8.00 pm, 25th February 2021
Zoom meeting

Present:

Derick Mercer, Fiona Clough, Stefan, Peter Entwistle, Annika & Doug Greenwood, Simon Turton, James Wilkinson, John Methven, Katy Stubbs, David Jukes, Ian Hudson, Nigel Holt, Richard Rae, Denise & Eric Harper, Neil Frankum, Martin Wilson, Dave Rogers, Brian Burt, Trish Monks, Rich & Mel Golding, Bo Oqvist, Mark Foxwell,

Apologies for absence

Sue Parker.

Minutes of the Last Annual General Meeting (February 2020)

The minutes of the 2020 AGM had been circulated and were Proposed as correct by Brian Sewell and Seconded by Fiona Clough.

1. Chairman's Report

Stefan welcomed everyone to the meeting and gave the following account of the year's activities;

I hope you are all well and looking forward to the start of post COVID-19 Orienteering hopefully in April. I hope we can meet socially and at orienteering events soon.

This year's AGM will be a short affair as it is online and we have not been able to achieve much this year. No awards were presented for 2020 for obvious reasons. BKO only managed to put on 1 event since the last AGM at Burghfield Common on 22Feb with around 60 competitors thanks to Steve Waite for organising.

We had planned to hold other events during the year but permissions from Country Parks, Army and Crown Estates were withheld due to COVID-19. We finally organised an event on private land at Bucklebury but this was cancelled 3 times due to COVID-19. It is ready to go and we plan to hold this as soon as we are allowed, I hope this will be early in April. We plan to hold an event in Bloom wood on the 16th May and I hope everyone is able to attend as the wood should be in fantastic condition. It is one of my favourite spring time woods

We did manage to take part in 2 club competitions this past year;

March 8th: Yvette Baker Trophy Heat near Bedford where the Juniors qualified for the final by winning the shield event. Congratulations to the team and our thanks go to Martin our club Captain for organising it. Martin will be standing down as Club Captain in the Autumn and John Methven will be taking over the role. Let us all thank Martin for all he has done in this role. I note Martin will be continuing

supporting the club and has volunteered to plan the 2022 Concorde chase if we can get permission to hold in in Hawley next January.

March 15th: Compass Sport Cup Heat on a very wet day near Gloucester. We did not qualify for the final but I certainly enjoyed competing but any social activity was washed out by the rain.

We had one notable performance on March 1st where Adam Methven represented England on the Interland international at M17.

We did have a return to orienteering in the summer with the Army Wednesday events and a few weekend events but these quickly finished due to lockdowns.

During the period after the first lockdown, we saw a number of surrounding clubs put on map run courses or other courses for orienteers to turn up at their leisure. I know a number of you enjoyed these courses. The committee tried to set up similar cross-country courses unfortunately permissions from the Landowners were not forthcoming. In last year's early summer, the committee decided it was not appropriate to put on Urban map run courses and encourage people to travel from far and wide into our urban areas.

Map run is an excellent training tool and in December we revisited the decision on setting map run courses and decided that they were appropriate for individual training but only if you stay local. We now have a number of Live Map run courses in Berkshire, with more on the way. Thanks go to a number of you actively for preparing courses. The Burnham village map run has now had 8 people try it out in a week, all of them are from the local running club and new to orienteering. It goes to show that map run is not only an excellent training tool for orienteers it is also excellent for promoting the sport and introducing the sport to new people. We must thank Mark Foxwell for this initiative. Please can you all try and produce a map run urban or open parkland course for your area.

Finally I would like to thank David Jukes for compiling the best club newsletter for a number of years. David is leaving this role after production of the March newsletter and we are looking for a volunteer to take it over for the club.

Let's hope the next 12 months will be more positive and we will finally return to the sport. And we can all get together for a social after the AGM.

2. Treasurers Report

Peter Entwistle had circulated the audited accounts for 2020 prior to the meeting.

2020

The club accounts for 2020 are better than expected despite Covid cancelling nearly all our activities and so drastically reducing both Income & Expenditure compared to Budget and to 2019.

Fortunately compared to BUDGET both Income & Expenditure fell by similar amounts so that there was still a **cash surplus of £512** and after deducting depreciation a small Net Deficit of **£-495** - both figures are close to Budget and near break even.

SUMMARY v BUDGET		2020 £	Budget	Variance v Budget
INCOME		3035	5520	-2485
EXPENDITURE		-2523	-4945	2422
CASH SURPLUS		512	575	-63
exclude Capital spend		0	200	-200
Less Depreciation		-1008	-1042	33
NET DEFICIT		-496	-267	-229

Furthermore this is a much better result than our cash deficit of **-£1978** in 2019 in which the cancellation of the Concorde Chase played a major part.

Although we only ran Two fee paying events in 2020, fortunately one was the Concorde Chase Regional event on Star Posts, which earned a cash surplus of £1530 and exceeded its Budget target.

The Key Income & Expenditure items were

INCOME		£	Variance v Budget
Membership (2020)	2020 component only (also 227 for 2021)	789	-61
Concorde Chase	Star Posts Regional	1530	130
Saturday Events	Only 1 – at Burghfield Common	98	-400
Bloom Wood	Cancelled	0	-600
Southern Champs	Cancelled	0	-1000
Clothing Sales	Note Contra in Expenditure section	608	-392
Others		10	-162
TOTAL		3035	-2485

(The November and December 2020 membership receipts of £227 are being credited to the 2021 accounts.)

EXPENDITURE		£	Var v Budget
Newsletter	Only 1 printed issue	85	755
Clothing – cost of sales	@ sales price - contra in Income section	608	392
Discount on Junior Clothing	2 Free Otops - £50 and 6 Summer Jackets @	134	-34

	50% £84		
BKO printer supplies	Toners and Pertex paper- stock purchased but no printing needed	580	-380
Insurance	Equipment	322	28
BOF & SCOA Membership		302	18
Relay Entries	JK cancelled & BOC refunded	13	757
Socials	Socials cancelled	0	225
Equipment	No electronic equipment purchases	184	316
All Others		295	344
TOTAL SPEND		2523	2422
CASH SURPLUS		512	-63

Bank Balances started 2020 at £13,844 and ended at **£14,278** Our Bank balances combined with the minimal overall deficit gave us a better year end position than may have been expected during the pandemic.

2021 YEAR to Date

The Income & Expenditure to date currently shows a net surplus of £854:

CATEGORY		£
Membership		616
Event - Spring	Online entries already received for cancelled 9 th January Bucklebury event	455
Event - Spring	PPE for first event (Bucklebury or Bloom Wood)	-95
Website	Domain name	-10
Depreciation	2 months	-112
CASH SURPLUS		854

But note that :

- The Spring event needs to be rescheduled and will incur more costs (incl Toilets and Levy) but hopefully will have more entries.
- The Club is receiving a refund of £467 for the cancelled 2020 BOC relays (included in 2020 accounts) - but the committee is planning to **donate** this sum in the near future.

BUDGET 2021 Estimate

This is very much a rough first stab to give an order of magnitude indication in these uncertain times. It is based solely on my guesstimates , and it has NOT yet been discussed with the committee.

CATEGORY		£
Membership		616
Event - Spring	Net Surplus	200
Regional Event - Autumn	“	300
Saturday Events	“	200
Newsletter		-100
Software & equipment	Colour £120, OCAD £160, sundry £120	-400
Mapping		-150
Insurance		-330
Clothing discount		-100
Audit	donation	-70
BOF membership		-70
SCOA membership	Calc = £216 but not requested yet	0
Sundry & Website		-102
Donation	To BOF , Foundation etc	-467
CASH SURPLUS		-473

Peter Entwistle, BKO Treasurer

23rd February 2021

Q – There appears to be some problem with members receiving emails via the website email system. Either not receiving or sent to spam.

A – This is a known problem and the Committee / Webmaster are looking into the problem.

The budget & audited accounts were proposed by Simon Moore and seconded by Nigel Holt.

c. Membership Fees 2021

There is no proposed change to the fees for 2022. Martin did lead a discussion on membership fees and when they should increase. Membership fees are dictated by general costs, Club financial needs and to attract & keep existing members. At present there is no requirement for fees to be increased.

3. Club Constitution

There was no proposed update to the Constitution. Derick did state that BOF are updating and reviewing several of their policies and updates may be required next year.

4. Awards – Due to a COVID restricted year no Club awards were made for 2020;

Derek Harding Award (*For services to the club*)

Jim's Jug (*For best junior*)

- Women's Champion –
- Men's Champion –
- Junior Champion (Girls) –
- Junior Champion (Boys) –
- Handicap Champion –

5. Election of Executive Committee:

Derick proposed that with the meeting being held via Zoom and to save an elongated proposal & seconder that the proposal & second is done by block. This was agreed.

The current named committee members were willing to stand for another year. Derick asked if there were any volunteers for any of those positions, no volunteers;

Chair: Stefan Stasiuk

Secretary: Derick Mercer

Treasurer: Peter Entwistle

Fixtures Secretary: Bo Oqvist

Membership Secretary: Ian Hudson

Development Officer: James Wilkinson

The above were proposed by Katy Stubbs and seconded by Martin Wilson.

Committee Members: There are four additional posts and two co-opted provided under the constitution. The following were willing to continue to act in this capacity;

David Jukes has stood down from the Committee this year. The three remaining members had agreed to stay in post for another year & Trish Monks has volunteered as a replacement for David and also as the webmaster (handover with Andy Parry). No other volunteers at the meeting;

- Trish Monks.
- Brian Sewell.
- Mark Foxwell.
- Fiona Clough.

The above were proposed by Stefan Stasiuk & seconded by Nigel Holt.

Co-opted - By Officers of the Committee.

Martin raised a point that most Clubs have their Captain on the Committee and as such it was agreed that a co-opt position could be held by the Club Captain.

- Simon Moore.
- Club Captain – Martin Wilson/John Methven

Non-Committee club positions;

Club Captain: Martin Wilson/John Methven

Welfare Officer: Lynne Moore.

Youth League: John Methven.

6. Any Other Business

- a) David Jukes asked if anyone would be interested in taking over the Club Newsletter. There were no volunteers.
- b) Annika Greenwood noted that the Concorde Chase was still being shown on the BOF website. This would be removed.
- c) Katy Stubbs said that she would not be able to continue with the Club Mapping and finance would have to be looked into. Stefan thanked Katy for all the hard work Katy had done as the Clubs mapper.

Stefan closed the meeting and thanked everyone for attending.