



## **Berkshire Orienteers Minutes of the Annual General Meeting**

**7.00 pm, 7<sup>th</sup> February 2020  
Sand Martins Golf Club,  
Wokingham, Berkshire. RG40 RQ.**

### **Present:**

Derick Mercer, Fiona Clough, Stefan & Linda Stasiuk, Peter Entwistle, Annika & Doug Greenwood, Simon Turton, James Wilkinson, John Methven, Christine Artus, Katy Stubbs, David Jukes, Lesley Innes, Jane Courtier, Brian Burt, Martin Wilson, Sue Parker, Brian Sewell, Bo Oqvist, Nigel Hoults, Andy Parry, Neil Frankum, Simon & Lynne Moore, Richard Rae.

### **Apologies for absence**

Eric & Denise Harper, Sally Collins.

### **Minutes of the Last Annual General Meeting (February 2019)**

The minutes of the 2019 AGM had been circulated and were Proposed as correct by Fiona Clough and Seconded by Annika Greenwood.

### **1. Chairman's Report**

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

#### **BKO events 11 events over year**

#### **Thanks to everyone for helping**

The Early part of the year the club focussed on putting on the JK day 3 at Cold Ash. We were rewarded with one of the hottest Easter Sundays and as a club put on an excellent event with most club members spending much of the day helping. Katy was the planner with Fiona the organiser but many of you leading teams to get the job done. The only real issue was with the delivery of the results, which lead to some understandable criticism it was contracted out to a professional timing company.

Eric has sent this message "Thank you all for all the work you put in on the day. The British Schools Championships is unlike the usual events that we put on which did put some added pressure on the organisation but from my perspective everything went well with quite a few nice comments about the organisation. We had the whole site cleared by 3.30.

Saturday event on 16th Feb at Yateley with 81 runners

Cancellations due to Crown estate of Swinley East Saturday Event in march.

We put on our scoa league event on 12 may at Rushall woods with 207 competitors

**Summer** 3 local events including the picnic at Lower early Reading with 40 runners Bracknell, Jennets park 66 runners, Picnic organised by Katy and Fiona was excellent. East Woodley Reading. August event in with 69 runners was postponed for a week due to high wind

### **Autumn /Winter**

There was a full program of events. I would like to single out Bo our new fixtures secretary for liaising with Crown estates and securing 3 events for the club

SCOA league event at Buckleberry where we were all treated to a beautiful sunny day and an interesting and challenging set of courses from Mark Saunders 245 runners. The event was well organised by Glyn and supported by a number of club members.

The first Saturday event of the season held at Swinley West organised by Eoin Sharkey and planned by Alan Phillips attracted 102 runners and Radio Berkshire. The event was successfully completed even with rather high bracken.

The club successfully put on the Saturday event at Swinley East with a good turnout of 107 competitors. Thanks to the organisers for putting on the event. Unfortunately we lost 1 emit control which was located on a path junction and was probably taken by a member of the public.

The Southern Championships scheduled for 25th January that the club was organising on Long Valley North was cancelled by the Army due to the area being used for military training at short notice. The club decided to hold a level C Concorde chase at Star Posts at short notice on the 24th January in order to minimise the financial imposition from the loss of the Southern Champs. We are all most grateful for James Wilkinson for stepping in at very short notice to plan this event and to Simon Moore and Fiona Clough for organising the event at short notice. We had 320 competitors and a very good profit of £1700, which was most welcome.

### **Performance review**

Some outstanding performances from Juniors Adam Methven and Amelia Wing.

The club Championships were held at Pamber Forest on the 23rd November

Adam Methven (M14A) for finishing 3rd in the Scottish 6days, a truly magnificent performance and to our junior team (Adam, Maddie, Natalie and Amelia) who came 2nd in the National Peter Palmer Day Break relays on 8th September.

The club Championships were held at Pamber Forest on the 23rd November and congratulations go out to Peter Innes, the Handicap Championship and Club Champions Trish Monks and Derick Mercer.

### **Future races**

In the next 2 months there are a number of major events which I hope many BKO orienteers will attend. The main event is the British Championship long distance race and relay close by at Liphook in March. We also have the British Night Championship at Hambledon in February and the Compass Sport cup in March.

## Development matters-

### Interaction with Schools

Phil Conway, the local BOF development officer for south England received a request for help earlier in the summer from the Berkshire Schools Sport Network.

Cathy from Brunel University runs the Teacher training course and has a module on Orienteering for the students to learn about orienteering and then teach it to West London school kids. She wants some help in putting on a course in February for these students and one in June for the school kids.

Many of you worked very hard to put the JK on this Easter and the event has produced a surplus. SCOA has asked the clubs what they wish to spend this surplus on. The recent SCOA meeting with representatives of many of the regions clubs identified the lack of competitors in the 18-40 age group as the most obvious issue facing the region and attracting new competitors in this age range as a significant priority.

The SCOA committee is looking for projects that will help with the development of orienteering in this age group. If anyone at the club has any ideas on how we may address this issue and how this windfall could be put to good use please contact any member of the committee with your ideas.

There is an increasing age profile in orienteering

We need to look at how to attract and retain younger people

10-17age kids that can make friends at orienteering

18-35 age with time and money

35+ orienteering as family sport.

Need to provide activities to anchor these people to club- regular local events and training??

We need a development officer to drive this at BKO

Stefan also gave thanks to James Wilkinson for stepping in to Plan our event at Star Posts.

## 2. Treasurers Report

Peter Entwistle circulated the audited accounts for 2019.

2019

Financially 2019 was as disappointing year for the club with a large final deficit of £2,788 – although bank and cash balances are still comfortable at £13,844.

A major deficit was certain once land permission from the MOD for the 2019 Concorde Chase on Long Valley North fell through. Normally the Concorde Chase is the biggest earner for BKO and in 2018 earned a net surplus of £1812.

The major additional cost was the extra Professional Mapping fees of £2,225:

Resurvey of Rushall Woods	for May Regional Event	£950
Extend JK Cold Ash/ West Bucklebury map to include Eastern End of Bucklebury	For October Regional Event	£725
Add northern heathland to JK Hawley map	To be used in 2021	£550
Map updates by Katy Stubbs	Latest updates needed for Regional and Local Events	£88 (expenses only)
Total Mapping Costs		£2,313

Note that the JK mapped several BKO areas which were handed over to the club free of charge. Other major costs were the unexpectedly high land charges particularly from Crown Estate for running Saturday events. The Crown Estate charged £900 land use to cover 3 events : Saturday events on

Swinley East (allocation £225) and Swinley West (allocation £225) plus the 2020 Star Posts event (allocation £450).

As a result the 2019 Saturday Events made a surplus of just £55 compared to a budget of £750 . To help addressing this shortfall we have:

- a. Increased the Saturday entry fee for Seniors by £1 as from 1st December
- b. Apply the existing 50% fee discount to helpers at all events so replacing the current free runs for helpers at the Saturday events – as from 1st January.

Note that the impact of the large clothing sales is small – sales are roughly at cost and stock held is low.

Overall Summary of Changes v 2018:

MAJOR CHANGES		£	£
Membership	Phasing	-339	
Concorde Chase	Cancelled	-1800	
Rushall and Bucklebury Regional Events	Higher entry fees to cover Map surveys	1263	
Saturday Events	4 events v 5 in 2018, Higher land charges	-705	
British Schools Champs	Donation (approx 50% of surplus)	108	
Map surveys	Rushall, Bucklebury East, Hawley North	-2225	
Relay Entries	JK & BOC	-238	
Newsletter	Extra edition in 2019 for anniversary	179	
Printer supplies	Phasing – NO toner ink this year – Just pretext paper - 2 sets toner in 2018	735	
All Others		173	
NET DEFICIT			-2849

#### BUDGET 2020

Due to the success of the recent Starposts Regional event which had 314 entries the outlook for 2020 is much better than the large 2019 deficit.

We are forecasting a Cash surplus of £575 which after depreciation becomes a small deficit of £267.

Bank and cash will reduce by £286 to £13,558

The major components are:

#### INCOME Estimate

Concorde 2020 – Star Posts	£1400	
Bloom Wood Regional Event	£600	
Long valley Southern Champs Autumn	£1000	
Saturday & Park Events	£650	
Subscriptions	£850	
Donations	£0	
Clothing sales	£1000	
Misc	£20	
Total Income		£5,520

#### EXPENDITURE

Newsletter	-£840	
Mapping	-£200	
Capital Equipment - misc £200	-£200	
Software licences – “Colour” Results & OCAD & minor equipment	-£300	
JK & BOC Relays	-£770	
Coaching and Courses	-£120	

Printer Supplies	-£200	
Insurance	-£350	
BOF & SCOA membership	-£320	
Clothing - subsidies	-£100	
Clothing - Cost of Sales	-£1000	
Insurance	-£350	
others	-£195	
Total expenditure		-£4,945
Cash Surplus		£575
Capital & Depreciation Adjustment	-£842	
Use of provision	£0	
DEFICIT		-£267

Peter Entwistle , BKO Treasurer  
5th February 2020

Q – From Simon Turton as how do Crown Estates justify their land charges?

A – CE’s management change and with it their ethos in charges. Management may well change in the future

Q – John Methven said that TVOC have changed to SI and would the Club be changing?

A – Stefan, we have 14K budgeted and in the account and the Committee are continuing to monitor various systems. The Club have also recently re-battered all out emit equipment.

The budget & audited accounts were proposed by Linda Stasiuk and seconded by Brian Sewell.

### c. Membership Fees 2021

There is no proposed change to the fees for 2021.

### 3. Club Constitution

There was no proposed update to the Constitution.

### 4. Awards – No award winners were attending the AGM, details of the winners are;

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

Derek Harding award for her services to the club over the past year to **Denise Harper**.

Jim’s Jug (*For best junior*)

**Adam Methven** had been nominated by the Executive Committee as the best junior this season.

*Club Champions (Based on results at the Championship, 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2019 @ Pamber Forest).*

- Women’s Champion – **Trish Monks**
- Men’s Champion – **Derick Mercer**
- Junior Champion (Girls) – **N/A**

- Junior Champion (Boys) – **N/A**
- Handicap Champion – **Peter Innes**

## **5. Election of Executive Committee:**

*Chair:* Stefan said that he would stand for another year, proposed by Katy Stubbs & seconded by Fiona Clough.

*Secretary:* Derick Mercer was willing to stand again, proposed by Andy Parry & seconded by Brian Sewell

*Treasurer:* Peter Entwistle was willing to stand again, proposed by Stefan Stasiuk & seconded by Martin Wilson

*Fixtures Secretary:* Bo Oqvist was willing to formally join the committee as fixtures secretary having been completing the task temporary. Proposed by Fiona Clough & seconded by Linda Stasiuk.

*Membership Secretary:* Ian Hudson was willing to stand again, proposed by Derick Mercer & seconded by Simon Moore.

*Development Officer:* James Wilkinson said that he would stand as development officer, there were no other volunteers. Proposed by Martin Wilson & seconded by Fiona Clough

*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, with additional remit of Newsletter.
- Brian Sewell.
- Mark Foxwell.
- Fiona Clough.

Co-opted - By Officers of the Committee.

- Simon Moore.
- Spare

*Non-Committee club positions;*

*Club Captain:* Martin Wilson.

*Welfare Officer:* Lynne Moore.

*Youth League:* John Methven.

## **6. Any Other Business**

- a) David stated that he would be giving up producing the Club newsletter next year. Stefan initiated a round of applause for David's hard work.
- b) Martin Wilson thanked everyone who competed for the Club at events last year.
- c) Martin Wilson asked about displaying the results on a TV screen at our events. The Committee would look into the proposal.
- d)

*The meeting closed at 2002 pm and Stefan thanked everyone for attending.*