



Berkshire Orienteers

Minutes of the Committee Meeting

8.00 pm, 10th May 2012
3 Kelburne Close, Winnersh,
RG41 5JG

Present:

Peter Entwistle (Treasurer), Ian Hudson, David Jukes (Secretary), Andy Parry (Events), Ken Ricketts, Katy Stubbs (Chairman).

Apologies:

Dave Rogers (Coaching Officer) and Alan Springett

1. Minutes of the Last Meeting (8 March 2012) / Matters Arising

The minutes had been circulated and were agreed. The following action points were mentioned:

- *2 – Chairman's Update:* Katy had publicised the vacancies on the Committee but there had been no offers. Andy added that he had started adding details of BKO events onto certain sports' web sites.
- *7 – Development Matters:* No information had been received from Dave Rogers concerning action needed following the Clubmark review.
Action: Dave Rogers
- *9 – Publicity:* Katy had been to St Andrew's School and presented Jim's Jug and Club Championship awards.

2. Chairman's Update

Club Nights

As these had been running since September, Katy provided a review of how well they had gone. A total of 35 different club members had attended on one or more occasions. The total coaching cost had been £3000 representing about £60/night. In addition though there had been the cost of hall hire (about £800). Attendance had been variable with some people being regulars and other more intermittent. With the summer evening series of activities now having started, a programme had been arranged incorporating more training activities than in previous years.

The Committee discussed the future of the Club Nights. It was known that there was a further £2000 of support available from BOF for the coming year. One issue was that there had been an excessive reliance on Katy to attend and to ensure that suitable activities were provided by the coach and to administer the evenings. It was agreed that this should not continue and that coaching arrangements would need to be reviewed for the coming year. Ian offered to provide some administrative support when possible. It was agreed to continue with the Club Nights although a cheaper venue should be identified.

Action: Katy

Katy reported on relevant updates. Following difficulties with permission for alternative locations, discussions were now in progress with the University of Reading to use Whiteknights for Day 1. Leighton Park School had also been identified as a potential location for accommodation and the BOF AGM. BKO has been designated as providing the main organising team for Day 1.

3. Membership Report

Ian indicated that he now had access to the data on membership but that there had been no new members since the last meeting.

4. SCOA Report

There had been no meeting since the last Committee. It was noted that the AGM would be in June and that both a new Secretary and Treasurer would be required.

5. Events and Mapping

Andy presented the results of some work he had been doing to use the BOF Fixtures List to provide a filtered list of events relevant to BKO members – currently termed ‘BKOfix’. This could be circulated to club members and it was agreed that this would be appropriate at about monthly intervals with information looking ahead about 2 months.

Events: The following future events were mentioned:

- Windsor/Eton: September – No developments to report
- Concorde Chase 2013 - Barossa; to be the Southern Championships; Dick Rae planning.
- Summer Series (now to be called ‘BKO Urban Parks Challenge’) – 4 events had been arranged although, in the absence of organisers for the last two, Katy would take on this task.
- Winter Series – There was some discussion as to possible dates and venues and Andy would draft an updated listing.

Mapping

Katy had started work on Swinley West but some significant forestry work was still in progress.

Website

Andy requested access to the website so that he could directly update information on events. It was agreed that this was appropriate.

6. Treasurer’s Report

Peter had provided updated accounts. Full income from the Winter Series was now shown indicating a useful source of funding. However it was also noted that the newsletter was a significant cost and with the recent high increase in the cost of postage alternatives might be considered including distribution at events or the possible use of franking which was thought to be less costly. New club O-tops are on order. The possibility of using new fixings (Gripples) with the recently purchased urban controls was raised by Katy. This would be considered as an alternative to the chains and padlocks currently used.

7. Development Matters

The club had been informed that our recent Clubmark renewal by BOF has been identified as suitable for audit by the national Clubmark organising body. It is likely that they will meet with Katy and Denise to discuss details of the renewal process.

Josie Rogers had established a Facebook page to provide additional publicity and the Committee was grateful for her work and input.

8. Secretary's Report

There were two forthcoming relays in which the club could enter one or more teams. These were the Harvester Trophy (being organised by BAOC in the region) and a SEOA/SCOA Relay Championships (being organised by SN). These had been publicised in David's regular Updates but with only limited support so far. Katy would be entering a team for the Harvester; David would enter a team for the SCOA Relay Championships if there was sufficient interest.

9. Publicity

No additional items.

10. Coaching Report

No report.

11. Youth League

The prizegiving will take place at 10.00 at the forthcoming Swinley East event.

Action: Ken Ricketts

12. Next Meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting would be held on Thursday 19th July 2012 at 8.00 at Katy's house – 3 Kelburne Close, Winnersh.

13. Any Other Business

None

The meeting closed at 10.30