



# Berkshire Orienteers

## Minutes of the Committee Meeting

8.00 pm, 12<sup>th</sup> January 2012  
3 Kelburne Close, Winnersh,  
RG41 5JG

### Present:

Peter Entwistle (Treasurer), Denise Harper (Development Officer), David Jukes (Secretary), Keith Ellis (Publicity), Ken Ricketts, Dave Rogers (Coaching Officer), Katy Stubbs (Chairman).

### Apologies:

Neil Frankum and Alan Springett

### 1. Minutes of the Last Meeting (17 November 2011) / Matters Arising

The minutes had been circulated and were agreed. It was confirmed that any developments connected with Bisham Abbey would be taken forward by Richard Barratt in liaison with Eric Harper.

### 2. Membership Secretary's Report

David presented data on renewals at 1 January and at the date of the meeting as well as an indication of new members. Individual membership at 1 January totalled 160 (down from 227 in November, -30%) and unit membership totalled 85 (down from 118, -28%). Since then there have been 3 individuals from 1 unit who have renewed and, as new members, a further 4 individuals from 3 units. The decline was more substantial than from 2010-2011 (which was only -15% individuals) but similar to 2009-2010 (at -34%). It was noted that last year will have been higher as there had been significant numbers of new members who joined in Autumn 2009 as a result of the increased entry fee for non-BKO members at that time. Those new members will have had membership until December 2011.

David will be e-mailing those who have not renewed in case they had forgotten to renew in error. He will also offer former BOF members local membership as a cheaper alternative.

**(Action: David)**

### 3. Chairman's Updates

#### 3.1 *BKO Club Night Developments*

Katy reported on developments. The nights had just restarted but 30 minutes later (7.00-8.30) and the room is booked until 23<sup>rd</sup> March.

It is planned that the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month will be a 'physical' training session. Katy indicated that she felt it important that other BKO members were willing to take on more responsibility for the arrangements as, so far, she has attended every evening – perhaps a rota should be developed.

Discussions had started over how to attract some newcomers to the sessions once the evening were lighter. Katie was also considering an introductory day during the Easter holidays as a way of encouraging some interested local people.

Income for the evenings is currently below the costs but at present with BOF financing the start-up this is not a problem. In the longer term, increased attendance would be essential and a cheaper venue would also be needed.

### 3.2 *Club Championship Trophy*

Katy had found a suitable wooden trophy and this was now being mounted and a suitable plaque purchased. Cost at approximately £100 was considered very reasonable.

### 3.3 *Other Matters*

- *BOF Development Funds:* Katy had submitted a grant application to BOF for an allocation of funds linked to development initiatives. This would be for the purchase of 60 urban controls at a very reduced price of £10 each and a further 20 Emit cards. Decision expected in about one month.

## 4 **SCOA Report**

There had been a SCOA meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> December. A report had been circulated and published in the recent newsletter. The following items were briefly mentioned:

- It was noted that the originally proposed venue for the sprint at JK2013 had fallen through. Alternatives were being considered but one possibility might be Whiteknights despite the need for bussing. Katy would let David know whether he should approach the University to see whether permission might be possible.
- Keith commented that there was to be a meeting of SCOA clubs' publicity officers. He was willing to attend but, since he was planning to step down from being Publicity Officer it might be worth a second BKO person attending.
- The Event Safety day on 11<sup>th</sup> February has so far attracted 25 participants.
- There was likely to be a Grade C controllers' course in March.
- It was noted that SCOA levy had now risen to 17p per person over 100 entries.

## 5 **Events and Mapping**

### 5.1 *Fixtures*

Katy circulated an updated listing of events including Saturday events, suggestions for the Summer Parks Series and provisional dates for Wednesday evening summer activities. These were generally agreed although some dates for the Parks series would be confirmed by the Harpers. Summer Wednesday evenings would be discussed with Jason to allow co-ordination with the club nights plans. Alternatives for the annual BBQ at the final Wednesday evening were suggested including a 'bring-your-own' picnic (but wet weather alternatives would need to be available) and a pub meal. Katy confirmed that the map for Concorde Chase at Yately and Minley was completed subject to final checking.

### 5.2 *Mapping*

Katy and Eric are continuing to undertake a number of mapping tasks although Katy may have a short break. Eric is doing Wildridngs, Sandhurst and Yateley Common. Swinley West needs updating but we need to check what felling the Crown Estate is planning. TVOC are likely to be helping update Black Park.

David asked that Eric could check on the situation with regard to Ashley Hill as he would only continue updating the map if permission could be obtained.

**Action: Katy and Eric**

### 5.3 *Other points:*

- The status of the SCOA Championships at Hamptworth is uncertain as there is some doubt as to whether SARUM are willing to organise the event with allocated start times.

- There has been a change in the staff at the Crown Estate office and there is a new contact. We will need to ensure good relations with the new person. Eric is following this up.

## 6 Treasurer's Report

Peter circulated updated accounts as well as a budget for 2012. Following discussions at previous meetings, Eric and Katy have submitted charges for mapping work. These have been paid and represent the main change in the accounts from last time.

The draft budget showed that our reserve specifically for Emit replacement is building well. It was noted that there will be two events in 2012 shared with BADO which might reduce income a bit. The potential income/expenditure for the club nights in 2012 is uncertain and it was agreed to show these as cost neutral.

**Action: Peter**

The level of membership fees was considered for 2013 and it was agreed to recommend no change at the AGM.

## 7 Development Matters

Denise commented on the following developments:

- *Clubmark*: She had submitted our documents for renewal. Awaiting the results.
- *Schools' activities*: Due to changes in Council funding and staffing, there is much less interest this year. She had been contacted about a Bracknell Sports Festival in March which might be hosted by Wellington College. Separately there may be some activity with West Berkshire.

## 8 Secretary's Report

### *2012 AGM plans*

Since the last meeting, we had agreed to stage the AGM at The Bull at Theale at 7.00pm on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February. A number of changes in Committee membership were discussed. Keith Ellis, Denise Harper and Neil Frankum all indicated that they would be standing down from the Committee (although Keith would be willing to continue editing the newsletter). Katy Stubbs, Dave Rogers, David Jukes, and Peter Entwistle were all willing to continue in their roles. A few possible options were considered but no decisions were reached and we will need to see if at the AGM we get some other club members willing to join the committee.

### *Annual Dinner*

This will follow the AGM at 8.30pm. The menu was discussed and agreed with prices of £15.00 seniors and £7.50 juniors agreed (representing a small subsidy but, with no charge for the room, the cost to the club is likely to be similar to previous years). Denise will pass full details to David who will publicise the event and collect menu choices.

**Action: Denise and David**

### *Awards*

- *Jim's Jug*: Charlie Betts was nominated as having had the best season as a junior.
- *Derek Harding Award*: There was some discussion of possible options but no final decision was reached. Further discussion by e-mail might be needed.

**Action: Katy**

- *Club Championship Trophy*: This had been won at the recent BADO event at Pamber and Silchester and would probably be awarded at the AGM. See above for Trophy discussions.

### *Representative Events*

- **Compassport Cup:** It was noted that the first round was at the TVOC event at Bradenham on 19<sup>th</sup> February. Individuals would be entering themselves this year. However it was also noted that the Final would be in Scotland in September (the same weekend as our Windsor and Eton event) and realistically we would not be able to enter a team if we qualified. It was noted that SOC had not entered this year. It was agreed that we would publicise the event but that the Secretary would not actively seek to encourage people to run or to change courses.
- **JK and British Relays:** As both these events are very distant (Scotland and Lake District) it is unlikely that there will be many members. The Secretary will request names and will monitor the individual entry lists to see if any teams are likely.

**Action: David**

## **9 Publicity**

The January newsletter had been published and was welcomed. Keith outlined possible items for the March issue.

## **10 Coaching Report**

- *Club Training in the Lakes:* This had been confirmed for 3-4 March and Dave had submitted an item for the recent newsletter. David would promote the weekend in future e-mail updates.
- *Coaching Conference:* It was noted that there was a BOF Coaching Conference in Shropshire the first weekend of February and some members would be attending

**Action: David**

## **11 Youth League**

It was noted that there had been a problem with some scores at the last event but this had subsequently been resolved. The website has been updated with the latest scores.

## **12 Next Meeting**

It was provisionally agreed that the first meeting after the AGM would be held on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2012 at 8.00 at Katy's house – 3 Kelburne Close, Winnersh.

## **13 Any Other Business**

None

*The meeting closed at 10.35*