



Berkshire Orienteers

Minutes of the Committee Meeting

8.00 pm 16th Jan '14
3 Kelburne Close, Winnersh,
RG41 5JG

Present: Katy Stubbs (Chair), Fiona Clough, Peter Entwistle (Treasurer), David Jukes, Derick Mercer (Secretary), Ian Hudson (Membership), Ken Ricketts (Development), Andy Parry (Fixtures), Brian Sewell.

Apologies: Dave Rogers (Coaching Officer)

Katy welcomed all to the meeting.

1. Minutes of the Last Meeting (28th Nov 2013) / Matters Arising

- The minutes had been circulated and were agreed.
- The minutes will be displayed on the club website.

Ongoing Action: (DM, AP)

Matters Arising

- 7. Development: Permanent O courses: David has still to check on the current status. Some progress has been made with the action still ongoing.

Action: (DJ) In Progress

2. Chairman's Update

There was no update from the Chair for this meeting.

3. Membership

- 3.1 Numbers; 175 National members with 43 members still to renew for this year, 6 Local and one group (St Andrews) - an increase of thirteen national members from previous meeting.

4. SCOA Report

- 4.1 The SCOA Championships will be the Chiltern Challenge run by TVOC on the 9th February.
- 4.2 There has been a discussion on how SCOA should be managed and its constitution.

5. Events and Mapping

- 5.1 Fixtures
- The Chair went through the BKO fixtures detailing how they are progressing.
 - The three Saturday events coming up all have organisers & planners.
 - Rushall Woods (18th May) needs a controller which is now becoming urgent.

Action: (KS)

- This year's summer series urban / park events were discussed and we agreed to hold events at Lower Early, Ashenbury Park, Whiteknights and Wildridings. Andy to draft the calendar and distribute for comment.

Action: (AP)

- BKO's hosting of the British Sprints at Birch Hill in the May has been refused due to another booking. This will have a knock on effect for the September event.
- AP queried what our September SCOA League event would be and after a discussion Great Hollands was selected as the best option.
- There has been a request from the British Squad to hold some urban training in Bracknell during February '13 and this was approved by the Committee.
- FC asked about Mapping Courses. KS stated that a mapping course is going to be held soon in Leicester and that it is over subscribed. KS will look at the course content and availability once this has been held.

Action: (KS) Ongoing

5.2 Compass Sport Cup / Club Captain

- DM is putting together the Club's entry list for the CSC with entry list to be submitted at the end of January. (Query was made by DM during the Treasurers report as to the Club paying for competitors). The Chair stated that this was not the norm. It was agreed that the Club would pay the fees this time to encourage a good turnout.

Action: (DM / PE)

- Club Captain was discussed and it was agreed that this would be added to the agenda for the AGM in February.

Action: (DM)

5.3 Hardware & Software –

- BS informed the meeting that we now have a new computer with the software installed. Glen & Di will be trialling the system at the Bloom Wood event on the 8th Feb '14 to see whether this would be sufficient to run a Level C event. It will not be used for our May Level C event to allow for trials to continue with the aim to run our own Level C for September '14.

Action: (BS)

- The Committee decided that Controls would only be changed as and when they fail because we have spare blanks and that technology is changing so no decision can be made at the present time.

5.4 Mapping Issues

- The remapping / review of Burghfield was discussed and IH volunteered to take the map out to find if the area needs a remap.

Action: (IH)

- Rushall Woods needs a professional mapper. The Treasurer stated that we had the money, Katy said she would organise one.

Action: (KS) ongoing

6. Treasurer's Report

Peter circulated updated accounts and went through the figures.

- Sale of club kit was discussed & at which events it would be available. KS has emailed Sue Wilkes asking which events she will be attending this year. FC volunteered to have Club kit at the events they won't be attending.

Action: (KS/FC) ongoing

- Expenditure and the cost of winter Club nights (location) was discussed and whether to continue after this winter. The conclusion being reached that a decision would be made during the Spring/Summer.
- Hardware budget for next financial year would be £700 (2 laptops).

Action: (BS)

- Software budget for next financial year would be from BS's previous proposal and be £350.

Action: (BS)

7. Development Matters

7.1 No further update at this meeting.

8. Secretary's Report

8.1 DM's query about Compass Sport Cup has already been addressed in 5.2.

9. Publicity Report

- 9.1 Website.
- Updated results format is now in place.
- 9.2 Newsletter
- January's newsletter has been issued and the next one will include the Southern Camps.
- 9.3 Facebook
- Likes on the page are going up and it is active.
- 9.4 Communication.
- A discussion took place on the topic of what information would be communicated to Club members. It was agreed that the 'Communications Principles' from the basis of DR's email.
- Action: (DR/KS/AP) Complete**

10. Coaching (DR)

- Dave was unable to attend the meeting but sent the following reports;
 - Coaching at Benyons Enclosure took place which was taken up by one person and was also prepared for Yateley Common with no takers. Actions are to organise a 'coaching display board', safety tabard marked up with 'Coach' and produce an article on what Coaching is available for the newsletters.
- Action: (DR)**
- Coaching will be offered at Bloom Wood but not at Swinley West due to Dave being away.
 - April's event at Burghfield may see the SCOA junior squad attending as well.
- Action: (DR)**
- An enquiry from ST John's CE primary School in Reading has asked the Club if we could provide some coaching for a class/classes for a term. Any interest please let Dave know.

11. Youth League (Ken)

- No further update at this meeting. Youth members discussed as part of the best Junior award for the upcoming AGM.

12. Next Meeting

The date for the next meeting will be agreed by the new Committee on completion of the AGM (7th Feb '14)

13. AOB

- 13.1 The Chair commenced a discussion on the awards to be given at this years AGM;
- Derek Harding Award – Contribution to the Club.
Jim's Jug - Best Junior.
The award winners were decided.