



Berkshire Orienteers

Minutes of the Committee Meeting

7.00pm 26th August '21
The Cricketers, Cricketers Lane.
Warfield. RG42 6JT

Present: Stefan Stasiuk (Chair), Derick Mercer (Secretary), Simon Moore, Bo Oqvist, Mark Foxwell, James Wilkinson, Martin Wilson & Peter Entwistle (Treasurer).

Apologies: Fiona Clough, Ian Hudson, John Methven, Brian Sewell, Trish Monks.

1. Minutes of the Last Meeting

- 29th April 2021. Correct.

Matters Arising –

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2. Chairman's Update

2.1 Chair's Update.

- The Juniors won the Yvette Baker Shield under the guidance of Club Captain, Martin Wilson. Congratulations to all involved on a great performance.
- Scottish Champs a number of members competed
- A few events have been held Jennets Park, Bloom wood etc, well done.
- **Upcoming events are now a priority now that orienteering is opening up.**

3. Membership Secretary

- National 123 members, 6 local & 1 group St Andrews.
- Martin asked if we knew the actual number of Juniors. Derick will ask Ian if he can obtain the numbers.

Action; DM

4. SCOA Report

- Update – The next SCOA meeting is in two weeks.
- SCOA chair now Jon Wheatcroft TVOC, Treasurer Martin Ricketts also TVOC.
- BOC champs 2023 – Cold Ash, using the same field as for JK2019. TVOC have already submitted their officials to SCOA via the EC&C. We need to think about it urgently as Helen Errington is the BOF liaison and wants to link in to share information already done that can be used again. ****Need officials to send the form to SCOA asap****

5. Events & Mapping

5.1 Events

- The events schedule was discussed and the updated table is appendix A.
- Maprun –

5.2 Mapping

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5.3 Results

- Brian has emailed to say he can continue with managing events up to 350 competitors if using pre entry with no entry on the day.
- CC will be run using the Emit touch free system, Alan Farrington.

6. Treasurers Report

- Peter had issued the Treasurers report before the meeting with a summary of the changes. He ran through the figures with no questions on the figures.
- The main point Peter brought up was the increase in shipping /costs for the import of the Club kit.
- BOC Relay refund – no decision, carried forward.

7. Development Matters

- James – Said that he is still in touch with Leighton Park School to map and help them initiate orienteering at the school.
- Stefan has received a letter from a Matt Gamble who had been in contact with Phil Conway during his time as a BOF official ref schools and activities. Stefan thinks we should investigate maprun for schools. Stefan will follow up with the schools as to the tech / equipment they have or need and it would be down to the schools to run.

Action; SS

- John has sent his apologise for the meeting and forwarded the following report;

BKO Juniors and youth development activities since April 2021 Success in Yvette Baker Shield competition .

- BKO hosted the 2021 YB heat for SCOA clubs at our Bloom Wood event (25/5/2021). Thanks to Martin for planning juniors courses and organising the YBT element and Brian for the extra results.
11 BKO juniors competed and club scores were: BKO 889, SN 888, TVOC 887.
The YB final for 2020 and 2021 were combined into one event hosted by BOK at Westonbirt Arboretum on 4/7/2021.
BKO competed in the Shield (qualifying as a smaller club in 2020 heat near Bedford, which we won). SN and TVOC competed in Trophy competition with SN qualifying in 2020 and TVOC going through from the 2021 heat at Bloom Wood (essentially because BKO and SN were already through).
BKO won the YB Shield in a very close competition with 11 BKO Juniors in the team!
Thanks especially to Martin Wilson (Club Captain) for encouraging so many juniors (and their parents) to participate, selecting the courses that they would compete on to maximise team score and giving coaching along the way. A great achievement for BKO to step from no team to winning.
- Selection for national youth orienteering activities^[1]Amelia Wing selected to attend BOF “Badaguish camp (W/M15)” which was held near Stirling on the weekend before the Scottish 6 Days.
Adam Methven was selected to attend JROS “Deeside camp (M/W16)” which was held near Aviemore/Moray during week before the Scottish 6 Days.
Adam was also selected to represent GB in European Youth Orienteering Championship but BOF decided in the end not to send a team this year due to rules about quarantine in event of positive COVID test result while in Lithuania and lack of clarity on safeguarding in quarantine hotel.
Amelia and Adam are both joining SCOA team at Junior Inter-Regional Championships on 25/26 September near Redcar.

New orienteering activity at schools

- BKO has been contacted about helping with starting a new orienteering initiative at Leighton Park School (Reading). This did start in summer term and I set up a training session for about 25 juniors. The outdoors activities leader at the school also ran two sessions. Aiming for both year 10 class activity and also an orienteering after school club (for all ages).
- Reading School would also like to start an after school club and I talked with their head of PE about it just before lockdown.
- Kirsty Parkhouse at St Andrews School has offered to use their school grounds (which are mapped) for training other BKO juniors.
- BKO was recently contacted by Bracknell Forest Council who are interested in re-starting an inter- school competition (primary school level). Previously this was run by Denise and Eric but they stepped down from it several years ago after organising for many years.

8. Secretary's Report

- No update for this meeting.

9. Publicity Report

- The current BKO website was discussed on the need for a new webmaster. The discussion evolved into the sites functionality and a possible change of hosts. Derick to advertise the post of webmaster.

Action; DM

- Stefan raised the topic of the BKO facebook page and trying to improve the image/rating, a discussion took place with positive feedback given.

10. Coaching Report

- Mark – with recent limitations on orienteering maprun has been used with no real scope to carry out face to face training. He will be looking at putting on a full training season next summer.
- Mark said that he could run a zoom session for sand dune training for the Club prior to BOC at Broughton Burrows.

Action; Mark F

11. Youth League

- Update from John in section 7.

12. Welfare Report

- No update for this meeting.

13. Next Meeting

- Thursday 11th November. 0700 @ The Cricketers. RG42 6JT (wipes.ears.punch)

14. AOB

- Kit Storage - Fi said that Eric & Denise will shortly no longer be able to hold the Club kit and we will require an alternative. Discussion took place on the space required. **ACTION D to ask members if they have storage space and check storage prices. Stefan will check local sports clubs for spaces.**
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Appendix A – Events Table

Date	Location	Level	Comments	Officials
Saturday 10th October 2021	Bramshill (TBD)	D	Permissions – Bo to check Bramshill Parking Mapping –	Organiser – Jane Courtier? Planner – Jim Munday, Andrew Southwood, James W (Bramshill) Controller – Results -
Nov-21	Black Park	C	Permissions – Stefan checking with Bucks Parking Mapping –	Organiser – Planner – Controller – Results -
Dec-21	Swinley East/Greenham Common/Burghfield /Whiteknights new year	D	Permissions – Bo to check with Crown Estate and other landowners Parking Mapping –	Organiser – Planner – Controller – Results -
Saturday 29th January 2022	Great Hollands/Birch Hill Urban	C/D	Permissions – Bo emailed Bracknell for permission Parking - Mapping –	Organiser – Eoin Sharkey Planner – David Jukes Controller – Results -
Sunday 30th January 2022	Concorde Chase Hawley & Hornley	B	Permissions – Bo emailed Kaye at Landmarc Parking Mapping –	Organiser – Planner – Martin Wilson Controller – Results - Alan Faringdon
Feb-22	Swinley West/Swinley Park	D	Permissions – Parking Mapping –	Organiser – Planner – Controller – Results -
Sunday 13th March 2022	Compass Sport Cup Rushall Woods	B	Permissions – Tentative yes from John Bishop (Rushall Manor Farm) when John M enquired in May 2021. Parking: Cumber fields, Troopers fields, gravel tracks Mapping –	Organiser – Steve Waite? Planner – Controller – Results -
Apr-22	TBD	D	Permissions – Parking Mapping –	Organiser – Planner – Controller – Results -
May-22	TBD	D	Permissions – Parking Mapping –	Organiser – Planner – Controller – Results -
Sunday 29th January 2023	Concorde Chase	B	Permissions – Parking Mapping –	Organiser – Planner – Controller – Results -
Saturday 24th March 2023	British Orienteering Championships & Southern Championships (UKOL) Cold Ash	A	Permissions – Parking Mapping –	Organiser – Planner – Controller – Results -