



Berkshire Orienteers

Minutes of the Committee Meeting

Thursday 29th April 2021
Zoom.

Present: Stefan Stasiuk (Chair), Derick Mercer (Secretary), Brian Sewell, Fiona Clough, Simon Moore, Ian Hudson, James Wilkinson, Bo Oqvist, Mark Foxwell, John Methven, Trish Monks & Peter Entwistle (Treasurer).

Apologies:

1. Minutes of the Last Meeting

- 21st January 2021. Correct.

Matters Arising –

- Fiona will check with Steve W ref toilets & Fabian 4, once open Fiona will email out (BKO & BADO) limit on numbers to 100. Open to other clubs from 29th March, close entries 2359 Wednesday 7th March. – **Complete.**
- Derick will update the COVID RA Bucklebury. – **Complete.**
- Bo will put Bucklebury on the BOF website. – **Complete.**
- Fiona will email for a Bloom Wood Organiser & Controller. – **Complete. Jane Courtier & Jim Prowting.**
- Bo to email Andrew Southwood for parking field. – **Complete, Monkton Barn.**
- Bloom Wood 16th May to also include YBT heat limited to SCOA clubs - Martin will contact Richard Sharp that "in principle" for the YBT. – **Complete.**
- March 2022 CSC Pamber Forest with BADO? Fiona will contact BADO. – **Complete, Cannot use.**
- Simon suggested having a feedback system for Maprun events, Mark – **Complete, See fixtures.**

2. Chairman's Update

2.1 Chair's Update.

- Good news that we have now started orienteering events, well done to the planner & organiser at Bucklebury.
- Bloom Wood is heading in the right direction.
- How to develop events to encourage the 21 – 40 age group? Pro's & con's for the age group participation were discussed.

3. Membership Secretary

- National 117 members, 6 local & 1 group St Andrews.
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- Ian & Mark have been updating the membership email list. A discussion also took place on how to improve the email circulation to members, including posting information on Facebook.

4. SCOA Report

- Update from Fiona.
- Martin Ricketts of TVOC has agreed to take over as Treasurer.
- It has been agreed with the organiser of the TVOC event to be held on 23rd May that the SCOA Champs will be held at that event.
- Please remember to raise the following points with your respective committees:

- We still need to find a volunteer to take over as Chair at the June AGM.
- Coaches need to complete 'Safeguarding' training to keep their coaching qualification.
- Check the demand for First Aid training in the region.
- The next SCOA meeting is the AGM followed by a committee meeting and will be held on 'GoToMeeting' on Thursday 3rd June 2021.

5. Events & Mapping

5.1 Events

- Bloom Wood - Bo gave an update that all is going well and to plan.
- Summer Series – Bo asked if anyone was going to run with a summer series and if not that we should run at least one that would be the Club summer picnic. No-one volunteered to run a full series, Mark F volunteered to Organise the Summer event for the Club Picnic. Jennets Park was decided as the venue, date TBC.
- CC 2022 – Hawley, Commenced work on.
- CSC Heat Feb 2022 – Bucklebury or Rushall Woods (John can check parking at Rushall)
- Wooshill 2022 UKOL urban league. June or July.
- CC Jan 2023 – Star Posts, assembly at the Hockey Club soccer pitches?
- BOC Long's March 2023 – Fiona gave an update, SCOA are scheduled to hold the BOC's, TVOC have volunteered Hambledon for the relays (Sunday 26th only) – Cold Ash, BKO for the Long Distance.
- Maprun – Mark updated that we now have 7 / 8 map runs up and running with a steady flow of users. Trish also suggested to run a date/time limited event. Fiona asked for a link on the website. Mark agreed and did say that there is a link on the Maprun website. Other suggestions included running a league table for the events, instructions for use etc.

5.2 Mapping

- Ian has been out mapping with Katy to update Bloom Wood.

5.3 Results

- Brian said that he has been trialling the software for the YBT and all going well.
- Brian also asked about the use back up cards at Bloom Wood. Derick confirmed that back up cards should not be used under current Covid guidelines.
- He is hiring 200 emit cards from Alan F. Simon volunteered to pick the cards up.

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.
- Brian said that he would require some further equipment for Bloom Wood, circa £100.
- Ian asked about funding for 1st Aid Courses for members that have lapsed. The Club does pay for a certain number to cover Level D's and training.

7. Development Matters

- James – Said that he is in touch with Leighton Park School to map and help them initiate orienteering at the school. John said that Reading School have also made an enquiry and he will follow up once Covid restrictions are lifted.

8. Secretary's Report

- No update for this meeting.

9. Publicity Report

- Trish said that due to the newsletter now not being issued she would like more info going onto the website. Briefings, photos, events people have attended etc. and encouraged the Committee to update the site to make it more lively and interesting.

10. Coaching Report

- Mark is looking at putting up Maprun training courses for the Summer.

11. Youth League

- John – BKO Juniors had a good turnout at Bucklebury and following up with encouraging members with registration for Bloom Wood.
- John said that he will also hold an enquires area at Bloom Wood for YBT competitors.
- There is also a SCOA junior training session on 15th May ready for the national selections 5th & 6th June in the Lakes.

12. Welfare Report

- No update for this meeting.

13. Next Meeting

- Thursday 8th July. 0730 @ 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.
- Brian said that he has the old flat urban controls and has been unable to dispose of them as yet.