



## **Berkshire Orienteers Minutes of the Annual General Meeting**

**7.00 pm, 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2024  
Sand Martins Golf Club**

### **Present:**

Derick Mercer, Fiona Clough, Liz & Phil Stradling, Nicky Crowther, David Thomas, Christine Artus, Katy Stubbs, Sue Parker, Brian Sewell, John Methven, Martin Wilson, Nigel Hault, Jim Munday, Richard Rae, Eric & Denise Harper, Jane Courtier, Rob Mullens, Genevieve Mullens, Stefan Stasiuk, Stephen Waite, Mark Foxwell, Simon Moore, Peter Entwistle.

### **Apologies for absence**

Bo Oqvist, Lynne Moore.

### **Minutes of the Last Annual General Meeting (3<sup>rd</sup> February 2023)**

The minutes of the 2023 AGM had been circulated prior to the meeting. The minutes were Proposed as by Fiona Clough and Seconded by Sue Parker.

### **1. Chairman's Report**

Simon welcomed everyone to the meeting and gave the following account of the year's activities;

The last year has been very busy for Berkshire Orienteers. Since the last AGM, we've held

1 Level A event

1 Level B event

4 level C events as well as 4 level D events, and I think 11 Summer evening events and a Find Your Way event in Reading.

The British Long-Distance Champs at Cold Ash is the largest event we've put on since JK2019 and ran very smoothly (but I'm biased) but even with helpers from other clubs, it stretched our manpower to the limit. Planners were Mark Foxwell and myself with Fiona and Jane Courtier as Organisers.

We've recently held a Concorde chase weekend at Birch hill and Barossa/Poor's allotment. Katie planned the urban event with Fiona organising while Martin Wilson planned the forest event with Eddie Walsh Organising,

Bloom Wood last May was the Yvette Baker cup and Trophy qualifier for the Region. Organised by Bo and Planned by John Methven.

Black Park event finally took place last November after much delay including remapping and replanning by Jim Munday.

We held our Starry night event at Star Posts in December planned by Alan Philips and organised by Eoin Sharkey.

Overall, we've had 10 different members planning our main events and 8 members who've organised. This is a big commitment of people's time and efforts, so a big thank you to you all.

The Club has been busy in a number of competitions over the past year.

At the British Relay Champs at Hambleden last march, we had 5 teams and came 2<sup>nd</sup> on the Men's short relay with Adam and John Methven and Dimitar Gospodinov. Sadly, not repeated at the JK relays when Dimitar was replaced by me.

We took part in the British Sprint Relays at Brunel University and just last weekend narrowly beaten into third place at the compasssport Trophy qualifier at Esher Common.

We've had several individual successes in the club this year – in particular in the Juniors– Adam Methven and Amelia Wing taking part in the Junior Interregional Champs. Adam has also competed in the European Youth and Junior World Orienteering Champs. He was second at the British Long Champs at cold Ash and more recently M18 Southern Champion.

Martin Wilson was the UK Urban league Hyper Vets Champion. And 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Southern Champs a couple of weeks ago.

We've got a newsletter editor now – Rob Mullens has taken this over – I'm sure he'd be very pleased to have any articles or photos that you could send to him.

One of the big changes in the club this year has been the move from EMIT to SI for our electronic punching and results processing. It has been a learning curve, but we've handled 4 events on our own and the 2 Concorde Chase results using Peter Foster and Team from BOK to manage the results. A big thank you to Brian Sewell who's managed the whole process from equipment purchase to manufacturing of control stakes and negotiating with TVOC for equipment hiring etc.

Finally a big thanks to Mark Foxwell who's been involved in so many area of the clubs activities this year, from planning the British with me to organising the summer training, to managing the website infrastructure behind the scenes.

## 2. Treasurers Report

Peter Entwistle had circulated the audited accounts for 2023 prior to the meeting.

### **BKO Treasurer's Report – AGM Meeting 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2024**

#### **Accounts - 2023**

For the year to 31st December 2023, the Club had a Surplus of Income over expenditure of £1240, which compares well to the -£18 Deficit in 2022

The 2023 surplus was due primarily to the high entry levels achieved on our major events - particularly the Concorde Chase and the Black Park Regional event (we were lucky that 2 clubs selected Black Park for their Club championships).

Most of the expense items were in line with 2022 except the depreciation which jumped up with the purchase of the new Sportident equipment costing £10,871 for the capital and £291 for the stakes (with further expense in 2024 of €253 for SITiming 1year license and £211 sundries).

The value of our Bank accounts & cash has been reduced substantially by the SI purchase and was £5674 at end of 2023 (at the end of 2022 it was £14,441)

The main changes since the last year are summarised below:

<b>INCOME</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>Change V LY</b>	<b>Notes</b>
Concorde Chase – weekend	2995	1439	1556	Single day event but with high entries in 2023
Spring Regional Event Bloom Wood / CSC Rushall	514	559	-45	
Autumn Regional – Black Park	1311	0	1311	Event Postponed from 2022, high entries in 2023
Park & Saturday events	445	576	-131	
Starry Night-O	-225		-225	High crown Estate land charge £300
Membership fees	767	734	33	
Interest & Other	65	22	43	
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>5872</b>	<b>3330</b>	<b>2542</b>	

<b>EXPENSE</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>Change V LY</b>	<b>Notes</b>
Relay Fees	958	887	-72	2023:JK 210, BOK Relay 357, BOK Sprints 391
Equipment Expense	420	235	-185	OCAD £129, components for 80 SI stakes £291
Equipment Insurance	320	196	-124	Phasing change by insurers
Storage Facility – Equipment	978	819	-159	
Depreciation	1128	455	-673	Depreciation on SI kit £906 for part year.
All Others (categories below £200)	828	756	-72	
<b>Total EXPENSE</b>	<b>4632</b>	<b>3348</b>	<b>-1284</b>	
<b>NET SURPLUS/DEFICIT</b>	<b>1240</b>	<b>-18</b>	<b>1258</b>	

## 2024 Year to Date

### Provisional Accounts for 1<sup>st</sup> January to 20<sup>th</sup> February 2024

<b>INCOME/EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>Notes</b>
Concorde Chase weekend	2423	Provisional
Membership	521	
Saturday events	-300	Crown Estate charge for Swinley West
Equipment Hire	28	SIACs borrowed by SN
AGM	-255	£5.95 subsidy + £100 room hire
Storage facility	-1186	
Equipment Expensed	-463	SI Timing 1 year £253, 60 Backup punches £164, Misc £46

Mapping Expense	-104	Mapping film
Insurance	-50	2 months
BOF Club affiliation	-80	Paid Oct 23
Depreciation	-381	2 months
<b>NET Total Year to Date</b>	<b>153</b>	

## **BANK SIGNATORIES**

Currently we have 3 signatories: Simon Moore, Derick Mercer and Peter Entwistle. Subject to the meeting appointing Lynne Moore as the new Treasurer, I propose adding her to the Bank signatory group.

### **Peter Entwistle, BKO Treasurer, 20<sup>th</sup> February 2024.**

The budget & audited accounts were proposed by Katy Stubbs and seconded by Ian Hudson.

### **c. Membership Fees 2024**

Brian asked if we were adjusting the fees in line with BOF proposals for young adults 21-25. Peter & Simon noted the proposal is for £4 per annum for 2025 and we are waiting on the BOF AGM for the part year fee. This was proposed by Fiona Clough & seconded by Brian Sewell.

## **3. Club Constitution**

There are no proposed changes to the fees for 2024.

## **4. Awards – For 2023;**

Derek Harding Award (For services to the club) – **Peter Entwistle**

Jim’s Jug (For best junior) – **Eleanor Prescott**

Club Champions (Based on results at the Championship in December @ BADO’s event at Blackwood).

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| • Women’s Champion        | <b>Trish Monks</b>                 |
| • Men’s Champion          | <b>John Methven</b>                |
| • Junior Champion (Girls) | <b>Gen Mullens</b>                 |
| • Junior Champion (Boys)  | <b>James Prescott</b>              |
| • Handicap Champion       | <b>Sue Parker &amp; Jim Munday</b> |

## **5. Election of Executive Committee:**

The current named committee members were willing to stand for another year apart from Peter who was standing down as Treasurer this year, Peters efforts during his long tenure have been greatly appreciated, all other Committee members were willing to stand.

*Chair:* Simon Moore - Proposed Fiona Clough, seconded Katy Stubbs.

*Secretary:* Derick Mercer - Proposed Jim Munday, seconded Fiona Clough.

*Treasurer:* Lynne Moore - Proposed Sue Parker, seconded Stephen Waite.

*Fixtures Secretary:* Bo Oqvist - Proposed Katy Stubbs, seconded Mark Foxwell.

*Membership Secretary:* Ian Hudson - Proposed Nigel Hoult, seconded Brian Sewell.

*Development Officer:* - Vacant.

*Committee Members:* There are four additional posts and two co-opted provided under the constitution. The following were willing to continue to act in this capacity;

- Stephen Waite.
- Brian Sewell.
- Mark Foxwell.
- Fiona Clough.

The above were proposed by Ian Hudson and seconded by Jim Munday.

Club Captain – John Methven.

Co-opted - By Officers of the Committee.

- Peter Entwistle
- Eddie Walsh

*Non-Committee Club positions;*

*Welfare Officer:* Lynne Moore. Standing down. Simon agreed to act as welfare officer.

*Junior Manager:* John Methven.

## **6. Any Other Business**

- a) Fiona asked about ordering more Club clothing and John said that Lisa has some. Trish will be ordering more.
- b) Eric asked what is happening to the excess SCOA funds. Fiona said that SCOA are currently working out their long term expenditure and what will be required for the Juniors etc. and where/how the monies will be divided. Simon also said that they do need to come up with a 5 year plan. John also said at present there are not that many Juniors for expenditure so some of the monies should go to development.
- c) Martin asked if we were continuing with the 2 day Concorde Chase weekend. Simon said that yes we are looking at keeping it in the calendar and possibly every two years might work with helper levels.
- d) Katy asked the room if anyone would like to become a Controller as the region is becoming short. She said that she will be running a course shortly for anyone interested.
- e) Katy asked for a vote of thanks for our long standing Treasurer (Peter) who was standing down. The room gave a resounding clap for all Peter's hard work

Simon thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting.