



Berkshire Orienteers

Minutes of the Committee Meeting

7.30pm 10th Nov 2022

The Cricketers, Cricketers Lane.
Warfield. RG42 6JT

Present: Derick Mercer (Secretary), Mark Foxwell, Bo Oqvist, Simon Moore, Brian Sewell & Fiona Clough.

Apologies: Trish Monks, Ian Hudson, John Methven, Peter Entwistle & Stefan Stasiuk (Chair).

1. Minutes of the Last Meeting (28th Sept '22)

- Correct.

Matters Arising –

- 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. Update – There was concerned that the children would have access to phones, this will be rolled into the virtual orienteering point. Update – Has not had a recent reply. Update May & July & Sept – Keep as a live action, ongoing. Update – *From Stefan, Let's close this one. I hope in the near future we can re-look at our policy towards schools and reengage with the schools when we find out what support we are going to get via Kay Hart (maprun) and if we can get funding for maps at Upton and Salt Hill in Slough. I would like to address this in the new year.*

Action; SS Complete

- Central storage of master map files. Mark is going to investigate the storage and control of master maps onto website storage. Update – Mark is to contact Eric. *Nov, has contacted Eric, ongoing.*

Action; MF

- Brian volunteered to contact St Andrews to see if they would like some coaching from Mark & John to assist with completing their coaching course evidence. Updates – Brian has sent an email to Kirsty via mark that Coaching can be available but unfortunately has had no response. *Nov, Brian is going to contact them direct to look at training in the Spring.*

Action; BS

- Mark will adjust the website to Junior events rather than league events from the website. Updates – *Nov, ongoing.*

Action; MF

- A discussion took place on event officials having completed the event safety course. DM will check the officials for the CC. *Update, Nov 22 complete, details of BOF online training forwarded, fee of £10 will be claimed via the Club.*

Action; DM Complete

- BOF rule changes – The upcoming BOF rule changes were discussed at the meeting and via email through various Club members. The rules seem to be now in place defacto with only comments available, ie no consultation. Simon agreed to send Club comments to BOF.

Action; SM

- Brian said that due to a recent email about permanent courses and a note should be placed on the website that BKO do not maintain the POC it is the landowners. Mark said that he would put a note on the website.

Action; MF

- AGM – The Committee agreed to look for central locations to hold the AGM and forward suggestions to Fiona looking at Friday 3rd February.

ALL; ASAP

2. Chairman's Update

2.1 Chair's Update.

- Our attempts of staging local orienteering events continue to stutter. The Black Park event has had to be postponed at least until next spring because of felling in October in the southern half of Country Park has map unusable.
- On the other hand, BKO attended the CSC final in Scotland with a group of dedicated members. It is great to see a BKO team at this event. Undaunted by the task they all have performed well. It is a very long way to travel and at the end of the day I could not attend and I am disappointed that I did not make it.
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3. Membership Secretary

- Emailed from Ian, National 110 members, 8 local & 1 group St Andrews.

4. SCOA Report

- There has been no meeting during this period the next SCOA meeting is on the 1st December.

5. Events & Mapping

5.1 Events

- The events schedule was discussed and the updated table is appendix A.
- Maprun – Mark said that he is now doing maprun events monthly.

5.2 Mapping

- Brian asked if we need to look at our areas to ensure our maps are up to date. Discussion took place to ensure maps are up to date and linked in with a central map vault/library location for the Club. **The mapping section in the events table will now be updated at each meeting.**
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5.3 Results

- Brian agreed to would contact EMIT UK to run the Concorde Chase results and the club treasurer asked if we could try and reduce the Junior fee further before booking. The fee has been reduced from £2 to £1.50
- The CC has been confirmed as touch free with Emit UK.

6. Treasurers Report

- Peter had issued the Treasurers report before the meeting with a summary of the changes.
- Again, there have been few changes since the last meeting in September although the forced cancellation of the Black Park event mean that we are now in deficit for the year.
- The only charge to income since September has been £40.50 land charge for the Sandhurst Park event.
The only expenses have been the Mapping update to Black Park £16, Entries to CSC Finals £214, club membership to BOF £70, plus 3 months depreciation £114
- Overall BKO DEFICIT Year to Date £363 (down by £454 since September)

- Bank Account and cash balances are £15,505
- The Clubs identification documents have been submitted to Barclays Bank to meet legal and regulatory requirements.
- Note that the OCAD single user license is due for renewal CHF 144 +VAT – shall I renew it? – **After discussion – Yes, for another year.**

7. Development Matters

- Mark – is continuing with the Maprun training events.

8. Secretary's Report

- The annual BOF affiliation request has been submitted.

9. Publicity Report

- **Website** – Mark said that the website is running Ok.
- **Facebook** – Will be updated as required by Trish & Eoin.

10. Coaching Report

- No coaching during this period.

11. Youth League

- No report for this period.

12. Welfare Report

- No Welfare issues have been reported during this period.

13. Next Meeting – Booked

- Wednesday 11th January. 0730 @ The Cricketers. Booking confirmed.

14. AOB

- AGM – emailed from Stefan, I hope we can book a venue to reinstate the meal after the AGM. I would favour a change in the venue because it is time for a change, possibly a large pub dining room, I did like the venue at Theale because it is very central for the Club. – *Derick said that the reason for leaving Theale was the service and food was very poor. The Committee agreed to look for central locations and forward suggestions to Fiona looking at Friday 3rd February.* I have stated that I would like to stand down as Chairman. I am 71 now and although I have no intention of slowing down, I know I cannot escape from the inevitable. It is very important to have a chairman that all the members can relate to and someone younger should take over. How about a volunteer from a female member where I am sure that we can find an excellent chairman(person)? **Derick will email members for volunteers for Committee positions.** I would be happy to take on the role of development officer.
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- From John, one thing to consider is the CSC heat. The SCOA/SWOA heat is on 22nd Jan 2023 in Burley (western side of New Forest). This seems like a good option. The alternative is the SEOA heat at Gravetye near Crawley in March. – It was agreed to attend the New Forest event, Simon emailed John.

Appendix A – Events Table add Bo’s email update

Date	Location	Level	Comments	Officials
Saturday 3rd December 2022	Swinley East/Buttersteap	D	Permissions – Permission received. Fee of £100 (allocated) Parking - Ride in middle of forest Mapping – small updates only. Several OOB areas removed. SN club championships at this event	Organiser – Stefan Stasiuk Planner – Bo Oqvist Controller – Results – BKO (Brian, Sue, Derick, Mark)
Sunday 29th January 2023	Concorde Chase Star Post	B	Permissions – Permission received. Fee of £500 (allocated) Parking- We will use several car parks (Sainsbury, South Hill park, ...). No parking permission from BTC (Football pitches by Birch Hill recreation ground) and from CE (park on ride in forest) Mapping – Cold Ash mapper (Dave Peel) to do both Star Post and Cold Ash	Organiser – Trish Monks and Jon Vaughan Planner – Andrew Southwood Controller – Alan Rosen (HH) Results - EMIT UK Touch Free
Saturday 25th March 2023	British Orienteering Championships & Southern Championships (UKOL) Cold Ash	A	Permissions – All landowners contacted. Eling Estate responded positively and provided parking. Marlston estate also said OK. No formal yes (or no) yet from other landowners (Bucklebury, Westroop Woods x2) Parking. Agreed with Eling estate. Same field as JK2019	Organiser – Jane Courtier Planner – Mark Foxwell/ Simon Moore

			Mapping – Katy and Dave Peel (combined with Star Posts)	Controller – Graham Louth Results – Eddie Speak SI will need BKO help for SIAC issue and download.
Sunday 21st May 2023	Bloom Wood & YBT qualifier	C	Permissions – Bo called 21/4/2022. RM died earlier this year (March 7th). I do not know the ownership of the woodland. Children are Jamie and Christian. Parking Mapping –	Organiser – Planner – Mark Saunders (TVOC)? Controller – Mark Thompson (TVOC)? Results -
Sunday 22nd October 2023 (new date for postponed Nov-2022 event)	Black Park	C	Permissions – to be sought again Parking Mapping – Needs proper update after forestry work during winter 2022/2023	Organiser – Simon Moore? Planner – Jim Munday? Controller – Helen Marsden? Results – BKO?
Sunday 28th January 2024	Concorde Chase Barossa	B	Permissions – Parking Mapping –	Organiser – Planner – Controller – Results -
Sunday 26th January 2025	Concorde Chase Cold Ash/Rushall/Bucklebury/Minley?	B	Permissions – Parking Mapping –	Organiser – Planner – Controller – Results -