



Berkshire Orienteers

Minutes of the Committee Meeting

7.30pm 11th Jan 2023
The Cricketers, Cricketers Lane.
Warfield. RG42 6JT

Present: Stefan Stasiuk (Chair), Derick Mercer (Secretary), Bo Oqvist, Brian Sewell, Peter Enwistle & Fiona Clough.

Apologies: Trish Monks, Ian Hudson, Simon Moore, Mark Foxwell.

1. Minutes of the Last Meeting (10th Nov '22)

- Correct.

Matters Arising –

- 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. Jan – awaiting reply from holidays.*

Action; BS

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

Action; MF

- 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. *Update – Brian said that he has checked with SI entries and the start item may have been dropped.*

Action; SM- Complete

- 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. – *Update, Bo, Ascot Golf Course, all agreed with a £5 discount for attendees. Emails will follow.*

ALL; Complete

2. Chairman's Update

2.1 Chair's Update.

- We have received the sad news of one of our members Janet Gibson passing.
- From Bryce - "Janet died peacefully at home on 22 December after suffering from Parkinsons and Lewy Body Dementia, first diagnosed in 2015. We are expecting to have a funeral but have no date at present due to various delays." BKO sends it's deepest condolences to Bryce on this sad loss of Janet.

- Club Championships on Sunday at High Wycombe. You can still enter only via SI Entries up to 11.00am Sunday Morning. The Club championship course is Blue for men, Green for Women, Orange for Juniors. Bo is champion for men, women is Trish Monks Junior is Aidan Williams.
- I would like to thank all the club members who turned out and helped at our Swinley Saturday Morning event on 3rd December that Bo planned and I organised. We had a very good turnout with 120 finishers. SN held their club championships at the event which gave us extra competitors.
- The next BKO events are the Concorde Chase at Star Posts on 29th Jan 2023 and the British Championships at Cold Ash on Saturday 25 March 2023. Both areas are superb orienteering areas and club members who help will receive a discount.
- I will be standing down as Club Chairman in February after 4 years. It is important that new people join the committee to keep BKO up to date with fresh ideas and energy. I now run in M70 and the club needs to encourage new members in the 20 to 40 age group to continue into the future and it is time for a younger person to lead Berkshire Orienteers.

3. **Membership Secretary**

- Emailed from Ian, National 111 members – 77 have renewed, 9 local – 6 have renewed & 1 group St Andrews not renewed as yet.

4. **SCOA Report**

- SCOA meeting on the 1st December –
- **Chair's Report**
- JW had circulated a report to the committee prior to the meeting detailing SCOA having hosted the SHI relays and individual events at Hogmoor and at the November Classic with special thanks to SOC for taking the individual event, putting on an additional course and starting the event early. Thanks also went to IM who coordinated the whole weekend and Allan Farrington for providing touch free equipment, results (aided by Terry and Di Smith) and also sorting land access and liaising to arrange accommodation and finally Seamus Cunnane (TVOC) who planned the relays.
- JW asked that the Club Reps ensure that the SCOA news is circulated to members.
- JW also mentioned the impending BOC/BRC 2023 weekend in particular the number of volunteers that would be needed. This will be further discussed at the BOC/BRC update.
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- **Treasurer's Report**
- MR had circulated a report to the committee members prior to the meeting.
- MR stated that hopefully there will be a new TVOC Treasurer soon.
- In summary the main expenditure since the last meeting has been payments made for the Coaching Course. Additionally, a few large grants have been made to Juniors to attend events and training camps therefore we have spent £5,400 more than income. The £3K grant to the juniors was for 2021 and 2022. The main event was JIRC's with a net cost of £2,500 although juniors pay 50% of the other fees.
- MR had circulated V2 of his summary to include Club Affiliation fees for 2023 which are based on BOF member numbers as at 31st May 2022.
- LY pointed out that although SARUM are currently only shown with 2 members affiliated through SCOA that this will increase in the new year as the BOF site currently defaults to SCOA for new members. Anyone new joining would have to specifically elect SWOA.
- AW asked that as affiliation fees are based on seniors does that include those shown as 'family' members? MR did not know. AW stated that when he downloads member details from BO it

shows 'Senior', 'Junior' and 'Family'. IM suggested that it was based on BOF numbers, each member will have their own BOF number and therefore be counted.

- FC and LY questioned whether there is still such a thing as a 'Family' membership.
- **Post meeting note – there appears to still be a family membership that must contain at least 2 members of which 1 must be a senior member with a maximum of 2 senior members all of which should reside at the same address.**
- MR said that we are up to date on levy income and asked about the SHI, will it break even? IM said that it would break event and JW said that the relays might even make a surplus although they are still waiting for the invoice from the Army.
- LY said she would be sending MR the latest invoice for medals for payment.
- JW asked whether there were any further questions regarding the financial summary produced by MR and there were no more questions.
- **Fixtures**
- There are several major events with no hosts in particular the British Schools Championships 2023. This event is not on a rota of regions and is voluntary.
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- There is only one regional event scheduled in the first half of 2023 but this is probably due to the work required to deliver the BOC/BRC weekend.
- RS confirmed that the Concorde Chase is a National Event but not on the UKOL list – he asked whether the officials had been approved. No one could remember **Action: FC to check whether Concorde Chase officials have been approved and if not to submit the form as matter of urgency.**
- **Post Meeting Note: Proposed Officials for the 2023 Concorde Chase on 29th January circulated to the committee and approved unanimously.**
- JW asked whether there were any National events with officials needing approval and RS said that there were not. JW asked whether the Southern Nights were Regional or National. RS said that if the hosts wanted it to be National then they need to apply by the next E&CC meeting in March 2023.
- LY asked who needs the results of Sundays SCOL Event and RS said that Ken Ricketts already has them and will update the SCOA website.
- **Coaching/Development**
- LY stated that there were not many coaching activities taking place at this time. The Coaching Course has dropped to 6 as the SOC member has dropped out.
- The planning for the Coaching Conference 14th/15th January 2023 is proceeding well and LY expects to release the draft programme next week.
- LY asked about the SCOA Championships Medals. She has some and is waiting for the new batch to prepare but asked how we plan to distribute them? Dishing them out in envelopes with names to Club Reps is not easy now most meetings are held virtually. It was agreed that they would be passed to Club Reps in event car parks.
- **South Central Junior Squad**
- Although SK had been unable to attend this meeting, he had circulated a report detailing the Junior Squad activities since the last meeting and the planned activities for the next few months.
- Additionally reports from several of the juniors had been sent out namely Frank Townley (SN) – Gothenberg, Aidan & Jake Hilton (SN) – JIRC's Northern Ireland and Adam Methven (BKO) – Stockholm.
- JW stated that it is a tribute to the squad that we are receiving the claims and that the juniors are attending these various events and training camps. JW asked that the committees thanks be sent to the various juniors and that they be told how much we appreciate them.
- One final point made by SK in his report is that JIRC's 2023 will be in South Wales and that they will not have any W14's in the squad to make a competitive team. SCJS have several

M14's but no W/M12's to fill places in 2024. SK asked that Club Reps be asked to review their membership for any possible juniors in that age group to join the squad.

- **BOC/BRC 2023 Update**
- Paul Fox (SN) is the coordinator for the weekend and had circulated a detailed update by email as he was unable to attend.
- The budget had recently been confirmed and entries opened (Alun Jones TVOC – entries Sec). The primary need now was to arrange volunteers.
- JW asked that each club nominate a volunteer coordinator to recruit and rally club members.
- For the Relays it is not possible to help and run therefore several colour coded courses are to be planned so that helpers can help and then get a run.
- JW stated that all the volunteer details, courses and start times need to be sorted out by the end of February as start times cannot be changed after 12th March therefore the club volunteer coordinators need to get cracking immediately after Xmas. JW said he would include it in the SCOA News and mention that anyone from SCOA entered on the Saturday would be expected to help on Saturday.
- AW asked whether there would be discount on entries or vouchers and FC answered that there would be vouchers provided to volunteers.
- LY said that SARUM would be happy to help on the Start (NOT car parking please). JW said that there is a question on the entry form asking for help from anyone entering.
- **Action: Club Reps to identify a Volunteer Coordinator for every club to recruit helpers in the club – details of the coordinator to be passed to Paul Fox.**

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.**
- 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

5.3 Results

- **Change over from Emit to SI.** Brian has spoken to Sport Ident and obtained a quote for SI equipment. It was agreed to order 60 controls and 30 SI8's and ancillaries.
- Stefan asked what were the possibilities obtaining a grant from somewhere for the kit change?

6. Treasurers Report

- Peter had issued the Treasurers report of 2022 before the meeting with a summary of the changes.
- Brian said that budget for mapping needs upping as most areas will need at least minor updates.
- 2022 had a small planned loss for the year.

- 2023 proposed budget was ran through.

7. Development Matters

- John - BKO have signed up to a new BOF initiative called Find Your Way. The aim is to bring more people into orienteering, particularly families and young adults, with a particular drive to engage people from urban areas where there are few people taking part in outdoor activities and sports. The club will make virtual orienteering courses using Maprun in urban and park spaces (within Berkshire) and then run come and try it events aimed a different local groups. The aim is to get people started and enthused and then they can try other Maprun courses in their area or nearby. BOF will provide us with materials including park banners, posters and also advertise by working with the local authorities directly, social media and also do marketing for BKO. There is also some funding for mapping new areas. In return we will create Maprun courses, develop or renew permanent orienteering courses that can be used in conjunction with Maprun, hold come and try it events and work with local communities to train volunteers in orienteering and accessing Maprun courses. We will be planning until Easter and aiming to hold some Find Your Way sessions in early summer.

8. Secretary's Report

- No update for this meeting.

9. Publicity Report

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

10. Coaching Report

- John is going to finish his course sessions off with the SCOA Juniors. Mark is planning to complete his during the summer training sessions.

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 8th March 0730 @ The Cricketers.

14. AOB

- AGM – Derek Hardin award Jim Munday – Jim's Jug Yvette Baker Trophy final team.
- Fiona, said that she is looking at storage unit quotes and changing if required.
- Fiona, Kirsty Adams who lives near Cold Ash has asked at some of Rushall Woods and Cold Ash for Trek O and could she have a copy of the BKO maps for the areas in question. It was agreed that we would provide the maps.

Appendix A – Events Table add Bo's email update

Date	Location	Level	Comments	Officials
Sunday 29th January 2023	Concorde Chase Star Post	B	<p>Permissions – Permission received. Fee of £500 (allocated)</p> <p>Parking- We will use several car parks (Coral Reef, Sainsbury, South Hill park, ...).</p> <p>Mapping – Cold Ash mapper (Dave Peel) to do both Star Post and Cold Ash. Some updates done.</p>	<p>Organiser – Trish Monks and Jon Vaughan</p> <p>Planner – Andrew Southwood</p> <p>Controller – Alan Rosen (HH)</p> <p>Results - EMIT UK Touch Free</p>
Saturday 25th March 2023	British Orienteering Championships & Southern Championships (UKOL) Cold Ash	A	<p>Permissions – All landowners have granted permission.</p> <p>Parking. Agreed with Eling estate. Same field as JK2019</p> <p>Mapping – Katy and Dave Peel (combined with Star Posts)</p>	<p>Organiser – Jane Courtier</p> <p>Planner – Mark Foxwell/ Simon Moore</p> <p>Controller – Graham Louth</p> <p>Results – Eddie Speak SI will need BKO help for SIAC issue and download.</p>
Sunday 21st May 2023	Bloom Wood & YBT qualifier	C	<p>Permissions – Confirmed in principle by Jamie Mash in January 2023</p> <p>Parking. Jamie Mash will provide field to park</p> <p>Mapping – Stefan to survey. A lot of forestry work has been done since last event in 2021. So map will need to be updated. Potential risk that map rework will impact event. But we will know after survey.</p>	<p>Organiser –</p> <p>Planner –</p> <p>Controller – Mark Thompson (TVOC)</p> <p>Results - Hire from Allan F.</p>
Saturday 10th June 2023	Summer Parks Series #1 Lower Earley East?	D	<p>Permissions –</p> <p>Parking</p> <p>Mapping –</p>	<p>Organiser –</p> <p>Planner –</p> <p>Controller –</p> <p>Results - BKO result team?</p>
Saturday 15th July 2023	Summer Parks series #2 + Club Picnic Bracknell South Hill Park	D	<p>Permissions –</p> <p>Parking</p> <p>Mapping –</p>	<p>Organiser –</p> <p>Planner</p> <p>Controller –</p> <p>Results - BKO result team?</p>
Saturday 19th August 2023	Summer Parks series #3 Woosehill	D	<p>Permissions –</p> <p>Parking: Bo to check with Katy on ideas</p> <p>Mapping –</p>	<p>Organiser –</p> <p>Planner –</p> <p>Controller –</p> <p>Results - BKO result team?</p>

Sunday 22nd October 2023 (new date for postponed Nov-2022 event)	Black Park	C	Permissions – to be seeked again. Stefan? Parking Mapping – Needs proper update after forestry work during winter 2022/2023	Organiser – Simon Moore? Planner – Jim Munday Controller – Helen Marsden? Results – BKO?
Saturday 18th November 2023	Bucklebury Common	D	Permissions – Parking: Mapping – Glyn proposed Y/O/LG/SB + score	Organiser – Planner – Glyn Thomas confirmed Controller – Results - BKO result team? First SI event?
Saturday 16th December 2023	Night Orienteering Star Post	C	Permissions – Crown Estate positive, but will not allow car access to forest when dark. Which makes at least Swinley East (and West) as no option. Star Post could work. We need to plan how to get equipment back in after event without vehicles. Parking- Possible to use the Lookout car park as evening event with no-one else around? Alternatively Coral Reef parking? Mapping –	Organiser – Planner – Controller – Results -
Saturday 27th January 2024	UK Urban League event Birch Hill	B	Permissions – Parking Mapping –	Organiser – Planner – Controller – Results -
Sunday 28th January 2024	Concorde Chase Barossa	B	Permissions – Email Kay at Landmarc on 12/12/2022 Parking Mapping –	Organiser – Planner – Controller – Results -
Saturday 24th Feb 2024	Swinley West/Swinley Park	D	Permissions – Parking Mapping –	Organiser – Bo Oqvist Planner – Controller – Results -
Sunday 24th March 2024	Rushall Woods	C	Permissions – Parking Mapping –	Organiser – Planner – Controller – Results -
Dec-24		B	Permissions –	Organiser –

	Night Orienteering (Southern Night Champs 2024?) Star Post or Yateley Common		Parking- Possible to use the Lookout car park as evening event with no-one else around? Mapping – Other: What are embargo rules? Asked Richard Sharp as SCOA.	Planner – Controller – Results -
Sunday 26th January 2025	Concorde Chase Cold Ash	B	Permissions – Parking Mapping –	Organiser – Planner – Controller – Results -