



## Berkshire Orienteers

### Minutes of the Committee Meeting

7.30pm 28<sup>th</sup> Sept 2022  
The Cricketers, Cricketers Lane.  
Warfield. RG42 6JT

**Present:** Stefan Stasiuk (Chair), Derick Mercer (Secretary), Mark Foxwell, Bo Oqvist, John Methven, Simon Moore, Peter Entwistle, Brian Sewell.

**Apologies:** Trish Monks, Ian Hudson, Fiona Clough.

#### 1. Minutes of the Last Meeting (20<sup>th</sup> July '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.*

**Action; SS**

- 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.

**Action; MF**

- Brian will investigate SI support for the British Champs. Update July – Brian is still investigating. Fiona said that SCOA and TVOC are investigating as well and this is progressing. Brian said that as we are hosting the first day and we would be issuing the hired SI's. Update – Brian said that he has emailed Alun Jones (TVOC) Eddy Speak will manage the results and will have an assistant. We will need to supply a team of 3 or 4 and will not need prior training. Borrowing controls from SLOW 130 – 140 controls. Further investigation may be required if more controls are required. SI cards TVOC 100 SLOW 100. FIONA has said that not that many hire cards may be required as most have dibbers. IT side hardware is sorted mainly via TVOC.

**Action; Complete**

- 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. Update - Brian has sent an email to Kirsty via mark that Coaching can be available but unfortunately has had no response.

**Action; BS**

- CSC review – Stefan will look at the review and forward the answers. Brian will forward the CSC rules to the Committee. Update – Stefan said that he has forwarded the Committees response to the questions asked.

**Action; Complete**

- Mark will adjust the website to Junior events rather than league events from the website.

**Action; MF**

- A discussion took place on event officials having completed the event safety course. DM will check the officials for the CC.

**Action; DM**

## 2. Chairman's Update

### 2.1 Chair's Update.

- Since July we have had the club picnic at Sandhurst 20th August. Thanks to Jane and Dick Rae for the event and Fiona and Katie for the Barbeque.
- Event preparation is going well for Black Park now on 20th Nov. We have permissions, officials in place planning is well underway with Jim.
- The Swinley East event can go ahead on 3rd December as we have permissions a planner and organiser. The Concorde Chase is also progressing. After these events the focus will switch to the British Champs on 25th March.
- Mark has also arranged a maprun series for this autumn.
- In terms of events the only one I have been to is the lakes 5 days but I was only able to complete 2 because of injury but well done to Adam Methven for winning M18L especially in the hot weather.
- We have agreed on a reply to compass sport organiser on BKO preferences.

## 3. Membership Secretary

- Emailed from Ian, National 110 members, 8 local & 1 group St Andrews.
- Please remind the committee that any new members joining between 1st September and 31st December 2022 get BKO membership until 31st December 2023. This year only.

## 4. SCOA Report

- SCOA Report Sept 22 from Jon Wheatcroft (Chair)
- In the next six month we (ie you too!) are responsible for putting on no fewer than four major events:-
- In March 2023 (25th & 26th) we are hosting the British Long Distance Championships & British Relay Championships. Paul Fox (SN) is co-ordinating, BKO are leading on the individual and TVOC on the relays. This is a big undertaking for us, one of the smaller regions, so we are expecting that everybody in the Region will want to volunteer their help on at least one day. Please put the dates in your diary now.
- Looming rather larger on the horizon is our hosting of the Senior Home Internationals. These take place on the weekend of 5th & 6th November. SOC seem to have the individual races which take place before the November Classic on the Sunday well under control. The relays are being held near Bordon in Hampshire on the Saturday (5th) and could do with a few more hands. So, if you fancy seeing Great Britain and Ireland's very best in action at close quarters or just feel like helping do, please, get in touch with me.
- Unfortunately, the first event scheduled for the 2022 – 2023 SCOA league has had to be postponed, so SCOL 1 will now be the BADO event at Micheldever on 23rd October which will also host the SCOL 2021 – 2022 prizegiving. Details of other SCOA league events are on the SCOA website. Our meeting also made a small change to the rules of this competition to award a mapper who would be non-competitive 100 points, as is already the case with other officials. More awards are up for grabs at the November Classic on 6th November which also hosts this year's SCOA Championships.
- One of the more pleasant tasks of the committee is to read the reports from our talented young athletes who have been on international duty and attended summer camps at home and abroad and to also offer them financial support towards their, often considerable, expenses. Congratulations to Josie Hilton, Tommy Rollins, Charlotte Slade, Aidan Hilton Amelia Wing, Adam Methven & Frank Townley.
- You should already have received a report from our new Orienteering Foundation 'ambassador' Alun Jones (TVOC) which was discussed at the meeting. You and/or your club are encouraged to consider making a grant application. [www.orienteeringfoundation.org.uk](http://www.orienteeringfoundation.org.uk)
- Another duty of your committee is to vet officials for future level B events for appropriate experience and qualifications. You will be pleased to hear that officials for the 2023 Chiltern Challenge (TVOC) and November Classic (SOC) have been approved.

- One of those qualifications which is mandatory for all officials is attendance at an Event Safety Course. Di Smith (di@ntrees.co.uk) is organising a course at Dibden on Sunday 9th October 2pm – 6pm, which has spaces at the time of writing. You may just receive this in time to go.....
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## 5. Events & Mapping

### 5.1 Events

- The events schedule was discussed and the updated table is appendix A.
- Maprun – Mark said that he is planning to put Maprun events from August every two weeks and keep them open.

### 5.2 Mapping

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### 5.3 Results

- Brian said that he is successfully co-ordinating the results teams for the upcoming events.
- 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.

## 6. Treasurers Report

- Peter had issued the Treasurers report before the meeting with a summary of the changes.
- Very little has changed since our July Meeting The only income since July has been £137 net surplus from Sandhurst Park event. BO is awaiting an invoice from BFC which will need to be paid.  
The only expenses have been the cost of the Sandhurst picnic at £190, Renewal of the equipment insurance policy at £328 but 8 months deferred to 2023, plus 3 months depreciation £114.
- Overall BKO Surplus Year to Date £91 (down by £245 since July).

## 7. Development Matters

- John has heard back from Kay H and will need to talk to her with ref to the next steps for further progress. Stefan said that Upton `court in ~Slough would fit the criteria.
- Mark – is continuing with the Maprun training events.

## 8. Secretary's Report

- The annual BOF affiliation request is in for submission, Derick will supply Club details and Peter will pay the fees due.
- Derick said that a fixture needs to be decided for the BKO Club Champs and after a discussion it was decided on the TVOC event at Wycombe Abbey School on the 18<sup>th</sup> December. The Format as per recent years – blue, green, handicap & juniors.

## 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 check with Liz J about DBS checks for Mark & Fiona.

## 11. **Youth League**

- John said that we do not run enough events to run a youth league at present, especially with St Andrews not attending events at present.
- Youth league in abeyance due to lack of suitable events
- Mark will adjust the website to Junior events rather than league events from the website. **Action MF**
- John also added that At the Junior Inter-Regional Championships (on 24/25 September) the South Central Junior Squad achieved its best result since 1999, coming 5th in the individual races and 6th in the relays (out of the 12 regional squads). An excellent result, especially since they were two scorers down from a possible of 12 runners counting towards the team score. Both days were in the sand dunes at Tyrella, Northern Ireland, which is on a headland with a fantastic view across the loch to the Mountains of Mourne. The courses were highly technical and there were no easy options or long routes round paths on any legs. The vegetation was also tough in places with sections where the gorse and brambles had extended further than on the map. Two juniors from BKO were part of the SCOA junior squad: Adam Methven was 3rd on M18 and also his team was 3rd in the Men's relays. Amelia Wing was 6th on W16 and together with Josie Hilton from SN who was 4th, they had a combined score making them second on W16 (beating Scotland into 3rd place).
- The following weekend Adam was representing GB at the Junior European Championships in the Harz Mountains of Germany, an area with distinctive sandstone outcrops, complete with castles, pointing out of the forest. There was a sprint, long and relay competition. Adam's best day was on the long where he was 31st out of the 60 competitors on M18, the top three coming from Sweden, Switzerland and Denmark.

## 12. **Welfare Report**

- No Welfare issues have been reported during this period.

## 13. **Next Meeting – Booked**

- Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> Nov. 0730 @ The Cricketers.

## 14. **AOB**

- A discussion took place on event officials having completed the event safety course. DM will check the officials for the CC. Action DM

Appendix A – Events Table add Bo’s email update

<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Level</b>	<b>Comments</b>	<b>Officials</b>
<b>Sunday 20th November 2022</b>	Black Park	<b>C</b>	Permissions – Stefan has received Bucks approval  Parking  Mapping –  HH club champs (50 extra runners?)	Organiser – Simon Moore  Planner – Jim Munday  Controller – Helen Marsden  Results – BKO (Brian, Derick, Peter, Sue)
<b>Saturday 3rd December 2022</b>	Swinley East/Buttersteap	<b>D</b>	Permissions – Permission in principle from Crown Estate. But possible clash with filming. No fee discussed yet.  Parking - Ride in middle  Mapping – SN would like to have club championships at this event	Organiser – Stefan Stasiuk  Planner – Bo Oqvist  Controller – Results – BKO (Brian, Sue, Derick, Mark)
<b>Sunday 29th January 2023</b>	Concorde Chase Star Post	<b>B</b>	Permissions – Permission in principle from Crown Estate. No fee discussed yet.  Parking- Football pitches by Birch Hill recreation ground. I have asked Bracknell Town Council, no response. Will follow up.  Mapping – did Katy agree with 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
<b>Saturday 25th February 2023 Cancelled. Not enough</b>	Swinley West/Swinley Park	<b>D</b>	Permissions – Permission in principle from Crown Estate  Parking  Mapping – Day before TVOC CC	Organiser –  Planner –  Controller –  Results -

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<p align="center"><b>Saturday 25th March 2023</b></p>	<p align="center">British Orienteering Championships &amp; Southern Championships (UKOL) Cold Ash</p>	<p align="center"><b>A</b></p>	<p>Permissions – All landowners contacted. Estate responded positively. No formal yes (or no) yet from other landowners</p> <p>Parking. New farmer will take over preferred parking fields in September 2022. Estate is positive but no decision on parking until September. Bo will follow up with estate</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>
<p align="center"><b>Sunday 21st May 2023</b></p>	<p align="center">Bloom Wood &amp; YBT qualifier</p>	<p align="center"><b>C</b></p>	<p>Permissions – Bo called 21/4/2022. RM died earlier this year. I do not know the ownership of the woodland.</p> <p>Parking – Day before</p> <p>Mapping – Day before</p>	<p>Organiser –</p> <p>Planner –</p> <p>Controller –</p> <p>Results -</p>
<p align="center"><b>Sunday 28th January 2024</b></p>	<p align="center">Concorde Chase Barossa</p>	<p align="center"><b>B</b></p>	<p>Permissions –</p> <p>Parking –</p> <p>Mapping –</p>	<p>Organiser –</p> <p>Planner –</p> <p>Controller –</p> <p>Results -</p>