



Berkshire Orienteers

Minutes of the Committee Meeting

8.00 pm, 27th September 2012
3 Kelburne Close, Winnersh,
RG41 5JG

Present: Peter Entwistle (Treasurer) , Ian Hudson, David Jukes (Secretary), Andy Parry (Fixtures), Ken Ricketts, Dave Rogers (Coaching Officer) and Katy Stubbs (Chairman).

Apologies: None

1. Minutes of the Last Meeting (31 July 2012) / Matters Arising

- The minutes had been circulated and were agreed except for the change of 'Start' to 'Star' in Events (May 2013). The minutes were then agreed.
- Matters arising: In item 1, Katy had supplied a paragraph to correct the item in the May minutes.

2. Chairman's Update

- Committee vacancies:** No offers and it seems unlikely that we will have any more offers until the AGM.
- Club Nights:** These have restarted after the summer break and 3 new people have joined in. Jason remains as trainer. BOF have informed us that the anticipated funding may not be available. However an invoice has been submitted for the first half of the 12/13 year. In addition, there is £100 available for publicity and Katy proposed obtaining some 'post card sized publicity cards to publicise the club nights and the Saturday events. This was agreed.
- Yvette Baker Competition (the interclub junior competition):** The first round of this was being staged in association with the TVOC Kingswood event on the 21st October. It was thought that the club should be able to organise enough juniors to form a team and this would be publicised in an e-mail. Dave Rogers would co-ordinate.
Action: David and Dave
- Club Delegate Conference:** This is taking place on October 19th but there was no interest from committee members to attend the meeting this year.
- Schools Events:** Although funding for schools activities has been significantly reduced by local authorities, Katy has been approached by Slough wishing to introduce orienteering again. Likely dates are March/April. Although the committee felt that this was a good initiative, the administration was considered an issue as well as potential venues for the event(s). Katy would progress cautiously.
Action: Katy

3. Membership

Ian introduced the discussion by stating that there had been no new members since the last meeting. However the main discussion related to the BKO memberships arrangements for 2013 following significant changes to the national membership structure by BOF.

There was some confusion as to the likely impact of the changes and how BKO should respond. It was agreed that, in line with BOF, it would be sensible to abandon the 'Family Membership' option. It was considered that BKO fees should be £7 for Seniors (on top of BOF's £5) but free for Juniors (where BOF have £2).

There will still be a local membership option (at £7) for the small number of people who do not want to join BOF or who have their BOF membership with another club. Ian would contact these people to invite them to renew.

(Action: Ian)

There was some confusion as to the status of groups (e.g. schools) in the new BOF structure and whether pupils could in future compete in certain competitions based on their group membership. Ian would contact BOF to check on their interpretation of the new arrangements.

(Action: Ian)

It was agreed that there should be an article in the next newsletter explaining (as far as we can) the new arrangements. Ian offered to draft this and circulate it around the committee for comment.

(Action: Ian)

4. SCOA Report

Katy reported on a number of issues:

- There will be a SCOA Sprint Championship at Wellington College (6th April) and a SCOA Middle Championship at Bagshot (7th April) both combined with equivalent SEOA championships.
- The SCOA Levy for 2013 will be amended to fit in with the new BOF structure with a single charge of 13.5p per head at all events (with 3 juniors counting as one adult).
- There will be an event safety course at Hemptworth on 27th October primarily for SARUM but open to all.
- The SCOA Committee is still missing a Secretary and a Treasurer.
- Next SCOA meeting is on 6th December.

5. Events and Mapping

- Andy Parry tabled an updated schedule of proposed events showing good progress on getting planners for the Saturday series.
- There were no offers or suggestions for a New Years Day event and it is now unlikely to happen this winter.
- Katy was still concerned at the lack of official permission for Barossa for Concorde Chase 2013 (27 January). Pete Entwistle and Ken Ricketts offered to act as joint organisers.
- Whiteknights is being partially mapped for the JK and the mapper had offered to complete the survey of the whole campus for future BKO use for an additional cost to the club of £300. This was agreed.
- It was noted that Start Posts would need an updated survey in the winter of 2013/14 prior to the Concorde Chase/Southern Championships in January 2014. This might need to be done by a professional. Martin Wilson had already offered to plan this event.
- **MBTO:** Eric Harper had expressed an interest in helping the development of MBTO. Nigel Benham has offered to provide some support. Star Posts is considered an excellent MBTO area but is currently embargoed until the Southern Champs in 2014. Other possible locations were mentioned including Hawley. Overall the Committee was happy for this activity to develop but caution would be needed to ensure it does not impact on our other activities.

6. Treasurer's Report

Peter circulated updated accounts which were discussed. There had been little change over the summer but income appeared to be running a bit below budget at present.

Katy raised the topic of the future of the Emit results service currently run by Alan Faringdon with help from Jerry Newcombe (who is expected to be leaving shortly) and Tim Booth (who will be leaving for the USA sometime soon). One option would be for BKO to upgrade its equipment so as to be able to run a full Emit results service using new laptops, laser printer, miscellaneous kit and a licence for the software. Katy would ask Tim to provide an estimate for the likely cost of BKO setting this up. The Committee agree that it would be sensible, in principle, to progress to having our own equipment subject to the costings be acceptable.

(Action: Katy)

7. Secretary's Report

No matters were raised.

8. Development Matters

It was recalled that BKO's Clubmark had been renewed. However it had been noted that some documents were now rather old and that some people may need to attend some refresher courses to maintain their status. In particular the club needed to have an updated development plan with some action points and target dates for achieving these. Dave Rogers indicated that he would review the current plan and propose an updated version.

(Action: Dave)

9. Coaching Report

Dave Rogers indicated that he had recently joined Attackpoint (as 'DaveO') and encouraged others to have a go as a way of recording training and attempting to improve fitness.

10. Next Meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting would be held on Thursday 29th November 2012 at 8.00 at Katy's house – 3 Kelburne Close, Winnersh (with discussion to include plans for 2013, the AGM and new Emit arrangements). It was also suggested that the following meeting could be on Thursday 17th January 2013.

11. Any Other Business

None

The meeting closed at 10.55