



Berkshire Orienteers

Minutes of the Committee Meeting

8.00 pm, 31st July 2012
3 Kelburne Close, Winnersh,
RG41 5JG

Present:

Peter Entwistle (Treasurer), Andy Parry (Fixtures), Ian Hudson, Ken Ricketts, Katy Stubbs (Chairman).

Apologies:

Dave Rogers (Coaching Officer), David Jukes (Secretary)

1. Minutes of the Last Meeting (10 May 2012) / Matters Arising

- The minutes had been circulated and were agreed except for the figures for the Club evenings, where the grant had been quoted as expenses. An amended paragraph will be supplied to David Jukes for inclusion in a revised set of minutes.
(Action: Katy)
- Item 4 – Andy Parry still does not have access to the website. Andy to contact Tim Booth to get access, also to look into running the website, especially the distribution lists.
(Action: Andy)

2. Membership

- No new members since the last meeting. Summer is normally a quiet time.
- The impact of the new BOF membership structure was discussed. National membership is to be considerably cheaper, with higher event levies to make up the income. Some categories of membership, such as family and student, will be disappearing, although assurances have been given that the BOF database will still support these if clubs wish to offer them. The club needs to decide whether to align with the new BOF structure. Peter reported that annual club income from membership was budgeted for the current year as £879, with £438 received to date. By comparison, event income for last year was over £4000. We only have around 10 local members. It was felt that we could lose some members if we drop family membership, but that these would be mostly inactive orienteers.
- It was felt that we needed more information before making a final decision. Ian was asked to investigate how many Family members we have, to try to give some idea of the composition of these, and circulate this information before the next committee meeting. Peter was also asked if he could work out possible scenarios for different levels of fees.
(Action: Ian, Peter)
- One potential problem of dropping family membership is that we could end up sending several newsletters to the same address. It was mooted that the newsletter could be emailed and/or distributed at events, saving the substantial cost of postage. An agenda item for discussing membership structure and fees will be required for the next committee meeting.
(Action: David)

3. SCOA Report

Katy reported on a number of issues:

- The SCOA Committee is still missing a Secretary and a Treasurer
- The possibility of an inter-club competition based on the SCOA League had been mooted.
- The SCOA League will now include a 'Short Green' course

4. Events and Mapping

Saturday Series/Junior League events 2012/13

Date	Event Name	Location	Town	Grid Ref	Postcode	Planner
08/09/2012	BKO Saturday Series	Minley	Reading			
06/10/2012	BKO Saturday Series	Swinley West	Bracknell	SU901670	SL5 8AZ	
17/11/2012	BKO Saturday Series	Langley Park	Slough	TQ009816	SL3 6DW	
08/12/2012	BKO Saturday Series	Benyon's Enclosure	Mortimer	SU630641	RG7 3UA	
19/01/2013	BKO Saturday Series	Yateley Common	Yateley	SU833592	GU17 0AW	Eric Harper
16/02/2013	BKO Saturday Series	Bloom Wood	High Wycombe	SU860890	SL7 3RE	
16/03/2013	BKO Saturday Series	Swinley East	Bracknell	SU906661	SL5 8AX	
27/04/2013	BKO Saturday Series	Rushall Woods	Bradfield	SU576733	RG7 6DN	

- The Saturday events list above (some columns deleted to save space) was discussed. There have been some problems securing permission for Minley on 8th September, and it was suggested that this be swapped with Langley on 17th November in order to allow more time to secure permission for Minley. It was noted that Minley is nowhere near Reading – agreed to treat Blackwater as the nearest town.
- It is believed that Glenn and Di Wass are happy to act as Organisers for these events, but it needs to be confirmed that all the dates are OK for them. Andy to contact Glenn & Di to confirm the dates. Planners are still needed for most of these events – Andy & Katy to sound out potential planners and email membership.

(Action: Andy, Katy)

Main Fixtures

- 30th September 2012 – Windsor & Eton. We have a Planner and Organiser (Tim Booth & David Jukes). There is reportedly some uncertainty over whether all permissions have been confirmed as yet. It is not clear whether Online entry system has been set up yet – Katy to check.
- 29th January 2013 – Barossa - Concorde Chase: Richard Rae is Planning – no Organiser had been identified as yet, most of the club's experienced organisers are already heavily committed for the JK in 2013. To be an Organiser at this level one must have done the event safety course – there is one on Saturday 20th October. Ken Ricketts & Peter Entwistle agreed to be joint Organisers.
- May Event 2013 – determined that the best date would be 12th May, with 20th May as a possible alternative. Not sure which are to use – Start Posts is embargoed for the Southern Championships in 2014, and Cold Ash will be used during the JK. Bloom Wood, Yateley Heath or Hawley are possibilities. Andy to talk to Eric to decide which might be the best area to use.

(Action: Andy)

Other Matters

- Need to book Allan Farrington for the Windsor & Eton, Concorde Chase and May events.

(Action: Andy)

5. Mapping

- Barossa should not need any major updates
- Star Posts – it was suggested that we need to get this professionally remapped before the Concorde Chase/Southern Championships in January 2014. However, this should not be done before the bracken has died down and rhododendrons cut back, or the mapper will spend ages mapping thickets which may be removed before the event.
- Cold Ash is being remapped for the JK. It could be used for the Concorde Chase in 2015.

6. Treasurer's Report

Peter circulated updated accounts which were discussed.

- We are currently running at a small loss on the Saturday Park series. This is mainly due to the cost of maps – the longer courses require A3 maps on waterproof paper. These have to be professionally printed, which makes these much more expensive than the other Saturday events.
- We need to consider the entry fees for Saturday events, as these will be liable for BOF levy from the start of next season. The following entry fees were decided upon:

	BOF Members	Non-Members
Senior	£4	£5
Junior	£2.50	£1.50

Andy to pass this information on to Glenn & Di

(Action: Andy)

7. Club Nights 2012/13

Katy has identified a slightly cheaper venue for next year, at Birch Hill. This will cost £35 per night instead of £40.

8. Coaching Report

This had been sent by Dave Rogers.

9. Committee Membership

The committee is still short of a Development Officer and an additional member. There have been no volunteers or responses to requests in the newsletter.

10. Next Meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting would be held on Thursday 13th September 2012 at 8.00 at Katy's house – 3 Kelburne Close, Winnersh. If this date is not suitable, the following Thursday would be an alternative.

11. Any Other Business

None

The meeting closed at 10.35