



Berkshire Orienteers

Minutes of the Committee Meeting

8.00 pm, 8th March 2012
3 Kelburne Close, Winnersh,
RG41 5JG

Present:

Ian Hudson, David Jukes (Secretary), Andy Parry (Events), Ken Ricketts, Dave Rogers (Coaching Officer), Katy Stubbs (Chairman).

Apologies:

Peter Entwistle (Treasurer) and Alan Springett

1. Minutes of the Last Meeting (12 January 2012) / Matters Arising

The minutes had been circulated and were agreed. Action points had all been dealt with. It was agreed the AGM and Annual Dinner had been a success and that the new venue (The Bull at Theale) was very satisfactory and could be used again.

2. Chairman's Update

Committee vacancies:

Katy commented that the vacancies on the Committee needed filling – these were the Development Officer and an additional committee member. Denise had agreed to continue to support the schools activities. Katy would draft more specific 'job descriptions' which need to be circulated to the Committee and subsequently to the membership – preferably as a special item. In addition it was noted that Keith was continuing to prepare the newsletter. It was however commented that publicity was also important and needed to be continued. This should include BKO events on various 'sports' websites (e.g. 'Where to go').

Action: Katy

3. Membership Report

David presented data on the updated membership. This showed little change from the January data: one new senior BOF member and two new senior BKO members making a total of 183 members.

Ian Hudson would shortly take over responsibility for maintaining the membership database once he had been given full access. David and Ian would liaise on this.

4. SCOA Report

Katy mentioned two items relating to the JK2013: a mapper had been recruited for Cold Ash (the Sunday event), and it appeared likely that Dalton Barracks would be the venue for the sprint race on the Friday.

5. Events and Mapping

Club Nights / Summer Training

Club nights would stop for Easter. Katy had prepared an outline schedule for the summer which combined club nights with the traditional summer training events. The proposal was to start with some relatively simple exercises and to target these at newcomers in the Bracknell area. The Committee agreed that this was a sensible proposal.

It has been a tradition to hold the club BBQ after the last summer training event. This has, for the last few years, been held at Katy's following an informal score event at Dinton Pastures. After some discussion as to alternatives it was agreed that this would remain at Katy's and be held on 18 July. There would probably be no event prior to it.

It was noted that all these activities should be registered on the BOF website as 'activities' (and not 'events').

Fixtures

An updated list of events was circulated. The following points were mentioned:

- It is planned to hold the Concorde Chase 2013 at Barosa (including parts not used in 2012). Eric is currently obtaining land permission.
- It was agreed that we would use pre-entry at both the SCOA League event at Swinley and at the urban event at Windsor and Eton.
- Katy described the new arrangements for first aid. Current arrangements had not been particularly satisfactory. She had found a new organisation (ABC Medical) which would charge £180 +VAT. This was considered acceptable.

Mapping

Katy would be updating the Swinley East map prior to the event on 13 May. She will also be doing some updating of Swinley West. Eric has been preparing a map of Sandhurst.

6. Treasurer's Report

Peter had provided updated accounts. It was commented that these now included the costs of the maps for the Concorde Chase.

The club had applied for some development funding from BOF which would be used for 60 urban controls and some new Emit bricks. BOF had been willing to support the application but had given two options – either provide the club with £600 to assist the club to purchase the items or to purchase the equipment but for BOF to retain ownership and to hire the equipment to BKO (and other clubs). After a short discussion it was agreed to accept the £600 and to provide club funds for the remainder (£1040).

It was noted that the Harvester Trophy was being staged in the region this year and that it would be appropriate for the club to pay the entry fee.

7. Development Matters

The club had been successful in obtaining renewed Clubmark recognition. The Committee were grateful for the work Denise Harper had done to achieve this. It was thought that there were some points which needed action and these would be pursued. Dave Rogers agreed to see what needs doing.

Action: Dave Rogers

Dave Rogers also proposed that the club should launch a Facebook page to provide additional publicity. His daughter Josie had offered to help set this up and to maintain it for an initial period. This was discussed and agreed as a useful addition to our current web page. Dave would ask Josie to progress this. It was thought that it could be used as a way to promote the summer training series.

Action: Dave Rogers

8. Secretary's Report

The only matter for discussion was the need to enter teams for the JK and British Relays. David had given this publicity in the last newsletter and had included details in the regular e-mails to members. However, as both events this year are in distant regions, only a few members had entered as individuals. Katy agreed to enter the teams – one for the JK and possibly one for the British.

Action: Katy

9. Publicity

No major report. However Katy commented that she would be arranging to attend St Andrews School to present the SCOA Champs and Jim's Jug award. She also commented that she had posted the vouchers for those BKO 2011 Champions who had not been presented with them at the AGM.

Action: Katy

10. Coaching Report

It was reported that Katy, Dave and Oone had attended the BOF Coaching Conference in early February. It had provided some useful ideas, some of which had already been used in the Wednesday club nights.

3 members, plus Dave, had attended the Club weekend in the Lake District in early March. It had been good but the attendance was disappointing.

It was noted that there would be a BOF Committee meeting on 17 March and a coaching meeting involving the SCOA representative on the 15 March.

11. Youth League

This is progressing with St Andrews well in the lead. A prize giving would be needed – probably at the Swinley East event in May.

Action: Ken Ricketts

12. Next Meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting would be held on Thursday 10th May 2012 at 8.00 at Katy's house – 3 Kelburne Close, Winnersh.

13. Any Other Business

Dogs at events: Andy reported on difficulties that had arisen at the road crossing at the Concorde Chase whilst he was manning it. This involved a dog which was not on a lead going across the road with its owner but subsequently coming back and running across the road on its own. This caused a car to brake suddenly leaving the driver angry and blaming Andy. The Committee agreed that where an event involved a road crossing, it should be a requirement that dogs remain on leads.

The meeting closed at 10.30