



Berkshire Orienteers Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

**7.00 pm, 6th February 2026
Sand Martins Golf Club**

Present:

Derick Mercer, Fiona Clough, Lynne & Simon Moore, Katy Stubbs, Richard Rae, Eric & Denise Harper, Trish Monks, Bo Oqvist, Mark Foxwell, Jon Vaughan, Brian & Sue Sewell, Neil Frankum, David Palmer, Thomas Cann, Judy Nesbit, Alan Nesbit, Peter Entwistle, Martin Wilson.

Apologies for absence

Glynn Thomas, Nigel Houlton, Terry Hunt, Stefan Stasiuk, John & Lisa Methven, Alan Phillips.

Minutes of the Last Annual General Meeting (28th February 2025)

The minutes of the 2025 AGM had been circulated prior to the meeting. The minutes were Proposed as by Fiona Clough and Seconded by Jon Vaughan.

1. Chairman's Report

Simon welcomed everyone to the meeting and gave the following account of the year's activities;

2025 has been another busy year for the club.

Since last year's AGM we have delivered **nine events**, supported by a great deal of voluntary effort:

- **Saturday Event** – Langley Park
Planned by Jim Munday and organised by Fiona Clough, with 47 participants.
- **Regional Event** – Bloom Wood
Planned by Stefan Stasiuk and organised by John Methven, attracting 186 runners.
It is worth noting that land access permissions are becoming increasingly difficult and significantly more expensive.
- **Saturday Event and Club Picnic** – Jennett's Park
Planned by Alan Phillips and organised by Eoin Sharkey, with 46 entries.
- **Regional Urban Event** – South Hill Park
Planned by Paul Fox (SN) and organised by Bo Oqvist, with 138 entries.
- **Autumn Parks Event** – Ashenbury Park
Planned by Alan and Judy Nesbitt and organised by John Methven.
The map was extended and updated by David Jukes. This event had 74 entries.
- **Saturday Event** – Burghfield
Planned by Glyn Thomas and organised by myself, with 100 runners.

- **Regional Event** – Black Park (December)
Planned by Andrew Southwood and organised by Fiona Clough.
This event was used by several clubs, including ourselves, for club championships and attracted 230 runners.

In addition, we have already held two days of the **Concorde Chase weekend** at Woosehill and Star Posts:

- **The Urban event at Woosehill** used an extended map by Kay Stubbs, with Mark Foxwell as organiser and Martin Wilson as planner. There were 218 runners.
- **The Concorde Chase at Star Posts** also served as the Southern Championships and the SCOA Championships.
Planning was by Craig Blackwood and organisation by myself. This event was significantly more complex than a standard Concorde Chase. Although Regional Championships have officially been downgraded to Level B events with special rules, from an organiser's perspective the workload remains very close to a Level A event.
In particular, the requirement for full timed starts stretched our available manpower to the limit.

Alongside these formal events, Mark also organised a full programme of **summer training events**, alternating between Wednesday and Thursday evenings.

"There was a round of applause for Marks efforts."

Behind the Scenes

I would like to thank everyone who helps keep the club running. This includes not only the committee, but many other members who contribute throughout the year — particularly those who planned or organised events.

As I have mentioned in previous years, finding event officials continues to be a challenge, and last year was no exception. Of our nine events, **six were organised by just three people**, and we relied on an external planner for our summer urban event.

While we have plans in place for the next two events, it will be difficult to deliver many more this year without people coming forward. We are also looking at ways to **simplify the organisational burden**, especially for smaller summer events where entries have recently been below 50 runners. We hope this will make it easier for members to take on these roles in future.

If we want to attract new members, we urgently need someone to take on the role of the club development officer – or fund this as a paid role - - maybe with support from the Orienteering foundation. Membership has been static since 2022 at around 113/114 members – but to gain more members, we need better marketing, and a planned consistent set of events aimed at newcomers – but to hold these events, we need the volunteers to organise and plan them... We also need to support and grow the new member that we have had so they don't disappear after a year or 2. So plenty for decisions to make over the next year.

2. Treasurers Report

Lynne had circulated the audited accounts for 2025 prior to the meeting. There were no questions asked.

Proposed Fiona Clough Seconded Neil Frankum

BKO Treasurer's Report – AGM February 6th 2026 Accounts – 2025

The Income and Expenditure Report, Balance Sheet, and Auditor's Report for the year ended 2025 have been circulated to members.

Overall, 2025 was a financially stable year for BKO. The club covered all operating costs, allowed for equipment depreciation, and recorded a modest surplus of just over £1,000.

At the start of the year, we had budgeted for a deficit of approximately £3,000, reflecting our intention to invest in a new BKO website. However, the website developer we planned to use has since ceased trading, and as a result this expenditure did not take place. There are now plans to undertake website improvements during 2026, with associated costs.

Event surpluses remain the club's primary source of income for covering running costs and overheads, and are therefore essential to our financial position. During 2025, the club held nine events, most of which generated healthy surpluses. A breakdown of event surpluses is included in the Notes to the Financial Statements. Setting entry fees at appropriate levels, combined with good participation numbers, continues to be important.

One unbudgeted expense during the year was a cost of just over £1,000 relating to the Cold Ash event. This covered a contribution towards an insurance claim from the farmer, as well as reimbursing tractor drivers for their time and fuel after vehicles became stuck in the field.

I am currently preparing the 2026 budget, which will be reviewed and finalised by the Committee at our next meeting in March. The Balance Sheet as at the end of 2025 shows total assets of £19,690, an increase of approximately £1,000 compared with the previous year. This improvement provides scope to invest limited funds in areas of the club that require development, most likely the website.

A key challenge facing the club is declining membership. This affects both our ability to staff events with volunteers and our capacity to generate income for future investment. Increasing membership and participation in orienteering is therefore an important priority in ensuring the club's long-term financial sustainability.

The club remains committed to prudent financial management while seeking opportunities to grow and strengthen BKO.

Lynne Moore, BKO Treasurer, February 1st 2026

Berkshire Orienteers Statement of Income & Expenditure for year ended 31st

	2025	2024	Change
INCOME			
Compass Sport Cup entry fees	£406.00	£299.00	£107.00
Clothing Sales	£75.00	£1,203.00	-£1,128.00
SIAC & equip hire income	£51.50	£176.00	-£124.50
AGM receipts	£625.00	£520.00	£105.00
Bank Interest	£53.15	£60.08	-£6.93
Misc income	£70.00	£29.25	£40.75
Event Entry Fees	£17,968.35	£22,663.68	-£4,695.33
Membership fees	£736.00	£719.00	£17.00
TOTAL INCOME	£19,985.00	£25,670.01	-£5,685.01
EXPENDITURE			
Stock cost of sales adjustment	£75.00	£0.00	£75.00
Depreciation/Amortisation	£2,047.69	£1,871.79	£175.90

Impairment	£48.34	£110.36	-£62.02
Software Licences	£314.08	£548.87	-£234.79
Mapping expenses general	£0.00	£104.50	-£104.50
Socials e.g. picnic	£232.38	£0.00	£232.38
BOF & SCOA affiliation fees	£264.00	£264.00	£0.00
Coaching & Courses (incl first aid)	£119.00	£112.00	£7.00
AGM costs	£825.00	£774.70	£50.30
Prizes & engraving	£78.14	£201.00	-£122.86
Compass sport cup entries	£404.00	£299.00	£105.00
Storage	£1,363.44	£1,185.60	£177.84
Equipment - Expensed	£0.00	£334.04	-£334.04
Relay Team Entries	£234.00	£225.00	£9.00
Publicity & social media	£25.00	£0.00	£25.00
Other costs	£1,161.03	£0.00	£1,161.03
Event Expenses	£11,012.79	£16,724.27	-£5,711.48
Website Hosting	£50.48	£90.48	-£40.00
Printing & Stationery	£279.00	£280.91	-£1.91
Insurance	£315.18	£306.96	£8.22
Audit fees	£80.00	£70.00	£10.00
Clothing - Club kit purchase	£0.00	£1,184.95	-£1,184.95
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	£18,928.55	£24,688.43	-£5,759.88
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	£1,056.45	£981.58	£74.87

BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS	31st Dec 2025	31st Dec 2024	
Cash Float	£141.00	£44.50	£96.50
Current - Community Account	£7,627.42	£2,527.26	£5,100.16
Investment <i>ale</i>	£4,091.98	£4,038.83	£53.15
CURRENT ASSETS	£11,136.40	£6,610.59	£5,249.81
Debtors (and prepayments)	£1,183.27	£3,575.20	-£2,391.93
Creditors (next year income)	-£674.50	-£276.10	-£398.40
Old Clothing Stock	£48.00	£123.00	-£75.00
Fixed Assets - Equipment	£7,272.87	£8,600.90	-£1,328.03
TOTAL ASSETS	£19,690.04	£18,633.59	£1,056.45
FINANCED BY:			
Surplus/(Deficit) for year	£1,056.45	£981.58	
Surplus - Prior Year	£981.58	£1,239.95	
General Reserve	£17,652.01	£16,412.06	
CLUB TOTAL	£19,690.04	£18,633.59	

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. Orienteering Events

BKO held 9 events during 2025. Surpluses made on the events are shown below:

2025 Events	Date	Income	Expenditure	Net (Actual)
Concorde chase Day 1 Great Holla	25/01/2025	£2,575.09	£1,501.69	£1,073.40
Concorde chase Day 2 Cold Ash	26/01/2025	£6,805.68	£4,366.38	£2,439.30
Langley Park D	08/03/2025	£336.06	£167.02	£169.04
Bloom Wood Level C	05/05/2025	£2,461.36	£1,709.49	£751.87
Summer- Jennetts Park+ picnic D	21/06/2025	£340.58	£201.15	£139.43
Summer - Birch Hill C	20/07/2025	£1,682.09	£965.65	£716.44
Ashenbury D	26/10/2025	£478.44	£364.60	£113.84
Burghfield D	22/11/2025	£775.28	£449.66	£325.62
Black Park C	14/12/2025	£2,513.77	£1,287.15	£1,226.62
TOTALS		£17,968.35	£11,012.79.	£6,955.56

2. Fixed Assets

Asset	Bought forward value	Impairment/ loss	Depreciation period	Net Book Value (PTD)
Acer Aspire Laptop	£267.40		5 years	£201.91
Bluetti Power Pack	£274.35		5 years	£218.55
70 BSF9 units	£5,293.79		8 years	£4,489.67
BSM8 USB Minireader	£84.52		8 years	£71.68
40 SIAC dibbers	£1,513.66	£39.83	8 years	£1,249.96
Batteries for 70 BSF9 units	£825.88		3 years	£304.27
Batteries for 40 SIAC dibbers	£341.30	£8.51	3 years	£122.43
SI timing licence (5 year)	£768.00		5 years	£614.40
TOTALS	£9,368.90	£48.34		£7,272.87

Lynne Moore, BKO Treasurer.

Lynne thanked the account who donates his fee to Charity.

Fiona said that Big Yellow had increased their fees again and Simon had negotiated the fees down.

The budget & audited accounts were proposed by Fiona Clough, Seconded Neil Frankum.

c. Membership Fees 2027

The membership fees that were voted on and agreed at last year's AGM will be applied for 2027.

3. Club Constitution

There are no proposed changes to the Constitution.

4. Awards – For 2025;

Derek Harding Award (For services to the club) – **Sue Sewell**

Jim’s Jug (For best junior) – **Elliot Vaughan**

Club Champions (Based on results at the Championship at our event at Black Park on the 14th December 2025.

- Women’s Champion Trish Monks
- Men’s Champion John Methven
- Junior Champion (Girls) Gen Mullens
- Junior Champion (Boys) Elliot Vaughan
- Handicap Champion Glynn Thomas

5. Election of Executive Committee:

The current named committee members were willing to stand for another year.

Chair: Simon Moore

Secretary: Derick Mercer

Treasurer: Lynne Moore

Fixtures Secretary: Bo Oqvist

Membership Secretary: Ian Hudson

Development Officer: - Vacant.

Committee Members: There are four additional posts and two co-opted provided under the constitution. The following were willing to continue to act in this capacity;

- Rob Mullens.
- Brian Sewell.
- Mark Foxwell.
- Fiona Clough.

The above were proposed by Jon Vaughan and seconded by Judy Nesbit.

Club Captain – John Methven.

Co-opted - By Officers of the Committee.

- Peter Entwistle
- David Palmer

Non-Committee Club positions;

Welfare Officer: Sue Sewell

Junior Manager: John Methven.

6. Any Other Business

- a) Gen Mullens asked that if any members have photos at events could they forward them to her for inclusion in our BKO Social posts.
- b)

Simon thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting.