



Berkshire Orienteers Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

**7.00 pm, 8th February 2019
Sand Martins Golf Club,
Wokingham, Berkshire. RG40 RQ.**

Present:

Derick Mercer, Fiona Clough, Peter Entwistle, Annika & Doug Greenwood, Nigel Houlton, Ian Hudson, David Jukes, Lynne & Simon Moore, Sue Parker, Brian Sewell, Stefan & Linda Stasiuk, Katy Stubbs, Martin Wilson, Bo Oqvist, Christine Artus, Neil Frankum, James Wilkinson, Eoin Sharkey & Ian Hylton.

Apologies for absence

Toni & Eddie Whittle, Eric & Denise Harper, Richard Rae, Sally Collins, Pete Wilson, Anne-Marie Hillier, John & Lisa Methven, Kezia Jukes, Trish Monks & Alex Moore.

1. Minutes of the Last Annual General Meeting (February 2018)

The minutes of the 2018 AGM had been circulated and were Proposed as correct by Fiona Clough and Seconded by Ian Hudson

2. Chairman's Report

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

Events

We've had a busy year as usual.

Since last year's AGM, we have held 1 event to finish off our Saturday series for 2017-18. This took place at Bloom Wood in May. An event at Rushalls wood was called off due to flooding of the car park field in the week before

Our spring Level C event was an Urban event, which took place in June at Great Hollands – Organised by Eoin Sharkey and planned by Martin Wilson.

We held only two summer events this year – a summer parks event on Jennets Park Estate in July – Newly mapped by David Jukes who also planned and the club picnic at Birch Hill in August – Planned by Mark Saunders and Organised by Mark Foxwell. Once again thanks to Fiona Clough for organising the food and drink.

A range of Wednesday evening training events were organised by Mark Foxwell across both forested and urban areas. – Some of these were shared events with SN. The turnout was not usually large, but a range of training options were provided.

The 2017-2018 Saturday series started with our event at Bramshill followed by Swinley East.

Our Autumn Regional event was held at Black Park, planned by myself and organised by Annika and Doug Greenwood and attracted around 180 competitors. Our promotion of events through Facebook and other means meant we attracted a number of newcomers, but we could always do with more. Experienced orienteers from other clubs was reduce do to multiple events in surrounding regions.

Our Saturday series event in December was held at Burghfield. This was originally scheduled for March 2018, but snow caused us to reschedule it to December. The Weather on the day was again very cold, but the rain/sleet held off until almost all the competitors were back. The weather seemed to put of most novices, but lack of other events meant a reasonable turnout from die-hard members of BKO and other clubs.

We have held no Concorde Chase this year – We knew that finding an area would be tricky given that our usual areas had either been used recently (Star posts) or were being used as areas or backup areas for JK2019. We had finally settled on Long Valley North – an Army/SN area, but permission for the event proved too difficult.

We held a Saturday event at Langley Park in January with over 80 competitors and a number of novices. However, the Park rangers are concerned that even with their extended car park and these numbers, we are swamping the area and permission here in the future may prove difficult.

Schools

Denise Harper has continued to organise the events for the Berkshire Schools Games – This included 2 heats in west Berkshire, Bracknell, Slough, and Ascot & Maidenhead and for the second year, the final at Bisham Abbey. Denise was supported by Eric and a number of BKO volunteers. There are 8 Berkshire Schools Sports Partnerships and all entered except Windsor.

Behind the scenes

I'd like to thank all those in the club who keep it running this is not just the members of the committee, but many other members as well. – In particular, all those who have planned or organised events in the last year. We try and put on a large number of Saturday events, summer events and training events as well as our larger events. And while we seem to be able to get volunteers to plan and help on the day, it has been increasingly difficult to find people who are willing to organise these events. This has been exacerbated by the number of more experienced club members who are involved in the organisation and running of JK2019 this Easter. We will need to be realistic about the number of events we can put on in the future and will have to match the number of events with the number of volunteers willing to organise them.

Out of about 150 club members, we currently have 35 members who have undertaken the Event Safety workshop, which is a requirement to officiate at an event.

I'd like to make special mention of Katy Stubbs for updating maps to the latest standard ISOM2017 and running an event safety workshop

Eric Harper for managing the club equipment who with Brian Sewell has managed the re-batterying of all our EMIT controls.

David Jukes for producing our newsletters and Updates.

And the rest of the committee for handling membership, website, training, fixtures, accounts and everything else required for the running of the club.

Martin Wilson has rallied us as club captain – He organised our team for the Compass Sport Cup so well, that we completely shattered even his ambitious targets and beat SOC and TVOC and HH and were not far behind SN.

The British Champs and Relay were on DEEside in Scotland, so very few club members with Ian Cooper in 2nd place and only one relay team this year.

Ian also had success at the British Sprint and Middle Champs

The JK was in the West Midlands over Easter, but still managed to attract some difficult weather with snow on Relay day. Ian Cooper first on M70L and first on M75 for the sprint were our best results. We managed 6 teams at the relays and BKontenders came 3rd in the ultra-veterans class – David Jukes, Martin Wilson and Ian Cooper.

We even managed to field a team at this years Harvester's relay – A 5 person team took part in the B relay at Tilgate Park in Crawley. We didn't qualify for any of the categories for the B relay, so were technically non-competitive, but we came 2nd just behind SYO.

Looking forward

Looking forward, we have JK2019 taking place in the region. Day 3 will be at Cold Ash with Fiona Clough as Organiser, Katy Stubbs is mapping co-ordinator and a Day 3 planner. This will take a considerable amount of effort and resources from all the clubs in the region. Toni Whittle is the club volunteer co-ordinator, so if you are able to help on any or all of the days, and haven't given her your name yet – please do so – the event is approaching fast.

I'm stepping down as chairman today having held the role for 2 years. It's not a role I can continue with at this time. We are struggling to fill roles on the committee – In particular we need someone to take on the role of handling fixtures and also a new Chair. We can limp on without these, but things will become increasingly difficult. If anyone is willing to join the committee and help to share the load, that would be really appreciated by the other committee members.

3. Treasurers Report

Peter Entwistle circulated the audited accounts for 2018.

a. Audited Accounts 2018

The club's Financial results for 2018 are in good shape despite major expenditure on Emit controls in 2018.

As you are aware, our stock of Emit Controls were 8 to 10 years old at the start of 2018 and their batteries had started to fail with age. As a result we sent all Controls back to Emit for replacement of their batteries at a total cost of £3,355 for 92 controls and 1 MTR0. This cost was financed out of the £12,000 Emit Equipment replacement reserve, which was reduced to £8,645.

Overall there was small Surplus of £61 (compared to the surplus of £1,395 in 2018), but this was much better than the Budgeted deficit of £1,295

Cash and bank balances totalled £15,865 down from £18,839 at the end of 2017 but still very comfortable.

SUMMARY of 2018

There was a small surplus for the year of £61, and the Club remains in a good financial position. The closing Bank and Cash balances are £15,865. We have sufficient funds to replace our current equipment when this becomes essential at some stage in the future.

b. Budget 2018

The cancellation of this year's Concorde Chase has left a big hole of £1800 in the Income for 2019. In addition we cannot rely on the donations which were very high at £1107 in 2018 to be repeated this year - so budget is zero. Consequently we are budgeting for a total deficit of **£2754** in 2019.

Fortunately our finances are strong enough to ride this out, and we will still have cash & bank balances of £12,952 at the year-end.

Annika Greenwood asked if the Club would benefit financially from the JK2019. Peter said no and that 2/3 rd's of any profit goes to BOF with the remaining 1/3 to SCOA. Katy said that the Club does benefit from updated maps for the areas that are used.

The budget & audited accounts were proposed by Brian Sewell and seconded by Eoin Sharkey.

c. Membership Fees 2020

There is no proposed change to the fees for 2020.

4. Club Constitution

There was no proposed update to the Constitution.

5. Awards – No award winners were attending the AGM, details of the winners are;

Derek Harding Award (*For services to the club*)

Derek Harding award for her services to the club over the past year to **Jane Courtier**.

Jim's Jug (*For best junior*)

James Waite had been nominated by the Executive Committee as the best junior this season.

Club Champions (Based on results at the Championship, 13th January 2019 @ Burley). Of note Adam Methven ran up and came first on the Green course.

- Women's Champion – **Trish Monks**
- Men's Champion – **Keiza Jukes**
- Junior Champion (Girls) – **N/A**
- Junior Champion (Boys) – **N/A**
- Handicap Champion – **Dimitar Gospodinov**

6. Election of Executive Committee:

Chair: Simon Moore had stated prior to the AGM that he would be standing down. Stefan Stasiuk volunteered to stand as Chair. Proposed by Fiona Clough & seconded by Brian Sewell. All thanked Simon for his hard work during his time as Chair. Stefan ran the remainder of the AGM.

Secretary: Derick Mercer was willing to stand again, proposed by Katy Stubbs & seconded by Lynne Moore

Treasurer: Peter Entwistle was willing to stand again, proposed by Ian Hudson & seconded by Neil Frankum.

Fixtures Secretary: Andy Parry had stood down prior to the AGM. No one volunteered for the post and remains vacant.

Membership Secretary: Ian Hudson was willing to stand again, proposed by Fiona Clough & seconded by Stefan Stasiuk.

Development Officer: This position remains vacant, Martin Wilson did ask for details of the role.

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;

- David Jukes, with additional remit of Newsletter.
- Brian Sewell.
- Mark Foxwell.
- Fiona Clough.

These were proposed by Annika Greenwood & seconded by Brian Sewell.

Co-opted - By Officers of the Committee.

- Annika Greenwood.
- Simon Moore.

Non-Committee club positions;

Club Captain: Martin Wilson.

Welfare Officer: Lynne Moore.

Youth League: John Methven.

7. Any Other Business

- a) Nil.

The meeting closed at 2003 pm and Stefan thanked everyone for attending.