



Berkshire Orienteers

Minutes of the Committee Meeting

7.30pm 15th May 25
The Cricketers, Cricketers Lane.
Warfield. RG42 6JT

Present: Simon Moore (Chair), Brian Sewell, Derick Mercer Secretary), Fiona Clough, John Methven, Peter Entwistle, Bo Oqvist.

Apologies: Ian Hudson, Lynne Moore (Treasurer), Rob Mullens, Mark Foxwell.

1. Minutes of the Last Meeting (20th March 25)

Matters Arising –

- Lynne has suggested that we have a non-members mailing list for those that agree to receive further information. The wording needs to be correct. Update July – Simon will check Racesignup for entry wording for BKO format. Update Sept – SM confirmed that we can collect email addresses. Update Jan – Mark sent his apologies for the meeting. Update March – Mark Foxwell said he has set up the whatsapp community. Within that you can set up subsidiary groups. Simon said we still need an email address for people to be able to sign onto. A reliable email list is the priority. *Update - Ongoing*

Action; MF Ongoing

- Mark will talk to Trish about whatsapp improvements for interaction between Club members at events. Update Jan – Ongoing. Update May – *Now Complete*.

Action; Complete

- Frank Townley – Mapper currently with Edinburgh Uni and is looking at Summer work for further experience. Simon will look at our locations that need mapping in the near future and put suggestions forward.

Action; SM

2. Chairman's Update

2.1 Chair's Update.

- Had Langley Park & Bloom Wood with details in the Treasurers report.
- Langley Park – Organised by Fiona, planned by Jim Munday – 53 runners. Beginner coaching provided by John Methven.
- Bloom Wood – Organised by John Methven, planned by Stefan. Parking was a serious concern and potentially limited numbers with additional cost from landowner of £600 for parking and land access. 186 entries?

3. Membership Secretary

- Ian emailed the update that we currently have, National 104 members – 4 local – no group members.

4. SCOA Report –

- Fiona -
- SCOA needs someone taking over the SCOA website.
- Still discussing the grants and awards policy.
- Need a host for the 2026 Compass Sport Cup heat in the SCOA region.

- We (BKO) need to review what SCOA equipment we hold.

5. Events & Mapping

5.1 Events

- The Committee went through the events list detailed in Appendix.
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5.2 Mapping

- This was discussed under events. - appendix A.
- Frank Townley – Mapper currently with Edinburgh Uni would like Summer work for further experience. Simon will look at our locations that need mapping in the near future and put suggestions forward.

5.3 Results

- Simon said that his van can be used as backup supply for results if required.
- Brian said that SI have just released a update for SI Timing. He will wait to see if there are any issues before updating.

6. Treasurers Report (Lynne)

- Lynne had sent out the report prior to the meeting. –
- The Insurance claim for Cold Ash is ongoing.
- No other comments.

7. Development Matters

- New members
- 11th June Reading Uni training event which should have a good attendance.
- Brian asked about the Instagram account.
- Development plan from March meeting circulated in April to Committee and others – Concentrating on a) attracting new members - using social media and new website.
 - a) Try and provide more newcomer/beginner specific training and coaching.
 - b) Cut down number of events due to shortage of event volunteers.
 - c) As a consequence review the budget.

8. Secretary's Report

- Nothing to Report.

9. Publicity Report

- **Website** – Simon is in contact with Paul Webb & Jerry Newcombe on what we are doing with the website
- **Facebook** –

10. Coaching Report

- Mark had sent his apologies for the meeting.
- Summer training is going well.

11. Youth League/Juniors

- As we have no members for the Youth league this will be now Juniors going forward.

12. Welfare Report

- Sue has nothing to report and has had no contact from BOF.
- Sue has passed the outdoor 1st Aid Course.

13. Next Meeting –

- Thursday 24th July 0730 @ The Cricketers. Booked.

14. AOB

- Brian asked if we can clean up the laptops for old mapfiles any .ocd file Simon will check what we have. Brian will make a list.
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Appendix A – Events Table

Date	Location	Level	Comments	Officials
Saturday 7th June 2025 Cancelled	Summer series urban #1 Sandhurst memorial park		Cancelled. Later start at 11:30? to avoid clash with Parkrun. Sandhurst Town Council gives permission for the park. Bracknell Forest gives permission for Shepherds Meadows part. Charged £14 per hour in 2022. Parking - Community centre car park Mapping – Other - Jon Vaughan will try to cooperate with Parkrun to get additional runners to join our event.	Organiser – Rob Mullens? Planner – Controller – N/A Results -
Saturday 28th June 2025	Summer series urban #2 & Club Picnic Jennetts Park	D	Permissions – Conf room booked at community centre. Alan Wilson contacted and separate booking form sent for Peacock Meadows. Parking - Community centre car park Mapping – Other - Clash with Samaritans 5/10 km race on 21/5. Possibility to market our event to runners at Samaritans race the week before. Pic-nic coordinator (i.e. Costco shopper) required. Eoin will organise orienteering part.	Organiser – Eoin Sharkey Planner – Alan Philips. Reuse of 2024 courses Controller – N/A Results -
Sunday 20th July 2025	Summer series urban #3 Regional Birch Hill & South Hill Park	C	Permissions – New date (20/7) confirmed. Original June date clash with food & arts fair at SHP. Parking - Mapping – Simon making some map updates Other - Date swapped with Jennetts park event	Organiser – Bo Oqvist Planner – Paul Fox (SN) Controller – Craig Blackford BADO Results -
		D	Permissions – No contact made yet.	Organiser – Rob Mullens volunteered

Saturday 13th September 2025 (re-scheduled to avoid clash with London City Race)	Autumn local event Wokefield		Parking - Mapping - Other - Original date of 20/9 Clashes with London City Race.	Planner – Controller – N/A Results -
Sunday 26th October 2025 (Cancelled)	Autumn Regional Pamber Forest or Snelsmore together with BADO? Or Black Park		Permissions – Parking - Mapping – Other - To be cancelled due to lack of officials?. Floated idea with Craig Blackford at BADO to have a joint event at W Berkshire. To be discussed by BADO event planning committee.	Organiser – Planner – Controller – Results -
Saturday 22nd November 2025	Autumn local Bucklebury	D	Permissions – Parking - Mapping – what is impact of ongoing forestry work? Other -	Organiser – Simon Moore Planner – Controller – N/A Results -
Sunday 14th December 2025	Autumn Regional or night event Swinley West (Night) or Yateley Heath (regional)	C	Permissions – Parking - Mapping – Other - To be cancelled due to lack of officials?	Organiser – Planner – Trish & Jon volunteered Controller – Results -
Saturday 24th January 2026	Concorde Chase Urban Woosehill	C	Permissions – Parking - Mapping – Suggestion from Martin Wilson (Planner). Extend existing Woosehill map by mapping Fox Hill woodland. Also enables length requirements for Regional Urban courses. James Crawford (GO) and Martin are investigating. Other -	Organiser – Mark Foxwell Planner – Martin Wilson Controller – Neville Baker (TVOC) Results -
Sunday 25th January 2026	Concorde Chase & Southern Championship Hawley	B	Permissions – Permission request has been submitted to Landmarc on March 18th. Parking - Mapping – Other -	Organiser – Simon Moore Planner – Craig Blackford (BADO) with assistance from Trish Monks and Jon Vaughan. Controller – Paul Fox (SN) Results -
Saturday xx March 2026	Spring Local	D	Permissions – Parking - Mapping – Other -	Organiser – Planner – Controller – Results -

Sunday xx April 2026	Spring Regional Rushall Woods	C	Permissions – Parking - Mapping – Other -	Organiser – Planner – Controller – Results -
Saturday xx June 2026	Summer series ur- ban #1 & Club Pic- nic	D	Permissions – Parking - Mapping – Other -	Organiser – Planner – Controller – Results -
Sunday xx July 2026	Summer series ur- ban #2 Local or Regional	D	Permissions – Parking - Mapping – David Jukes plan to start mapping Ar- borfield Green estate (SW of Wokingham) during autumn 2025. Planned to be used for CC Urban 2027. But could possibly to be used for Regional Urban event summer 2026. Other -	Organiser – Planner – Controller – Results -
Saturday xx September 2026	Autumn local event	D	Permissions – Parking - Mapping – Other -	Organiser – Planner – Controller – Results -
Sunday xx October 2026	Autumn Regional Minley	C	Permissions – Parking - Mapping – Other -	Organiser – Planner – Controller – Results -
Saturday 30th January 2027	Concorde Chase Urban Arborfield Green?	B	Permissions – Parking - Mapping – David Jukes plan to start mapping Ar- borfield Green estate (SW of Wokingham) during autumn 2025. Possibly to be used for Regional Urban event summer 2026. Other -	Organiser – Planner – Controller – Results -
Sunday 31st January 2027	Concorde Chase Star Post	B	Permissions – Parking - Mapping – Other -	Organiser – Planner – Controller – Results -
Saturday 29th January 2028	Concorde Chase Urban	B	Permissions – Parking - Mapping – Other -	Organiser – Planner – Controller – Results -
Sunday 30th January 2028	Concorde Chase Barossa	B	Permissions – Parking - Mapping – Other -	Organiser – Planner – Controller – Results -