

**Minutes of the Committee Meeting**

7.30pm 19th March 26
The Cricketers, Cricketers Lane.
Warfield. RG42 6JT

Present: Simon Moore (Chair), Brian Sewell, Derick Mercer, Bo Oqvist, Peter Entwistle, Lynne Moore (Treasurer), Fiona Clough, Mark Foxwell, David Palmer, John Methven.

Apologies: Ian Hudson, Rob Mullens.

1. Minutes of the Last Meeting (15th Jan 26)

Matters Arising –

- Concorde Chase - Southern Champs, trophies Fiona said that she would run with ‘Trophies’ Update Jan – Fiona, some trophies have come in and she is chasing others.

Action; Complete

- Trish is putting in a new order for Club kit and has asked if we can hold a small stock of the most popular sizes. – The Committee agreed that Trish should come up with a proposal of the stock levels she would prefer and the costs involved. Update Jan – Trish has put in a new order with some extras.

Action; Complete

- Concorde Chase. Simon and Brian are working through the complication of having the Sunday event as the Southern Championship. Marc Balston of SARUM has kindly supplied information of how he set the event up in 2025. Update Jan – Simon has completed a trial run and is running through the system. He will send Brian the schema.

Action: Complete

- Brian also asked can we purchase another 5 SI cards to replace lost ones. (these have been charged to the persons losing the cards). This was agreed by the Committee. Update Jan – Brian also requested a Service off key, two clear back up keys and a new laptop. Approved by the Committee for purchase. Cost of SI items £386 and laptop £400

Action; BS

- 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. Update July – Mark, ongoing. Update – Nov, ongoing. Update Jan - Mark said he is still progressing and also looking at mailchimp. *Update – March*

Action; MF Ongoing

2. Chairman’s Update**2.1 Chair’s Update.**

Since the Last meeting, we’ve held the following events:-

Concorde Chase Weekend including,

- Woollahill Urban. - Planned by Martin Wilson, Organised by Mark Foxwell. Successfully solved the issues of very tight parking. 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 owing to the Southern Champs rules. There was a much larger number of entries compared to the last 2 Southern Champs and last 2 CC which means we've generated a large surplus - (which is good as the next 2 years will be Concorde Chase on Army land to £2500-£3000 of land use fees which will drastically reduce any surplus).
- Saturday event at Swinley East – March 7th. Organised by Bo Oqvist, Planned by Rob Mullens 85 entries although very few entries from SN.
- A very small contingent from BKO attended the British Champs weekend in South Wales. There were 8 entries for the individual Long Champs - The outstanding result was Adam Methven – 5th M21E
- We fielded 2 teams in the Men's short relay – which mostly involved large amounts of mud.

3. Membership Secretary

- Ian emailed to say that we currently have, National 103 members – 4 local – no group members.
- 20 of the 2025 membership have failed to renew, I will send Mark the list to remove them from his distribution list next week.

4. SCOA Report - Fiona

- Coaching weekend for adults – sponsored by TOF. Some clubs have shown no interest – Q are we interested. I think perhaps we need to put it out to members to actually measure who would consider going. May piggy-back on next SBOC/TOF coaching weekend.
- JK2029 – Long - Army has said no, their areas now also subject of Nat England/SSSI restrictions – looks like it may be back to Cold Ash with bussing although consideration being given to – if we have to bus anyway, does this open up any other areas that would be suitable.
- JK2029 – Sprint – they won't stop talking about bloody Whiteknights.
- Reviewing the SCOA Data Protection Policy.
- Changing banks as Santander now charging £15 a month.

5. Events & Mapping

5.1 Events & Mapping

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

5.2 Results

- Brian will look at the results system scoring for the YBT on completion of the Concorde Chase.
Update – Said that he has looked at the system and can be done but will look into further details.
Action: BS
- Purple keys & Units?
- Timing updates for SI Timing. Brian has not installed the Jan 26 update as another update was released end Feb 26.

6. Treasurers Report (Lynne)

- Lynne had emailed out the report prior to the meeting and ran through the figures.
- There were no issues from the Committee.

7. Development Matters

- John said that having numerous Level D events helps attract new members which we are attracting.

8. Secretary's Report

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9. Publicity Report

- **Website** – Simon went back to Paul Frost and he is no longer doing website updates so he will not be able to update BKO's. Simon suggested that we make the website a lot simpler and take off some of the databases. Eg membership, results, location data. Discussion took place on alternatives and a way forward. Simon will also come up with a proposal for the website.

Update - Ongoing.

- **Facebook – Instagram**

- Facebook -

- Instagram -

10. Coaching Report

- Mark said he has put together a Spring/Summer plan and is finalising the details. John asked if Tuesday's could be a change and Mark said he will look at it.
- Dates & venues will be placed on the Club website.

11. Juniors

- John said that Ray Sakamoto has joined and is the SCOA squad. There are also a couple of other families that have joined which is good.
- He said that the SCOA junior squad has dwindled slightly due to them moving up age groups.

12. Welfare Report

- Sue said that she has been in contact and raised with the BOF Welfare Officer over a MOP concern over a child being out on a course during the Concorde Chase by herself. The parents had no concerns over the child running the course that they had chosen. Sue had a discussion with the SN Welfare Officer so he could monitor the situation if there were further concerns. The BOF WO was happy with this action and will look at the potential of issuing BOF guidelines on the age at which children should run solo. A discussion took place on putting age limits and shadowing requirements for BKO events. It was agreed to put additional guidance for parents on our Race signup for our events.

13. Next Meeting –

- Thursday 7th May 0730 @ The Cricketers. Booked, Yes.

14. AOB

- Bo suggested we clear out the storage unit of kit that is no longer in use. Fiona will go through the unit to have clear out the old emit kit, aged kites etc.

Appendix A – Events Table

Date	Location	Level	Comments	Officials
Sunday 12th April 2026	Spring Regional Rushall Woods	C	<p>Permissions – Secured. Permissions received from Yattendon (incl licence), Rushall Farm (email) and Fitzwilliam (email).</p> <p>Parking - Along Burnt Hill Road under/south of M4? Rather than farmers field which is possibly too wet to use.</p> <p>Mapping –</p> <p>Other - Event # 86966</p>	<p>Organiser – Peter Entwistle</p> <p>Planner – Alan & Judy Nesbit are Planners but will be away for the competition weekend. A&J will continue planning and complete taping. An assistant Planner is assigned for the competition weekend (friend of Alan & Judy)</p> <p>Controller – Mark Thompson, TVOC</p> <p>Results – Brian, Derick, Mark, Steve</p>
Saturday 20th June 2026	Summer series urban #1 & Club Picnic Sandhurst memorial park	D	<p>Permissions –</p> <p>Picnic Co-ordinator -</p> <p>Mapping –</p> <p>Other - Event # 87419. Tie in with Parkrun that starts 0900? Pic-nic coordinator required.</p>	<p>Organiser –John Methven</p> <p>Planner – Trish Monks</p> <p>Controller – N/A</p> <p>Results – Brian, Derick, Steve,</p>
Saturday 25th July 2026	Summer series urban #2 Lower Earley	D	<p>Permissions –</p> <p>Parking -</p> <p>Mapping –</p> <p>Other - Event # 87421. Tying in with SN event at Frimley on 26th July.</p>	<p>Organiser – Jim Munday has offered to be assistant organiser to a future event to learn the trade.</p> <p>Planner – Brian Lo has been asked</p> <p>Controller – N/A</p> <p>Results - ?</p>
Saturday 19th September 2026	Autumn local event Yateley Common Country Park	D	<p>Permissions –</p> <p>Parking -</p> <p>Mapping –</p> <p>Other - Event # 87426</p>	<p>Organiser – Rob Mullens</p> <p>Planner –</p> <p>Controller – N/A</p> <p>Results -</p>
Saturday 28th November 2026	Autumn Regional Bucklebury	D	<p>Permissions –</p> <p>Parking -</p> <p>Mapping – Simon will update the map and ask Alan Kersley for assistance.</p> <p>Other - Event # 87427. Possibility for night event if area is too restricted after forestry work. Discussed with Craig Blackford at BADO on a joint event.</p>	<p>Organiser – Fiona</p> <p>Planner –</p> <p>Controller –</p> <p>Results -</p>

Sunday 25th October 2026	Autumn Local Swinley West	C	<p>Permissions – Permissions received from Crown Estate</p> <p>Parking - Tesco Martins Heron</p> <p>Mapping – Some felling and clearing have been done. Map to be updated. Possible that Alan can make updates.</p> <p>Other - Event # 88318</p>	<p>Organiser – Simon Moore</p> <p>Planner – Alan Philips if Swinley West</p> <p>Controller – N/A</p> <p>Results -</p>
Saturday 30th January 2027	Concorde Chase Urban Arborfield Green	C	<p>Permissions –</p> <p>Parking -</p> <p>Mapping – David Jukes has started mapping Arborfield Green estate (SW of Wokingham) during autumn 2025.</p> <p>Other - Event # 87428</p>	<p>Organiser – Rob Mullens</p> <p>Planner - Stefan Stasiuk</p> <p>Controller – Craig Blackford BADO</p> <p>Results -</p>
Sunday 31st January 2027	Concorde Chase Hawley	B	<p>Permissions – Submitted application to MOD in March 2027.</p> <p>Parking -</p> <p>Mapping – Roger Maher is the mapper for Hawley. BKO and BAOC to split cost for updates.</p> <p>Other - Event # 84379. BAOC will not hold MLS events after Jan 2026 at Hawley.</p>	<p>Organiser –</p> <p>Planner – Trish Monks and Jon Vaughan (assistant)</p> <p>Controller –</p> <p>Results -</p>
Saturday xx Feb 2027	Bramshill or Star Posts & Poors Allotment (Parking at Collingwood Collage)	D	<p>Permissions – check with TVT triathlon how they get permission from Forestry commission. TVT has held triathlon (duathlon?) competition at Bramshill in 2025.</p> <p>Parking -</p> <p>Mapping –</p> <p>Other -</p>	<p>Organiser –</p> <p>Planner –</p> <p>Controller –</p> <p>Results -</p>
Sunday 18th April 2027	Forest Spring Middle Distance Bloom Wood	C	<p>Permissions –</p> <p>Parking -</p> <p>Mapping –</p> <p>Other - Middle Distance event. For runners preparing for British Middle on May 1st in SYO. Clash with British Relay champs in Leeds on 18/4. Other April dates clash with Southern Champs and SLOW National in Dorking. Possibly 4th April but car parking field may be wet.</p>	
	Summer local Urban Windsor	D	<p>Permissions –</p> <p>Parking -</p>	

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Sunday Oc- tober 2027	Forest Autumn Cold Ash	C	Permissions – Parking - Mapping – Other - Select date when we are likely to get parking at lo- cal school surveyed by Fiona and Jane	
Saturday 29th Janu- ary 2028	Concorde Chase Urban TBD	B	Permissions – Parking - Mapping – Other - Event # 87838	Organiser – Planner – Controller – Results -
Sunday 30th January 2028	Concorde Chase Barossa	B	Permissions – Parking - Mapping – Other - Event # 87839	Organiser – Planner – Controller – Results -
JK 2029	Whiteknights?	B	Permissions – Parking - Mapping – Other -	Organiser – Planner – Controller – Results -
JK 2029	Cold Ash	B	Permissions – Parking - Mapping – Other -	Organiser – Fiona & jane Cour- tier? Planner – Controller – Results -