



## Berkshire Orienteers

### Minutes of the Committee Meeting

7.30pm 20<sup>th</sup> Nov 25  
The Cricketers, Cricketers Lane.  
Warfield. RG42 6JT

**Present:** Simon Moore (Chair), Brian Sewell, Derick Mercer, Bo Oqvist, Rob Mullens, Peter Entwistle, Ian Hudson, Fiona Clough.

**Apologies:** John Methven, Mark Foxwell, Lynne Moore (Treasurer)

#### 1. Minutes of the Last Meeting (25<sup>th</sup> Sept 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. Update July – Mark, ongoing. *Update – Nov, ongoing*

**Action; MF Ongoing**

- From the SCOA Meeting it was asked whether ‘there is an appetite within the club to take part in and support the delivery of a coaching weekend for adult orienteers’ – sponsored by The Orienteering Foundation – like the coaching weekend in the Lake District. Simon will talk to Mark & John for interest, if they are then we can open it to members. *Update Nov – Simon will email members of the Club if they would be interested in a Coaching course/session in Southern England.*

**Action; SM/FC**

- From the SCOA meeting. Can we use Whiteknights as the Sprint area for JK2029 This was chewed over at length and other alternatives considered but discarded (permission would not be forthcoming/restricted numbers permitted). Simon will talk to John to see if this is possible. *Update Nov – Simon has talked to John, the issue would be how permissions are obtained at Whiteknights. Obtaining permissions on the Campus is now more piecemeal and can be difficult. Discussion took place on other locations that could be used.*

**Action; SM**

- Katy has requested to be removed from the Committee email list. *Update Nov – Mark has confirmed that Katy is no longer on the mailing list.*

**Action; Complete**

- Concorde Chase - Southern Champs, trophies Fiona said that she would run with ‘Trophies’

**Action; FC**

- 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.

**Action; SM**

- Brian is now updating the ‘BKO SiTiming User Notes’ to incorporate the upgrade.

**Action: BS**

- Windows 10 extended support on the 3 Club laptops needs to be implemented.

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- 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.

**Action: BS & SM**

- AGM date – 6<sup>th</sup> February, Bo said that he would arrange for Royal Ascot Golf Course again.

**Action; BO**

- 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.

**Action; BS**

## 2. Chairman's Update

### 2.1 Chair's Update.

- We have had one event at Ashenbury where we had 75 runners and David Jukes updated the map.
- Trish has put out an email to members for a Club kit order.
- Simon has updated the Burghfield & Black Park maps. Updated A2 Star Posts map.

## 3. Membership Secretary

- Ian said that we currently have, National 113 members (+2) – 4 local – no group members.

## 4. SCOA Report –

- Fiona said that there has been no meeting since our last meeting.

## 5. Events & Mapping

### 5.1 Events & Mapping

- The Committee went through the events list detailed in Appendix.
- BKO Club Championships – Black Park on Sunday the 14<sup>th</sup> of December.
- Concorde Chase - Southern Champs, trophies Fiona said that she would run with 'Trophies'
- Berkshire Lowland Search & Rescue, Rob said that he is now part of them and can offer services.

### 5.2 Results

- Brian said that all laptops have been updated to the latest SiTiming software v4 395.5070 and the master laptop is updated to Windows 11 25H2. This has been used at Ashenbury Park.
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## 6. Treasurers Report (Lynne)

- Lynne had sent out the report prior to the meeting. –
- We still have credit on Racesignup from the Southern Nights 2024 due to high winds for those who can claim on future BKO events.

- Brian asked once the support windows 10 ends what would we do with the 3 older laptops. Proposal is to purchase/replace them over the next three years.
- 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.

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- Cold Ash – Simon said that Richard the farmer has been settled with for his claim for damage to the parking field.
- Fiona suggested that we give £150 each (x 4 tractors £600) for the Tractor drivers who kindly held out with the parking issues in help cars out of the event field.

## 7. Development Matters

Apols from John but he has sent through;

- Very glad to see that we had so many new people and juniors at Ashenbury Park and also that Rob Smart is bringing 10 scouts to Burghfield in addition to other new people.
- I think it is clear that regular level D events are very worthwhile for engaging new orienteers and also relatively easy to organise and plan.
- Now I will work on converting some of these new people that I know into BKO members!
- Also, I need to reply to CSC Organisers about our choice of heat. The information is below. The only obvious choice for us is Chobham Common.
- A key change is that we are again listed as a Cup club because the membership threshold has been dropped to 110 and we must have just exceeded this. Ian, what is our current membership numbers? Ian has said that our numbers are now 113.
- Derick & Brian suggested that we do not enter the competition due to the change in Club personnel number sizes – Simon said that we will check the Competition requirements before making a decision and canvassing Club members.

## 8. Secretary's Report

- AGM date – 6<sup>th</sup> February, Bo said that he would arrange for Royal Ascot Golf Course again.

**Action; BO**

## 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 as to what the website. **Nov Update - Ongoing.**
- **Facebook – Instagram**
- Eoin has suggested that Trish updates the Facebook page as Eoin is not Orienteering much at present
- Instagram - Rob said that we now have 106 (92) followers and that it is growing and is linked to the Facebook page. Gen is still posting.

## 10. Coaching Report

- Mark sent his apologies for the meeting

## 11. Juniors

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12. **Welfare Report**

- Sue has nothing to report and has had no contact from BOF.

13. **Next Meeting –**

- Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January 0730 @ The Cricketers. Booked, yes.

14. **AOB**

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Appendix A – Events Table

<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Level</b>	<b>Comments</b>	<b>Officials</b>
<b>Saturday 22nd November 2025</b>	Autumn local Burghfield	<b>D</b>	<p>Permissions – Received from Englefield Estate on 14/7.</p> <p>Parking - Same open area as last time</p> <p>Mapping – Simon to update</p> <p>Other - Originally scheduled for Bucklebury but we will hold off until forestry work at Bucklebury is completed. The event clashes with Southern Nights outside Crawley. But OK since mainly different target audience.</p>	<p>Organiser – Simon Moore</p> <p>Planner – Glyn Thomas</p> <p>Controller – N/A</p> <p>Results - BKO Result team (Derick M, Brian)</p>
<b>Sunday 14th December 2025</b>	Autumn Regional (SCOL01) Black Park	<b>C</b>	<p>Permissions – Positive initial response from Head Ranger. Some filming work planned with unclear impact of OOB areas. No forestry work. Despite several phone call and emails there is still no OOB map from Black Park Head Ranger. No confirmation of license .</p> <p>Parking - Use of Black Park car park</p> <p>Mapping –</p> <p>Other - Originally scheduled for Star Posts but that area is now allocated to CC 2026. TVOC plan to have their club champs at this event (source Roger Thetford). BKO club championship.</p>	<p>Organiser – Fiona Clough</p> <p>Planner – Andrew Southwood</p> <p>Controller – Roger Thetford (TVOC)</p> <p>Results - BKO Result team (Mark F, Derick)</p>
<b>Saturday 24th January 2026</b>	Concorde Chase Urban Woosehill	<b>C</b>	<p>Permissions – WBC approved of event and assembly at field off Rushkin Way (but not parking). WBC will charge same event fee as was charged for Ashenbury park.</p> <p>Parking - WBS rejected parking at Field off Rushkin Way due to risk at being wet. WBC confirmed we can use in summer though. Main parking will be at Wokingham Cricket Club. Surplus parking on local road.</p>	<p>Organiser – Mark Foxwell</p> <p>Planner – Martin Wilson</p>

			<p>Mapping – Suggestion from Martin Wilson (Planner). Extend existing Woosehill map by mapping Fox Hill woodland. Also enables length requirements for Regional Urban courses.</p> <p>Other - Wokingham Council are now charging £137 for an event</p>	<p>Controller – Neville Baker (TVOC)</p> <p>Results - BKO Result team</p>
<b>Sunday 25th January 2026</b>	Concorde Chase & Southern Championship Star Posts SCOA Championship?	<b>B</b>	<p>Permissions – Permission request has been submitted to Landmarc on March 18th. Landmarc got back 10/6 informing our date was rejected due to 'higher priority' bid. 24/6 Crown Estate confirmed to use Star Posts instead. 24/6 SWT confirmed use of Poors Allotment. 16/11. Crown Estate approved our suggested OOB areas.</p> <p>Controls might need to be sourced to spread across the two days.</p> <p>Mapping – Map partly updated for Southern Nights 2024 by Simon Moore. Simon to do further updates.</p> <p>Other - Results Brian is looking at the sign up process and the seeding allocations. Parking in the normal Star Posts locations. 1st Aid, Fiona is following up.</p>	<p>Organiser – Simon Moore</p> <p>Planner – Craig Blackford (BADO) with assistance from Trish Monks and Jon Vaughan.</p> <p>Controller – Paul Fox (SN)</p> <p>Results - BKO Result team</p>
<b>Saturday 7th March 2026</b>	Spring Local Swinley East	<b>D</b>	<p>Permissions – Asked Richard at Crown Estate on for 21st March. Reverted back with ask to make earlier to avoid ground nesting birds causing restrictions on areas for us to use. Agreed on the new date March 7th, no OOB other than fenced areas. Land fee paid already together with payment for CC at Star Posts.</p> <p>Parking - Wide forest ride in the middle of the area</p> <p>Mapping –</p> <p>Other - Event # 87414.</p>	<p>Organiser – Bo Oqvist</p> <p>Planner –</p> <p>Controller –</p> <p>Results - BKO Team</p>
<b>Sunday 12th April 2026</b>	Spring Regional Rushall Woods	<b>C</b>	<p>Permissions – Requested 19th Nov</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 –</p> <p>Planner –</p> <p>Controller –</p> <p>Results -</p>
<b>Saturday 20th June 2026</b>	Summer series urban #1 & Club Picnic Sandhurst memorial park	<b>D</b>	<p>Permissions –</p> <p>Parking -</p> <p>Mapping –</p> <p>Other - Event # 87419. Tie in with Parkrun that starts 0900?</p>	<p>Organiser –</p> <p>Planner –</p> <p>Controller –</p> <p>Results -</p>
		<b>D</b>	<p>Permissions –</p>	<p>Organiser –</p>

<b>Saturday 25th July 2026</b>	Summer series urban #2 Regional Lower Earley		Parking - Mapping - Other - Event # 87421. Tying in with SN event at Frimley on 26th July.	Planner - Controller - Results -
<b>Saturday 19th September 2026</b>	Autumn local event Yateley Common Coutry Park	<b>D</b>	Permissions - Parking - Mapping - Other - Event # 87426	Organiser - Planner - Controller - Results -
<b>Sunday 25th October 2026</b>	Autumn Regional Bucklebury	<b>C</b>	Permissions - Parking - Mapping - Other - Event # 87427. Possibility for night event if area is too restricted after forestry work.	Organiser - Planner - Controller - Results -
<b>Saturday 30th January 2027</b>	Concorde Chase Urban Arborfield Green	<b>C</b>	Permissions - Parking - Mapping - David Jukes has started mapping Arborfield Green estate (SW of Wokingham) during autumn 2025. Other - Event # 87428	Organiser - Rob Mullens Planner - Controller - Results -
<b>Sunday 31st January 2027</b>	Concorde Chase Hawley	<b>B</b>	Permissions - Parking - Mapping - Roger Maher is the mapper for Hawley. BKO and BAOC to split cost for updates. Other - BAOC will not hold MLS events after Jan 2026 at Hawley.	Organiser - Planner - Jon & Trish? Controller - Results -
<b>Saturday xx Feb 2027</b>	Bramshill	<b>D</b>	Permissions - check with TVT triathlon how they get permission from Forestry commission. TVT has held triathlon (duathlon?) competition at Bramshill in 2025. Parking - Mapping - Other -	
<b>Saturday 29th January 2028</b>	Concorde Chase Urban TBD	<b>B</b>	Permissions - Parking - Mapping - Other -	Organiser - Planner - Controller - Results -
<b>Sunday 30th January 2028</b>	Concorde Chase Barossa	<b>B</b>	Permissions - Parking - Mapping - Other -	Organiser - Planner - Controller - Results -