



Berkshire Orienteers

Minutes of the Committee Meeting

7.30pm 24th July 25
The Cricketers, Cricketers Lane.
Warfield. RG42 6JT

Present: Simon Moore (Chair), Brian Sewell, Derick Mercer, Fiona Clough, Bo Oqvist, Lynne Moore (Treasurer), Rob Mullens, Jen Mullens, Mark Foxwell.

Apologies: John Methven, Peter Entwistle & Ian Hudson.

1. Minutes of the Last Meeting (15th May 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.*
Action; MF Ongoing
- 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. *Update July – Frank has rescinded his offer. Action closed.*
Action; Complete
- New BOF Safeguarding Officer Jennette Downing. Simon will update the BKO website.
Action; SM

2. Chairman's Update

2.1 Chair's Update.

- We have had two events since the last meeting-
- Jennets Park which included the Club picnic. The Organiser was Eoin Sharkey and Planned by Alan Phillips using courses planned for 2024 with 48 entries. Thanks to Peter Entwistle for collating picnic numbers and Fiona for assembling the food.
- Birch Hill last weekend – Regional Urban event. Planned by Paul Fox of SN, Controlled by Craig Blackford and Organised Bo Oqvist. Very last minute entries got us up to 140 which is a bit disappointing, but courses seem very well received.

3. Membership Secretary

- Ian emailed the update that we currently have, National 108 members (+4) – 4 local – no group members.

4. SCOA Report –

- Fiona -

- The AGM and quarterly meeting has been held and Fiona went through the pertinent point for the Committee.
- Simon asked about JK 2029 and Fiona said that this is now a topic heading for the SCOA Committee.

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

- Brian said that SI have just released an update for SiTiming. He will wait to see if there are any issues before updating. TVOC and SN have not yet updated.

Concorde Chase.

- BKO should be OK for the results with the concern being the SCOA and Southern Champs results on the Sunday. Brian will investigate further. ACTION BS
- We will need at least one more volunteer trained up other than existing results team and the rental or purchase of another power supply, SI card reader and splits printer.

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

- Apols from John but he sent through;
- On the date of Ashenbury Park event. I think we decided to stick with Sunday 26th October to try and entrain more juniors who otherwise might be playing football and other sports on Saturday morning (this was one of the main things I learned about success of SYO Juniors – avoid Saturday mornings). Website needs to be edited because it is confusing to call it a “Saturday Event” when it is on a Sunday. Maybe we should just change from calling them “Local Events” instead which would be clearer.
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- I would like to say how important I think the regular summer training is for engaging club members, entraining other people into orienteering and the potential for new members. I think Mark has been doing a great job on organising the summer training. It is a bit of a shame that we don’t get more participation in west Berkshire, but then it reflects the location of most members and the lack of public transport too in that direction. Simons Wood might have had more, but it was raining and the forecast for the evening was not good so that might have put some people off. Anyway, I think we should try and build on it next year and use it as a vehicle to entrain more people. Obviously the Uni is an easier one for that, but also other locations have worked well. I am surprised that we did not get more people visiting from SN, BADO and TVOC this year although there were some.
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- Reporting on JWOC – will write a BKO newsletter article about it and also the associated tour that Lisa and I went to. Very hot week and temperature of 35C on the mixed sprint relay – for some reason this was in the afternoon, not so wise! Adam did very well this year: 20th on sprint, 30th on long and 28th on middle out of 180 men in the competition. He was pleased with consistency. His best run was in the forest relay though where he was fastest on the first 11 controls on middle leg and then 6th overall. Their team was 11th I think and the GB team was 7th in the overall competition (M and W all races), just behind Norway and ahead of Hungary.

8. Secretary's Report

- Nothing to Report.

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
- **Facebook – Instagram**
- Instagram - Jen said that we have 70 followers and that it is growing and is linked to the Facebook page.

10. Coaching Report

- Mark went through the table below for the Summer training.
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			At- tend- ance			2024	Notes
Date	Venue	Planner	Adult	Jun- ior	Total		
24 April Thurs	Star Posts	Mark	18				Brown only
30 April Wed	Cold Ash	David Thomas	9				Pathless
8 May Thur	Lower Earley	Alan Nesbit	15	1			Maprun score
14 May Wed	Star Posts	Simon	14				Control Descriptions
22 May Thur	Cold Ash	Mark	6				Map memory (Bloom Wood Cancelled 29 May)
05 June Thur	Simons Wood	Jim	9				Pathless
11 June Wed	Whiteknights	Brian L/ John	33	2			Sprints (33 adults and 7 jun- iors in 2024), (No train- ing Thurs 19th)
25 June Wed	Wildridings	Mark	17	1			Clock relay /maprun
Number sessions					8	9	

Total attendees			117	4	121	122*	2024 estimates as I was missing numbers for one training.
Average/session			14.6	0.5	15.1	14.1*	

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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.
- Simon said that there is a new BOF Safeguarding Officer – Jennette Downing. Simon will update the BKO website.

Action; SM

13. Next Meeting –

- Thursday 25th September 0730 @ The Cricketers. Booked.

14. AOB

- Brian one person had a concern about a control on the Birch Hill urban, Paul Fox (SN) went out to reassure the person.
- Bo asked that if you were a Planner or Organiser they would receive a credit for a future BKO event. Simon and Lynne are following up.
- Simon, Trish has asked about a BKO kit order. It was agreed that Trish could advertise with members for an order.

Appendix A – Events Table

Date	Location	Level	Comments	Officials
Sunday 26th October 2025	Autumn Local Urban Ashenbury Park	D	Permissions – Applied to WBC on July 2nd. Parking - Mapping – Other - Originally scheduled as Regional forest event, hence the Sunday date. Clash with WAOC Regional urban event in Hertford on Sat 25th, Regional SARUM event at Warminster/Cannimore on Sun 26th.	Organiser – John Methven Planner – Alan & Judy Nesbit Controller – N/A Results - BKO Result team
Saturday 22nd November 2025	Autumn local Burghfield	D	Permissions – Received from Englefield Estate on 14/7. Parking - Same open area as last time Mapping – Simon to update	Organiser – Simon Moore Planner – Glyn Thomas Controller – N/A

			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.	Results - BKO Results Team
Sunday 14th December 2025	Autumn Regional Black Park	C	<p>Permissions –</p> <p>Parking -</p> <p>Mapping –</p> <p>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)</p>	<p>Organiser – Fiona Clough</p> <p>Planner – Trish & Jon volunteered</p> <p>Controller – Roger Thetford (TVOC)</p> <p>Results - BKO Result team, Mark</p>
Saturday 24th January 2026	Concorde Chase Urban Woollahill	C	<p>Permissions – Applied to WBC on July 2nd.</p> <p>Parking - Field off Rushkin Way (used last event)</p> <p>Mapping – Suggestion from Martin Wilson (Planner). Extend existing Woollahill map by mapping Fox Hill woodland. Also enables length requirements for Regional Urban courses. James Crawford (GO) and Martin are investigating.</p> <p>Other -</p>	<p>Organiser – Mark Foxwell</p> <p>Planner – Martin Wilson</p> <p>Controller – Neville Baker (TVOC)</p> <p>Results - BKO Result team</p>
Sunday 25th January 2026	Concorde Chase, Southern & SCOA Championships. Star Posts	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</p> <p>Parking -</p> <p>Mapping – Map partly updated for Southern Nights 2024 by Simon Moore. Simon to do further updates.</p> <p>Other - Result by BKO team? How to handle championship classes and results on the day?</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>
Saturday xx March 2026	Spring Local	D	<p>Permissions –</p> <p>Parking -</p> <p>Mapping –</p>	<p>Organiser –</p> <p>Planner –</p> <p>Controller –</p>

			Other -	Results -
Sunday 12th April 2026	Spring Regional Rushall Woods	C	Permissions – Parking - Mapping – Other - 86966	Organiser – Planner – Controller – Results -
Saturday xx June 2026	Summer series urban #1 & Club Picnic	D	Permissions – Parking - Mapping – Other -	Organiser – Planner – Controller – Results -
Sunday xx July 2026	Summer series urban #2 Local or Re- gional	D	Permissions – Parking - Mapping – David Jukes plan to start mapping Arborfield Green estate (SW of Wokingham) during autumn 2025. Planned to be used for CC Ur- ban 2027. But could possibly to be used for Regional Urban event sum- mer 2026. Other -	Organiser – Planner – Controller – Results -
Saturday xx September 2026	Autumn local event	D	Permissions – Parking - Mapping – Other -	Organiser – Planner – Controller – Results -
Sunday xx Oc- tober 2026	Autumn Re- gional 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 Arborfield Green estate (SW of Wokingham) during autumn 2025. Possibly to be used for Re- gional Urban event summer 2026. Other -	Organiser – Planner – Controller – Results -
Sunday 31st January 2027	Concorde Chase Hawley	B	Permissions – Parking - Mapping – Roger Maher is the map- per for Hawley. BKO and BAOC to split cost for updates. 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		B	Permissions – Parking -	Organiser – Planner –

	Concorde Chase Barossa		Mapping – Other -	Controller – Results -
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