

Items of interest from Committee Meeting held on July 27th 2007

1. **Apologies for absence:** Alan Honey had resigned on July 19th with immediate effect due to business commitments. The committee wished to thank Alan for his significant contributions during his time as a member.
2. **Matters Arising.**
 - **Belmont.** The property is now for sale and no further developments are likely until a new owner is in place.
 - **First Aid at Regionals.** Katy Dyer's opinion was that this required a higher level of support than was currently available – the squad at present has only 7 members. Perhaps the coming First Aid course will produce new recruits.
 - **Authorisation of Minor Expenditure.** It is not felt that any change to the constitution is needed. A form of words for authorising expenditure will be considered at the next meeting.
3. **Reports**
 - a) **Captains.** .
 - Unfortunately we were only able to field one team this year for the Cotswold Way Relay, as some of the usual stalwarts were abroad doing grander things. Although the forecast for the day was pretty awful, by this summer's standards it turned out to be not too bad, though very slippery underfoot in places. There were some very good performances from members of the team and our overall result was 29th out of 63 teams, but a creditable 8th out of 20 in the mixed team category.
 - We also had a team for the Dorset Coast Path relay (as in previous years blessed with glorious weather). 14 members of the club took part and had a very enjoyable day. We have been considering how we can improve our time (and why the SWJS were nearly an hour ahead of us!)
 - The Klub weekend took place on the Gower in conjunction with the Swansea Bay "Midsummer on the Gower" event. 23 members took part in one or more of the three events. Most of us arrived too late to take part in the Friday evening event, but Saturday was a lovely day for some very interesting and enjoyable courses on Broughton Burrows, marred only by the removal of a control by some youngsters playing in the sand dunes. We all enjoyed a barbecue at the campsite with members of SBOC, followed by the usual rather chaotic but fun rounders game. Despite a drizzly start, everyone thoroughly enjoyed the 2x2 relay on Whiteford Burrows on the Sunday.
 - The Klub championships at Ashton Court had weather more typical of this summer, but 34 hardy souls took part and it was pleasing to see some different names on the prize winners list.
 - We are hoping for a good turnout for the Compass Sport Cup final on 14th October and are currently investigating transport to the proposed Youth Hostel at Ashby de la Zouch. Details will be ready for the next newsletter.
 - We would like to ask everyone to encourage as many juniors as possible to run for us at the first round of the Yvette Baker trophy at Duke's Plantation in the Quantocks on September 16th [Note: this QO event will now not take place.]
 - b) **Treasurer.** Mike Forrest had circulated an updated report by email which will form the basis of his annual report at the forthcoming AGM. It was noted that the final income from the JK was £2150, a very satisfactory outcome and an important contribution to the Klub's current good financial state.
 - c) **Secretary.** All correspondence requiring report had come by email. Items forwarded had concerned Dartmoor 10 Tors challenge on 8-9 September, coaching for teachers course on October 2nd, Peter Palmer relays, request from BOF for stories of successful coaching experiences.
 - d) **SWOA Rep.** The minutes of the SWOA committee meeting which took place on June 13th had been circulated before the meeting. The committee's attention was drawn to the date of the SWOA AGM (September 22nd, after day 1 of the Caddihoe Chase).
The committee had also been sent the email exchange on QO's desire to use the Joe Lee punching

system for a Regional event which had followed the June 13th meeting. This had culminated in a request from Roger Craddock, QO chairman, to all club Chairpersons for their support in lobbying SWOA to bring forward the next committee meeting to August 22nd in order to reconsider the approval of the Joe Lee system for such an event. The chairman agreed to reply to QO and SWOA with the committee's opinion that QO should be allowed to go ahead. It was not clear why a meeting should be necessary if a majority of SWOA clubs were in favour.

- e) **ASO Rep.** Pete Foster presented his draft proposal for an ASO Whistle Policy. The enforcement of whistle-carrying was in keeping with West Midlands Orienteering Association policy and has majority support in ASO. It would be standard practice in future for ASO members, teachers and parents. Enforcement would be more straightforward if BOK followed suit. It was hoped that at some point it could be recommended as standard policy in the region. The committee proved to be unanimously in favour. All publicity should state the 'No whistle, no go' policy and adult members will be asked to support it as a good example to children. It was agreed that at the Start, adults will be asked whether they have a whistle and Juniors will be asked to show that they have. Peter will draft a recommendation for the Klub to adopt.
- f) **Web-site.** Steve Horton had sent a report on web-site developments, circulated before the meeting. The committee again wished to compliment Steve on developments on the web-site, but would like to understand the distinction between visits, pages and hits.

4. Fixtures

a) **Held since last committee.**

10.06.07 BOK Colour-coded C4 Stock Hill; Planner Paul Gebbett, Controller Ian Cawley, Organiser Pat Benjamin. The organiser had arrived to find the gate could not be opened – it had been understood that the forester would change the lock. A rapid decision to use the public car-park had led to a successful event, thanks to much last-minute flexibility. A possibility of BOK being given a master-key had not yet borne fruit. The Klub's dissatisfaction had been put on record.

01.07.07 Adams/Avery Relays, Ashton Court; Organisers Fosters, Planners Grenfells, Controller Robin Walker. Intermittent heavy showers had not prevented a good turn-out for a relay. The deer-parks are now a significant problem.

13.07.07 Schools Festival, Bushey Norwood, Bath. Clare Fletcher, Sally Thomas and John Lewis had assisted Celia Watkinson with the activities. Again it had rained hard. There had been about 40 to 50 children at each of the morning and afternoon sessions. Some had been reluctant and a few very keen – one had rated it 'Spectacular!'

15.07.07 Klub Champs, Leigh Woods. Planners/Organisers Clive and Jackie Hallett. There had been 37 participants and some unusual winners in the usual poor weather.

Summer informals. Katy Dyer had circulated a report on these. They were very successful this year with 388 participants and a profit of about £400. A new overall organiser will be needed next year, as Katy is taking a well-earned rest. The committee wished to record their thanks for her efforts in raising the profile of these informal events.

The committee would like to thank all Officials and helpers for their hard work on these very successful events.

b) **Future, including possible UBOC event and BNC.**

The Fixtures Secretary's message was that little had changed in the future programme since last meeting.

15.09.07 ASO League Score/CATI event Ashton Court; Organiser and Planner Peter Foster Controller TBA.

07.10.07 ASO Lyncombe Ski Centre; Planner Jim Hayward, Organiser Pat Benjamin/Mike Turner, Controller TBA. Parking at Churchill Leisure Centre, distance 200-300m.

13.10.07 UBOC Informal, The Downs. Organiser Erinna Foley-Fisher.

25.11.07 Galoppen and ASO League Cannop Ponds; Organiser Chris Farr, Planner Duncan Innes,

Controller Bob Teed.

16.12.07 Christmas Novelty event, Penpole/Blaise Organiser/Planner Katy Dyer.

10.02.08 BOK/ASO league Tyntesfield; Organisers Grenfells, Planner Dave Parkin, Controller Mike Forrest.

23.02.08 British Night Champs, Forest of Dean; Organiser Mark Blackstone, other officials TBA. After some discussion it was agreed that BOK will seek permission from BOF to run both the BNC and the 2009 National event on New Beechenhurst, with parking and starts at opposite sides of the very large map.

16.03.08 BOK/ASO League. Silkwood; Organiser Stephanie Milne, Planner Phil Fawkner-Corbett, Controller Mark Dyer. WNL plan to run a night event on the previous evening.

06.04.08 BOK District Walcombe; Organiser TBA, planner Chris Kelsey, Controller Phil Warry.

11.05.08 BOKtrot/ASO Champs Brierley; Organiser and Planner TBA, Controller Bill Vigar.

15.06.08 BOK/ASO League, Purdown

05.10.08 BOK/ASO League, Leigh Woods

23.11.08 Galoppen and ASO League, Beacon Hill, Planners Alice Bedwell/Mark Saunders

14.12.08 Novelty or ASO, Lord's Wood?

01.02.09 BOK/ASO League, Tyntesfield

08.03.09 BOK/ASO League, Lyncombe

05.04.09 BOK/ASO League, Stock Hill

Dave Urch has agreed to be overall coordinator for the 3 days of 0007 2009. No further news on ordering of the events.

02.05.09 0007 Day 1. NGOC? Sallowvallets?

03.05.09 0007 Day 2 National, New Beechenhurst. Organiser Howard Thomas.

04.05.09 0007 Day 3. SWOC? Venue and Officials TBA.

13.12.09 BOK/ASO League? Yoxter

5. Other Matters

a) **Publicity, including Colour Leaflets.** Alan Honey has submitted a revised text and a selection of photos and graphics to Paul Johnson in order for him to provide a quote for print orders of either 3000 or 5000 copies.

b) **Coaching.** Jackie Hallett reported by email as follows:-

Coaching Day, Saturday 29th September at a local area, Purdown or Ashton Court. Personal commitments make it impossible to run a weekend linked with the BOK Galoppen this year. We are looking at the possibility of having a weekend away in January but no plans as to where yet as I would like to link to an event on the Sunday.

Other areas that we would like the committee to discuss/sanction are whether the club will subsidise the cost of hiring a minibus for the Peter Palmer relays on September 8th/9th and the regional round of the Yvette Baker trophy at the Quantock Galoppen on Sept 16th.

The committee agreed that the Klub should subsidise these Junior activities.

c) **Mapping.** Dudley Budden reported as follows:-

Bath schools. Project just completed producing maps for 7 secondary and 2 primary schools.

Watley Bushes. 1:2500 map in Chipping Sodbury area. OK for schools training; White, Yellow, Orange courses.

Lyncombe, Tyntesfield. Close to completion.

Ashton Court. Beggarbush Lane side needs re-mapping. Another 200 maps printed for POC. Needs re-planning and some posts moving. Display near golf hut needs improving.

Silkwood. Update needed – car-parking area and paths. ‘Rides’ may be mapped differently.

d) **BOF Governance Proposals.** The chairman will raise this as a point of discussion at the AGM.

e) **Date for 2008 dinner.** May 16th or 2nd were suggested. The Bristol Inn had been a popular venue and it was decided that this should be used again. Enquiries will be made when date decided at next

meeting.

6. Any Other Business

- **Dudley Budden reminded** the committee that a Day Manager was needed for our commitment to Day 1 of Croeso 2008, to be held on Merthyr Common on August 3rd.
- **Tricia Walker stressed** that the recruitment of an overall organiser for the 2008 Informals should be discussed at the next meeting.
- **Pete Foster reported** that he will resign as ASO Chairman shortly and hence will not attend BOK committee meetings, although a new ASO rep will be found.

7. Date and Venue of next meeting. Will be determined at the AGM.