

## Items of Interest from Committee Meeting held on January 24<sup>th</sup> 2008

1. Philip Fawkner-Corbett welcomed Martin Helfer, the new ASO Chair, to the meeting as ASO representative.
2. **Matters Arising.**
  - The price per head for the BOK dinner at the Bristol Inn has been agreed at £20, for 60+ people.
  - Ian Cawley has agreed to become Club Welfare Officer.
  - Radio Orienteering at the BOK Trot. It has been agreed that BOK will pay access costs for the Sunday and the radio people for the Saturday. BOK will provide blank maps as required and charge for printing costs.
  - British Orienteering Event Structure Proposals. Critical comments prepared by Mark Dyer on behalf of the committee had been greeted with general approval at the December 4<sup>th</sup> SWOA meeting. A congratulatory email had been received from Brian Hart (SARUM chair).
3. **Reports**
  - a) **Captains.** Helen Kelsey commented on the very good response of club members to the Compass Sport Cup qualifying round at Sallowvallets, with 98 actually running on the day, giving a good depth of field which, in addition to individual successes, helped to depress scores for other runners and led to a BOK win. Because of confusion on entry fees the Captains now have a surplus of about £200 which the committee felt should be used as a subsidy in future CS Cup rounds. Helen will report this on the website, and offer to return money to individuals if they request it. A strong contribution to BOK's success had been made by new Brown course runners, and by the club's Juniors, who Helen will congratulate for the Committee. There had been problems associated with Juniors from Kingswood not having BOF member status (necessary for the CS Cup) through the school's Group membership. It is understood that Juniors will be encouraged to join as individuals in future. Dudley Budden queried the wide separation between the qualifying round in January and the final in October, possibly related to additional qualifying rounds which no longer take place.

Helen noted the need for JK Relay entries to be made very soon and suggested that the Junior cost of £7 was rather high. It was agreed that the club should consider subsidising Junior entries next year.
  - b) **Treasurer.** Mark Dyer reported expenditure of £200 as a deposit for the BOK dinner and a subsidy of 50% of the cost of a second First Aid course for the BOK participants. After levy payments there had been a profit of £60 on the Lyncombe event, and £849 on the Cannop Ponds Galoppen, which had perhaps provided more toilets than were needed, even for the very good entry of about 350 runners. Profit for the Penpole novelty event will depend on land use charges but may be around £90. The club now has a balance of £1780 in the current account and the £5000 reserve has not been needed. The SI team are requesting a new printer and the replacement of some SI units.
  - c) **Secretary.** Information on a Forestry Commission annual meeting had led to Sally Thomas attending this. Sally had learned that there was a possibility of significant EU funding for furtherance of outdoor activities in the Forest of Dean.
  - d) **SWOA Rep.** Points of interest from the SWOA committee meeting of December 4<sup>th</sup> were:-
    - SWOA agreed to pay 50% of costs for SWOA members at First Aid course arranged by Katy Dyer.
    - JK 2010 still undecided on use of SI or Emit.
    - Christine Vince now SWOA rep on British Orienteering Coaching Committee, Ben Chesters having failed to make it to the last three meetings.
    - Jeff Butt now manager of SW Junior Squad.Committee had no objection to suggested changes to the rules of the SWOA Summer Relay Series.
  - e) **ASO Rep.** Martin Helfer reported that the last ASO meeting, at which he had become ASO Chair, had taken place last November. The next meeting was imminent. Jo Foster is still ASO Secretary and has been named as Organiser for the ASO event at Leigh Woods on October 5<sup>th</sup>, BOF members being needed for all event Officials. Martin stressed that ASO are keen to help wherever possible but really only have significant involvement from two schools, BGS and Kingswood. It was difficult to extend things without teacher involvement. He was pleased to say that ASO are solvent. He mentioned that Harry Mottram, the editor of a magazine, 'Primary Times', which is sent to all primary pupils, but

aimed at parents, will do an editorial on orienteering and include links to our website. The article will mention the Silk Wood event.

- f) **Web-site.** Steve Horton had sent a report on web-site developments, circulated before the meeting. The report listed new features and planned developments. The committee asked the secretary to congratulate Steve once again on his very successful development of the site.

## 5. Fixtures

### a) Held since last committee.

24.11.07 WNL, Cannop Ponds; Organiser/Planner Ifor Powell, Controller Dudley Budden. The event had gone well with a reasonable turnout.

25.11.07 Galoppen and ASO League Cannop Ponds; Organiser Chris Farr, Planner Duncan Innes, Controller Bob Teed. The event had appeared to run very smoothly, with some very good courses, though some had felt that some Yellow course control sites had been difficult. A large turnout had led to a shortfall in Blue and Green course maps. Some recycling had been done but not early enough, as no mechanism had existed to warn Registration that this would be needed. A long discussion of possible ways around this problem included the suggestion that BOK should attempt to print extra maps on site – felt to be unfeasible by Dudley due to level of commitment needed by one person; suggestion that extra blank maps be printed to allow master map use for later runners – has problems of advantage/disadvantage if map copied before or after dishing the start box. The general conclusion was that a tally must be kept at Registration, in order to know when the problem will arise.

04.12.07 Clifton Street-O, Organisers/Planners Jonathan and Alison Hurford. The event had been ‘good fun’ with results produced on the day and lots of students present.

16.12.07 Christmas Novelty Frog-O, Penpole/Blaise Organiser Katy Dyer, Planner Mark Dyer. The event had gone well with a good turnout, though not as many as last year. Penpole is a good location for such an event.

01.01.08 Bath Street-O, Organiser/Planner Phil Fawkner-Corbett. The event went very well and Phil had had requests for copies of the map since the event.

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

### b) Future.

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

23.02.08 British Night Champs, New Beechenhurst; Organiser Mark Blackstone, Planner Andy Creber, Controller Allan Williams (WCH).

15.03.08 WNL Silkwood; Organiser/Planner Christophe Mutricy, Controller Dudley Budden.

16.03.08 BOK/ASO League. Silkwood; Organiser Stephanie Milne, Planner Phil Fawkner-Corbett, Controller Mark Dyer. No problems.

06.04.08 BOK District Walcombe; Organiser Helen Kelsey, Planner Chris Kelsey, Controller Phil Warry.

11.05.08 BOKtrot/ASO Champs Brierley; Organiser Grenfell-Shaws? Planner Dudley Budden/Rupert Gladstone, Controller Bill Vigar. Pre-entries were discussed and it was agreed that one of the on-line entry systems would be chosen, with start slots to be allocated rather than individual start times.

15.06.08 BOK/ASO League, As there is still no news on mapping support for the use of the Bath University site, it was agreed that Purdown must be confirmed as the site for this event.

06.07.08 Adams Avery Relays, now to be at Stock Hill or Leigh Woods. Officials from KSODA?

05.10.08 BOK/ASO League, Leigh Woods; Organiser TBA, Planners Jenny and Mark Selley, Controller Robin Walker.

23.11.08 Galoppen and ASO League, Venue not known, Organiser Katy Dyer, Planners Alice Bedwell and Mark Saunders, Controller TBA.

02.12.08 or 21.12.08? Bristol Street-O; Organisers/Planners Hurfords.

14.12.08 possible Novelty, Three Brooks?

Robin Walker expressed his disappointment that BOK local events often coincide with SWOA

Galoppens – one case this season and two next, from John Shucksmith’s listing. It was said that it was almost impossible to avoid this given the ASO constraints, and the committee’s overall feeling seemed to be one of indifference, one view being that Galoppens were of less interest now that the results were not handicapped.

## 6. Other Matters

- a) **Publicity, including Colour Leaflets.** A sub-committee will determine the size of the print order for the new leaflet. It was suggested that the leaflet should be available for download on the BOK website. The committee was in agreement with Steve Horton’s feeling that it would be better to find a name other than ‘flyer’ for Jonathan Hurford’s excellent publicity handouts/posters for forthcoming events, which ought not to be confused with the more prosaic and detailed sheets we commonly call flyers.
  - b) **Coaching.** Jackie Hallett reported by email as follows:-  
‘Junior Training will take place on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> February at Stock Hill, 10.30 to 3.30 The south west junior squad will also be training with BOK  
Training also on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> March at Ashton Court, 10.30 to 3.30.’  
The Chairman will convey the committee’s congratulations to Ben Maliphant on his selection for the England team at Interland.
  - c) **Mapping.** Dudley reported as follows:-  
**Tyntesfield.** Map finished. Condes has been used for planning and it is clear that we need to run a Condes course. **Silkwood.** Feedback from planners needed. **Walcombe.** Planner will go out soon. Proposed changes needed by the end of February. **Brierley (BOKtrot).** Courses may start on New Beechenhurst (on an area not used for either the British Nights or the National event) and cross the road to Brierley. **Beacon Hill.** Unfortunately the area is not suitable for orienteering – there is a small area of very steep but nice hillside, with the remainder made up of lots of bramble and a big felled area. **Northern Slopes.** Also not suitable – many abandoned cars.
  - d) **Proposals for 2007-8 Club Awards.** List needed for discussion at the next committee meeting. The Captains will produce a list using suggestions from the rest of the committee, particularly for the less obvious awards like Services to the Klub, Outstanding Performance, Most Improved Veteran.
  - e) **Lasting Memorial to Mike Nelson.** A letter had been received from four longstanding members of the club – David Palmer, Mark Blackstone, Trevor Griffiths and Tony Noott – suggesting that the BOK Trot should be renamed the ‘Mike Nelson BOK Trot’ in honour of Mike’s services to orienteering. This possibility was discussed at some length, and other alternatives considered – a Mike Nelson trophy to be awarded for the best performance at the BOK Trot; a specific new event, perhaps to circulate around the southwest. However, as the only objection to the original proposal was that the title seemed rather cumbersome, the suggestion was put to the vote and carried by a large majority, with no votes against.
  - f) **BOF Grants, including Increasing Participation.** The initiative to increase participation requires regular activities on a weekly basis based on a consistent venue. Only five clubs in England will be chosen to receive support, so any proposal must be a good one to have any chance of success. There seemed to be several possible venues, in Bath and Bristol, such as Culverhay School and Kingswood School, and Warmley Forest Park. Dudley reported that a six week trial of this sort of activity will take place at Yate Outdoor Activities Centre in the summer and Clare Fletcher pointed out that she and John Lewis already run similar activities every Tuesday at Kingswood. The possibility of some kind of application for funds will be discussed with Celia Watkinson.
  - g) **Replacement of ‘ASK ME’ vests.** It was agreed that it would be desirable to have smarter vests for our ‘ASK ME’ people. A costing for two vests of good quality will be obtained.
- ## 7. Any Other Business
- **Mark Dyer reminded** the committee that Katy will not be overseeing the Informals this year and her successor had not yet been found. After some discussion Christophe Mutricy agreed to take on this important task.
  - **Dudley Budden suggested** that the club should consider running more events during the year, perhaps an informal Saturday league like that run by NGOC. A sub-committee will produce a firm proposal for the next meeting.

- **Robin Walker reported** that BOF have obtained new insurance for events which covers non-BOF-members in the same way as BOF members. It is therefore no longer necessary for exact numbers of non-members to be determined for each event. However, BOF do require a record of the names of all those people taking part in an event, whether as runners, shadowers or helpers, so all names are needed for people going out in groups and it is very important for all names of helpers to be reported, particularly if these helpers have not been able to run a course.
  - **Philip Fawkner-Corbett reported** that he had had a complaint about the use of club records to make contact with past members. Our Competitor Registration Form will be modified to contain a no-contact box along the lines of 'Please tick this box if you do not wish us to contact you'.
8. **Dates of Later Meetings.** The date of the next meeting was agreed as March 13<sup>th</sup>, with the date of the following meeting provisionally agreed as May 22<sup>nd</sup>.