

Items of interest from Committee Meeting held on November 13th 2008

1. Reports

a) **Captains.** Chris and Helen Kelsey reported by email as follows:-

Compass Sport Cup Final. BOK came 5th in the Compass Sport Cup Final held at Sutton Park on 19th October. We fielded a team of 67 runners, fairly well balanced across the classes, but nevertheless lacking some of the strength and depth we enjoyed for the Qualifying Round, particularly in the younger age groups. SYO won the Cup and FVO retained the Trophy. Take-up for the coach was good, with 41 members enjoying a pleasantly relaxed journey after last year's breakdowns. We were able to offer coach transport at only £4 for seniors and £2 for juniors due to carrying forward £268 of members' cash overpaid at the qualifying round. The overall Klub subsidy for the event was £26.50.

JK Relays 2009. We face a slightly difficult situation with JK relay entries for next year. The current information from the organisers is that phased entry fees will be applied to the Relays as well as to the Individual days, meaning that relay team entries need to be submitted by 31st January to secure the lowest price. After that the fees go up by £1.50 per person for each of the next two closing dates. The idea of surcharges on already very expensive relay entries (especially for Juniors) would appear to be somewhat unreasonable, particularly as the composition of teams that clubs wish to enter may change as a result of later entries. We will presumably be forced to pass late entry fees on to our members, but it's likely that one or two people will have entered by the first date but cannot make up a team at that stage. In this case, we may have to ask the Klub for a subsidy to compensate for the subsequent late entry fees. The Committee's view on this would be appreciated. Meanwhile, we will express our concerns to the JK organising team in case we can get a change of this pricing policy. An entry form will go in the forthcoming BOK News.

With regard to subsidies for Relay entries, the Committee agreed that it would be reasonable to subsidise one or two people who had entered early but not been able to fit into teams, but not to make wholesale subsidies for large numbers of entries. Clearly it would be desirable to enter teams before the first deadline if possible. Would it be possible to enter anonymous teams in various categories and fill names in later?

b) **Treasurer.** Mark Dyer described the Klub's expenditure since the AGM, which had seen a current account balance of about £6500 at the end of October decrease to a notional £2400 now – major liabilities contributing were a new stand-alone printer, coach fee for the CS Cup, price of a new batch of BOK tops, mapping costs for Headless Hill, replacement for dead split-printer. It was hoped that such a relatively large expenditure on equipment would not be repeated in the near future. No event during this period had made a loss, and the Long-O, after initial worries about lack of entries, had done rather well. It was hoped that events within the next six months might raise around £1000, but the 2009 National was a less clear fund-raiser than usual because of complications associated with being part of 0007 and support for the Elite competition. BOK does have a reserve of about £5000, but it would be prudent to attempt to add to this, in order to prepare for eventual SI replacement, rather than draw on it. The Klub's finances also include an additional £3000 ring-fenced finance for the Wavering Down Project. The likely entry fee for the 2009 national event was £13 for BOF members, not out of line with similar level events elsewhere, but a final decision will depend on a detailed cost breakdown. Obviously the intention must be to run at a profit.

c) **Secretary.**

- Robin Walker reported on BOK's exchange of emails/letters with BOF management on the financial consequences for the Klub of the 2009 BOF levy structure. Neil Cameron's letter suggests that we are very likely to be allowed to register the ASO part of our ASO League events as 'Juniors only', which carries no levy. For this to happen we must apply to Junior Competitions Group at least one month before the date of the event. Action must be taken by early December – the first event is on February 1st. There would seem to be no reason why all of this season's ASO events should not be dealt with at the same time.
- Paul Taunton has taken over from Bob Teed as our local map printer.

d) **SWOA Rep.** Minutes are available for the SWOA AGM on September 20th and committee meeting on October 1st. Points of interest are:- AGM; attendance 13, with 5 from BOK; levies still 25p senior, 5p junior, as last year i.e. not on same basis as BOF: Committee; BOK running JK2010 Starts; Katy Dyer

and Alan Honey approved as Grade 3 controllers.

- e) **ASO Rep.** Martin Helfer reported by email as follows:- *We have had one league event to date this year, at Leigh Woods, organised by Bristol Grammar School (Jo Foster). This was very successful and it was pleasing to note that 5 new schools have registered with the league this year: Thomas Keeble School (Stroud), The Ridings (Thornbury), Malmesbury, Frenchay CofE Primary and St Mary's Primary (Thornbury).*

Seven children from Kingswood School and one from the Royal High School took part in the British Schools Score event on 11th October: Ralph Eliot finished 3rd in the Yr12/13 class and the Kingswood team finished 4th. Several schools will be represented at the British Schools Orienteering Championships this coming weekend.

The committee was pleased to hear of the new schools joining ASO.

- f) **Web-site.** Steve Horton reported that website hits were again up by a significant factor year-on-year. The number of subscribers to the BOK Bulletin had again increased. Steve would like to know if anyone has any ideas for new features on the web-site.

2. Fixtures

a) Held.

27.09.08 CATI, Mundy Playing Fields, Thornbury; Organiser Grace Davies, helped by David and Anne Palmer. This was thought to have gone well, but no direct experience.

05.10.08 District/ASO and Klub Champs, Leigh Woods; Organiser Jo Foster, Planners Jenny and Mark Selley, Controller Robin Walker. Neil Connelly organiser for Klub Champs. The courses had been well received and the event had gone smoothly. Neil had made a very good job of the Klub Champs with certificates and mementoes for winners. His recommendation of permanent trophies was discussed but no decision made. John Lewis had made awards, on behalf of BSOA, to Jo Foster and Piers Angliss for their contributions to Schools Orienteering (presumably the fruit of proposals from committee in July 2007). The committee added their congratulations on these well-deserved awards.

11.10.08 First Saturday League event, Worlebury Woods; Organiser and Planner Trevor Crowe. There had been SI problems on the day, but these have now been resolved. Numbers had been reasonable for our first Saturday event.

26.10.08 Bristol Long-O Ashton Court etc; Organiser Katy Dyer, Planners Howard and Sally Thomas, Controller Ian Cawley. This had been very successful on the day, with worries about entry numbers not in fact realised and much enthusiasm for the longer courses.

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

At this point the committee digressed onto a discussion of map-printing at events. This was obviously desirable if sufficient quality could be obtained without putting extra pressure on the Finish team. It was agreed that printing should only be of additional maps related to unexpected demand for particular courses, that such printing was only appropriate at local events (current C4s) and that a dedicated person would be needed to do the printing, not a member of the designated SI team of the day.

b) Future, including policy on borrowing/loaning areas

23.11.08 Galoppen/ASO Headless Hill; Organiser Katy Dyer, Planners Alice Bedwell and Mark Saunders, Controller Pat Barclay.

02.12.08 Street-O Clifton; Organiser and Planner Jonathan Hurford.

13.12.08 Saturday League 2 Leigh Woods; Organiser and Planner Tim Britton. These events do not appear in the BOF list but are on the SWOA list. It would clearly be desirable for the Saturday league events to be advertised there.

20.12.08 WNL Headless Hill; Organiser and Planner Andy Creber.

21.12.08 Christmas Novelty event Three Brooks; Organiser Vicki Hasaballa, assisted by Clare Fletcher, Planner Dudley Budden.

10.01.09 Saturday League 3 Blaise Castle; Organiser and Planner Phil Fawkner-Corbett.

31.01.09 WNL Silkwood; Organiser and Planner Mark Blackstone.

01.02.09 District/ASO League 3 Silkwood; Organiser Stephanie Milne, Planner David Parkin,

Controller Alan Honey. Mark Dyer reminded the meeting that new fees should be in operation for ASO events in the New Year.

21.02.09 Saturday League 4 Purdown; Organiser and Planner Christophe Mutricy

21.02.09 WNL Purdown; Organiser and Planner Nick Ajderian.

08.03.09 District/ASO League 4 Lyncombe; Organiser Mandy Turner, Planner Mike Turner, Controller the Grenfells.

From this point on there are many events with unallocated officials. An article for BOK News will call for volunteers. There was some discussion of the format for Sprint-Os – whether competitors should run more than once (e.g. heat, final), the limited number of possible locations, whether the Klub can muster sufficient volunteers. It was agreed to revisit these issues at the next meeting.

03.05.09 0007 Mike Nelson BOKtrot National event. Dave Urch, overall organiser for the 0007 weekend, had several issues which he wished the committee to discuss:-

1) *Formal decision to be made by the committee to host the BEOC long final – we are already committed to the FCC. Both the planning and organising teams consider that we can accommodate the event, which will increase the profile of the weekend. An email or letter then needs to go off to BOF.* The committee had already agreed that, if the planners and organisers were happy, then BOK should agree to this.

2) *Mapping – arrange for a mapper to update both the New Beechenhurst and Cannop Ponds maps.* This is already under discussion and fairly urgent. Erik Peckett is now Mapping Advisor for the event.

3) *Schools – I understand that it is intended to hold the Avon Schools Championships alongside the National. Whilst again it will be an excellent way to increase the profile of orienteering, especially at grass roots level, can the Klub cope e.g. manpower, SI, entry fees etc.* The committee were unanimous that it would be better to hold the ASO Championships on another occasion.

4) *Website – I want to have a link to a Triple O Severn page on the BOK website. I've already started to talk to Stephen about this.* Obviously sensible.

5) *Although not directly related to 0007, SWOC have asked if BOK could provide a controller for their Regional and Welsh Championship event at Wentwood on 14th February. They may also need a controller for their Score event on the Monday of the 0007 weekend.* For a Championship event a Grade 1 or 2 Controller is required.

Christophe Mutricy has agreed to coordinate next year's Summer Informal series, in collaboration with Jonathan Hurford.

The Adams/Avery Relays are tentatively allocated to Bushey Norwood (05.07.09). Discussions with the Golf Club who own woods extending north and west of Bushey Norwood may allow extension of the area. A 1987 map produced by Keith Jones is obviously very out of date. Costs for updating/remapping will need to be determined.

There is no date yet for Summer 2009 Klub Champs, but it is understood that the Simmons family will be planning, assisted by Pete James. QO hope to join us and the venue is expected to be Stock Hill.

Sally Thomas raised the question of registering the 2010 BOKtrot as a Level 2 event under the new structure. The committee felt that this should be automatic for such an event.

Sally asked for guidance on our practice in the matter of borrowing/loaning areas. Presumably, if the loan is agreed, an OCAD file is provided for planning purposes on a one-use-only basis, which will be deleted following the event. It was agreed that a note on the map to this effect would also be desirable.

3. Other Matters

a) **Publicity, including Colour Leaflets.** Jonathan Hurford had emailed the committee as follows:-

1. *Leaflet – Paul Johnson should be back to us very shortly with revised leaflet, apologies for delay.*

2. *BOF fixture list – it's a pity that our Saturday events are not listed, also should not the WNL events be included?*

3. *Summer events – I'll put some energy behind this and liaise with Christophe, particularly after my meeting with Bristol city council, when they said they would be very keen to publicize our events on*

web site and 'Park News' which is distributed throughout Bristol at the beginning of each Spring.

- b) Coaching, including recruitment of coaches.** Jackie Hallett reported by email as follows:- *We had a large number of newcomers at the last coaching – quite a few turned up who hadn't informed me. I think we had just enough maps. There was a large group from Redland High (Jim's wife and Jim have introduced it there) so hopefully there will be some who make it to the Forest of Dean next week for the schools event. We could really do with an event closer to home after local training to maintain interest. Other than the Benjamins, Adam Potter and Michael, most were only school league competitors and most were only White course (about 15). We probably had about 25 in total – I have a list if exact numbers are needed.*

I think it would be great to have some more coaches to share the load. We could possibly do more then.

In the pipeline are a coaching day (local) for January/February. Could we use Silkwood on the day of the night event, or would we be charged too much? And we are looking at possibly, if there is enough interest, a weekend away for the older ones to tie in with the Kerno Galoppen on 18th April. If we can use perhaps Polly Joke for training – I will ask Kerno.

On the question of coach recruitment it was felt that a first step would be to tell members that the Klub is keen to recruit new people, using Newsletter and website.

c) Development

1) Wavering Down Project

Katy Dyer had circulated a report on progress. Mark talked the meeting through the main features. A principal purpose of the project is to train young leaders and a Young Leaders' Course will be held at Barton Children's Centre on Saturday November 22nd. It had been hoped that some places would be taken up by children from the Bristol Children's Help Society, but in fact none have come forward and all places will be filled by young BOK orienteers. Once mapping in the area is complete, sometime next Spring, an orienteering event for disadvantaged young people from North Somerset will be held and later a North Somerset Schools Orienteering Festival. ASO are closely linked to the project. The committee were very impressed with the way the project was working out and thanked Katy once again for doing a great job.

2) Future CONDES/planning courses

Sally reported difficulties with using CONDES in planning the Long-O and it was clear that she was not alone in this. It was agreed that the Klub needs to run a CONDES planning course as soon as possible. Mark suggested that participants should commit to planning at least one event for the Klub during the following year. Kingswood School seemed to work out very well last time. Availability will be investigated with a view to setting up a course sometime in February/March.

3) List of BOF CRB-checked members

It is aimed to produce a Klub database containing this information. It was agreed that committee members should set an example by becoming CRB-rated.

- d) Mapping.** Trevor Crowe is in post as our Mapping Officer. He will attend committee meetings as and when necessary. His remit is to seek out potential future mappers, advise on requirements of locations needing mapping, determine what percentage of the mapping will be done on a voluntary basis and how much will be paid for, and ultimately set out an annual Klub mapping budget.

Mark Dyer provided a copy of a BOF paper on the Procurement of Orienteering Maps, which gives guidance on what should be done in producing a map, whether by a professional or amateur mapper.

- e) Date, venue and planning for 2009 Klub Dinner.** The venue used last year was thought to be fine so we will hope to go there again if the price is acceptable. A provisional date of Friday May 15th was chosen, with the 8th as a possible second choice.

- 4. Dates of Later Meetings.** The date of the next meeting was agreed as January 22nd. Later dates were chosen to be March 19th and, provisionally, May 21st.