

## Items of Interest from Committee Meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2010

- **Vetting and Barring Scheme (VBS).** This new national scheme comes into effect in July 2010 and is intended to prevent unsuitable people from coming into contact with children and vulnerable adults during regular, structured, activities, such as junior coaching sessions. The Committee will be held accountable for ensuring that the necessary checks are carried out and it is firmly committed to the principles underpinning the scheme. Because a very large number of people will be affected nationally the scheme is being phased in over a number of years, with priority going to newly appointed helpers. Ian Cawley, our Welfare Officer, has advised that within BOK the scheme will apply to Coaches, Coaching Helpers, First Aiders and Welfare Officers. The Committee is aware that a number of our members who will be affected have already been Criminal Records Bureau (CRB) checked. Anyone who has been CRB checked will be a lower priority in the new Vetting and Barring Scheme and it is therefore important that we now establish a Register of these members. **The Committee would therefore be grateful if all Klub Members who have been CRB checked could give Ian Cawley (01275 393575 or Ian.Cawley(AT)jtgroup.co.uk) details of the date of issue and the Registered Person / Body.**
- **Relays.** 18 teams entered for the JK and 12 for the British Championships. Differential entry fees / closing dates have generated additional pressures for Klub Captains, Helen and Chris Kelsey.
- **CompassSport Cup Final.** This will take place near Sheffield on the 17<sup>th</sup> October. Early consideration is being given to group travel options, ie whether to go there and back in a day, or to arrange an overnight stay on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup>. If you have a view, please get in touch with Helen or Chris Kelsey.
- **Finance.** Despite attracting 297 entrants the recent ASO event at Lyncombe made a financial loss. This was largely as a result of recent changes in the BOF levy system whereby juniors and seniors pay at the same rate unless the event is for juniors only, in which case no levy is payable. The Committee is most concerned that the Klub appears to be suffering a financial penalty for successfully attracting large numbers of junior competitors. Further changes in the levy system will be considered at the BOF AGM and the Committee strongly supports one Proposal that, if adopted, would have the effect of equating 3 juniors to 1 adult for levy purposes. Klub Treasurer, Mark Dyer, agreed to place a voting recommendation from the Committee on the Website.
- **CompassSport Club Newsletter Award.** Congratulations to the BOK News Editorial Team, Mark Blackstone, Dave Urch and David Maliphant for winning this prestigious award again.
- **Parking Charges for Helpers at Events.** The Committee was asked to consider whether or not helpers should pay the charge for car parking at Events where one was imposed by the landowner. While recognising its dependence on the goodwill of volunteers for the successful running of events it was agreed that with the current pressures on event finances it was not possible to exempt helpers from any parking charge.
- **Mapping.** Dudley Budden is working on a Sprint O map of Bath University
- **Publicity.** Howard Thomas has produced leaflets promoting the Summer Informal Events. BOK will participate in the BBC 'Thrillseeker' campaign, which is intended to get people active by encouraging them to sample different activities at an introductory level.
- **National Trust Adventure Weekend.** The Klub has been asked if it will take part in this initiative to be held at Leigh Woods on the 24/25<sup>th</sup> July. Would any member willing to help please get in touch with David Palmer.
- **Recent Events.** All very successful. Thanks to Officials and Helpers for maintaining a high standard.
- **Future Events.** The Klub Championships are likely to be held on the 11<sup>th</sup> July at Ashton Hill. The Long O will include a short technical course alongside the usual long and medium courses.
- **BOK Development Plan.** A subgroup led by Mark Dyer will get the review underway.
- **Klub Chairman.** Phil Fawcner-Corbett will reach the end of his 3 year term as Chairman in September. He will be greatly missed. Phil would be delighted to talk informally about the Role to any member who might be willing to consider standing for election to this important position.
- **Date of Next Meeting** 19<sup>th</sup> May 2010

David Palmer – BOK Secretary