

Items of Interest from Committee Meeting held on 19th May 2010

- **Review of Talent Squad Project.** Jackie Hallett, leader of the project, led the review. Weekly meetings have been held at Redmaids School, in conjunction with the Increasing Participation project. The meetings have been open to all BOK members, juniors and seniors. Those attending have been enthusiastic and have benefited, but generally the sessions have not been well supported. The Committee accepted Jackie's recommendation that Talent Squad Activities should be relocated and take place at the regular BOK Saturday Winter League Events. It is hoped that this change will enable more coaches to get involved and allow more members to benefit. The Committee formally thanked Jackie, and all the other members who had contributed for their innovative work on behalf of the Klub.
- **Review of Increasing Participation Project.** Jim Hayward, leader of the project, led the review. A total of around 100 people, mostly, but not exclusively, children, have attended the weekly meetings at Redmaids School. The Project has been successful but demanding for Jim and the limited number of BOK volunteers who have assisted him. Increasing participation remains a major challenge for British Orienteering, both locally and nationally. The Committee formally thanked Jim for his innovative and pioneering work. In addition it expressed its appreciation of the other BOK volunteers who have helped deliver the project. With the relocation of the Talent Squad it will no longer be financially viable to hire Redmaids School for future work to Increase Participation. The Committee is strongly supportive of such initiatives and, with advice from Jim, will consider possible alternative venues, including Coombe Dingle Sports Complex.
- **Helper benefits.** Consideration was given to feedback received on the decision to apply parking charges to helpers. It was agreed to broaden the discussion to include all aspects of helper benefits and bring forward proposals for members' consideration at the Annual General Meeting in September.
- **BOK Annual Awards.** Following the introduction of British Orienteering's Single Ranking Scheme it was agreed that in future an award will be made to both the highest ranked male and female BOK athletes.
- **Supply of BOK Maps to Third Parties.** In response to two separate requests for BOK maps for use outside the Klub by Third Parties it was agreed to seek advice from British Orienteering over issues including copyright, the Ordnance Survey Licence agreement, and land access. While keen in principle to encourage orienteering activities the Committee is also aware of the need to maintain its existing good relationships with landowners and of the risk of compromising these by Third Parties organising events, using maps provided by the Klub, outside the responsible framework laid down by British Orienteering.
- **Helper Squads.** A new Computer Squad has been created under the leadership of Alan Honey. The team will assume responsibility for all computing functions at BOK Events. Alan is planning a SI training course, and is looking at ways of speeding up the 'entry on the day' process. Alongside this, the 'Forest' component of the previous Finish Squad has been merged with the Start Squad to form a new Start / Finish Squad, under the leadership of Colin Welch, with support from Nick Adjerian. The Committee is grateful to Nick, as Squad Liaison Officer, Alan and Colin for implementing these innovative changes.
- **String Course Squad.** Jeremy and Louise Tonge are retiring as Leaders of the String Course Squad in the Summer after six years service. During this time they have made a number of innovations and hope to be able to implement their latest, the adoption of SI punching, before they leave. On behalf of all Klub members the Committee would like to thank Jeremy and Louise for their tireless contribution to an essential, and much valued, element of our Events.
- **Recent Events.** All very successful. Thanks to Officials and Helpers for maintaining a high standard. The Mike Nelson BOKTROT at Wavering Down attracted wide acclaim. Despite extensive pre event publicity numbers and event proceeds were a little below expectation.
- **Future Events.** Mike Forrest has agreed to oversee a Summer Sprint Series in Summer 2011.
- **British Orienteering Consultation – 4 Tier Event Structure.** The Committee responded to a request for suggestions on what might be appropriate criteria to define the level of events under the new 4 Tier Event Structure.
- **British Orienteering Consultation – Competition Review Phase 2.** This will be considered at the next meeting. A copy of the Paper has been posted on the BOK Website and comments from members will be welcomed.
- **2010 AGM.** Booked for Monday 20th September. Make a note of the date now! David Palmer