

## Items of Interest from Committee Meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> July 2010

- **CompassSport Cup Final.** Klub Captains reported a good response from members over preferences for travel / accommodation arrangements, with coach travel and overnight accommodation before the Event being the preferred option. A booking has been made with Eyam Youth Hostel in the Peak District. Committee agreed financial support towards the cost, and to pay all Klub juniors entry fees. Thanks to Helen and Chris for all their hard work. All members are encouraged to support the Klub at what promises to be a most enjoyable weekend on the 16/17<sup>th</sup> October.
- **Ashton Court:** Dudley Budden and Trevor Crowe have recently updated the map. Maps of the revised Permanent Orienteering Course will now be printed and made available.
- **Stourhead.** The re-survey of this prime area is almost complete. The new map will be used for our Mike Nelson BOKTROT Event that, together with the South West Middle Distance Championships at Stock Hill, will form part of the BOK 2011 '007 weekend' of high quality orienteering.
- **Wrington Warren.** Mapping Officer Trevor Crowe reported that the orienteering potential of this large area has improved. It was last mapped in 1989 but in subsequent years fell into disuse because of a steady decline in runnability. Committee supported an initial approach to the landowners to establish their views on access for orienteering.
- **National Trust 'Wild Woods Adventure Day'.** In response to a request from the National Trust, Klub volunteers, led by Sally Thomas and Clare Fletcher, organised a very successful orienteering experience at Leigh Woods. Around 100 participants, mainly in family groups, took part, many expressing an interest in attending further BOK events.
- **Supply of Maps to Third Parties.** The Klub has recently asked for advice from British Orienteering on how it should respond to third party requests for Klub maps to be used for independent events. This follows several recent such requests. The Chair of BOF Mapping Group has now confirmed that the Licensing Agreement that BOF has with the Ordnance Survey applies solely to maps used at BOF Registered Events.
- **Finance.** Overall profit from BOK Events in 2009/10 is down on previous years. Factors include reduced participation at the start of the season, and changes in the levy system.
- **Peter Palmer Junior Relays.** Financial support agreed for BOK Juniors.
- **Klub Handicap Championships.** The Committee intends to review the nature of this event which in recent years has grown from being a low key one to one more closely resembling a standard local / ASO event with 6 courses. Despite the increased complexity it has continued to be organised and planned by a single volunteer.
- **Recent Events.** All very successful, including the recently completed series of

Summer Informal Events. Thanks to Officials and Helpers for maintaining a high standard .

- **Klub Nights.** The Committee is keen to build on the success of the recent initiatives to increase participation and develop talent through establishing a regular Klub night. This will be in line with British Orienteering's thinking that recruitment of newcomers and retention of established orienteers can both be fostered in this way. Coombe Dingle Sports Complex has been identified as offering good facilities, both indoor and outdoor, and preliminary discussions have been encouraging. As the Complex is owned by the University of Bristol it is hoped that closer links might be forged with the University Orienteering Club. Thanks to Laurence Gossage and Jim Hayward for their work on this exciting development, which, the Committee hopes, will be supported by the membership. Further details will follow.
- **Publicity.** Howard Thomas, Klub Publicity Officer, reported a very useful meeting with Celia Watkinson, BOF Regional Development Officer. There is a wide range of well designed publicity material available to us from BOF, which Howard intends to access for future use.
- **Klub Car Mileage Rate.** The Committee discussed the mileage rate for Klub business and reaffirmed the policy of normally paying the same rate as BOF.
- **Newcomers at BOK Events.** The Committee was advised that the Klub Policy of allowing newcomers concessionary entry to their first three BOK Events at the reduced member fee was proving difficult to apply in practice by the Registration Team, because of high levels of on the day activity. It was therefore agreed to amend the scheme to one where newcomers would pay the non member £2 supplement, but would receive a refund on that supplement for 3 events if they subsequently elected to take out membership of the Klub. It was felt that this would ease the burden on the Registration Team while at the same time retaining the financial concession to newcomers to the sport. It will also prevent loss of income from occasional, but regular independent competitors who elect not to join a club.
- **Date of Next Meeting.** 30<sup>th</sup> September 2010.

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