

## Items of Interest from Committee Meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2010

- **Coombe Dingle Club Nights.** Need to increase numbers to at least 15 people to be viable. Agreed that activities for newcomers and existing members should be provided, along with good publicity. Coombe Dingle felt to be an excellent venue. Experience elsewhere suggests that a 'Club Night Coordinator' will be needed. Thanks to Klub coaches Jim Hayward, Katy Dyer for their efforts and to Laurence Gossage for his liaison work with the Coombe Dingle managers. Committee very motivated to make this initiative a success.
- **Celia Watkinson.** Celia is a member of BOK and works as British Orienteering's Regional Development Officer for the South West. She attended Committee to update us on changes to her role. In line with National Policy Celia will in future be focussing on supporting initiatives to increase participation in our sport, as required by Sport England in return for their financial support. Happily, increasing participation is also seen as the number one priority of the majority of current orienteers.
- **Development Plan.** Mark Dyer has produced a discussion document for consideration by members of the working party. The final version will subsequently be posted on the website. Members comments will be invited, and welcomed.
- **Student Levies.** British Orienteering has confirmed that Clubs will be required to pay the Senior Event Levy in respect of Students in full time education once they reach the age of 21.
- **BOK's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.** 2011 will mark the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the formation of the Klub. The Committee will consider ways of celebrating this landmark event.
- **South West Championship Awards.** Further to perceived problems at the 2010 South West Long Distance Championships, SWOA Committee will be asked to clarify the policy for awarding age class awards at their Championship Events.
- **Ashton Court Permanent Orienteering Course.** Maps of the revised Course using the updated map have been supplied to the Estate Visitor Centre and Golf Kiosk.
- **Stourhead.** The updating of the Stourhead map by Mike Wimpenny, of Acorn Maps, has been completed in readiness for the 2011 Mike Nelson BOKTROT. The Estate is now operating a 'continuous cover' approach to timber extraction. Instead of clear felling an area, groups of trees are extracted leaving numerous clearings.
- **String Course Team Leaders.** Many thanks to the Robinson Family who have agreed to take over as Leaders of the String Course Squad. And many thanks also to the Tonge Family for their splendid efforts as Leaders for the past 6 years.
- **BOK Long O.** Thanks to Planners Ashley Cooper and Howard Thomas, Organisers Claire Fletcher and Sally Thomas and Controller Ian Cawley for a very successful event at Headless Hill / High Meadow Woods. The indoor café at the event centre attracted much positive comment. The Long O has attracted a year on year increase in numbers since it was launched 3 years ago.
- **IT Equipment.** Agreed to purchase 2 replacement laptops and a small quantity of SI dibbers for the hire stock.
- **Sudden Oak Disease.** Discussed whether Committee should consider this issue but felt that as British Orienteering has access to expert advice we would look to them to take the lead.
- **Safety Course for Event Officials.** British Orienteering is producing a Safety Course for Event Officials.
- **Date of Next Meeting.** 25<sup>th</sup> November 2010

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