

Summary of Committee Meeting – 24th November 2011

- **Home Needed for Klub General Kit** The Committee would like to find a holding location for general items of Klub equipment, including signage, stakes, map boxes, clocks etc. Previous Squad Leaders had been able to find room to store their equipment at home but this is no longer always the case. The result is that kit is becoming spread out around the Klub and sometimes difficult to locate. Is there a member who might have a suitable space and be willing to offer this service for the Klub? If so, or if you might consider taking this on after getting more information, please contact David Palmer.
- **Bath Community Orienteering Project** Caroline Gay, British Orienteering's Participation Manager West, has begun the groundwork for sessions in Bath at Ralph Allen School near the University. The aim is to attract older primary and younger high school pupils and their parents and prepare them for events such as the Avon Schools league. The sessions will be open to pupils and parents from all schools. Caroline has lined up a coach to run the project but is keen to hear from any local Klub members who might be willing to assist. Please contact David Palmer who will pass on names to Caroline. The Committee very much appreciates all the efforts that Caroline is making to get this important development up and running.
- **Land Access Charges** Mark Dyer, Klub Treasurer, reported his concern at the escalation of charges for access to private land for orienteering events. If this trend continues it may become necessary to increase event entry fees by a significant amount. In comparison to entry fees for most running events eg 10ks, most orienteering events currently cost significantly less.
- **New Map of Blaise Castle** The Committee responded positively to comments received during the consultation phase of the Klub's Development Plan that better use of its local areas could be achieved if they were remapped to ISSOM Sprint Map specification by appointing Oli Johnson to remap Blaise Castle. Oli needs no introduction as not only a BOK 'Old Boy' but also a top flight international orienteer and professional mapper. Oli has now completed the new map and Committee members are very pleased with the result. The intention is to launch it at an additional event in the Saturday Winter League Series in March.
- **New Map in the Wye Valley** Dudley Budden is planning to remap several old areas near Tintern previously used by the Klub many years ago. More recently they had become overgrown but have now improved and offer good potential for orienteering, particularly for a Long O Event. South Wales Orienteering Club have confirmed they had no objection and welcomed the initiative.
- **South West Sprint Championships 2013** Agreed to submit a bid to host this Event as part of a 2 Day Event. The second day would feature an Urban Race, probably in the Bristol City Docks and Clifton Village area. The hope is that the latter would be included in the 2013 Nopesport National Urban League Series.
- **Cancelled Events** The Committee greatly regrets that it became necessary to cancel two recent Events. Bristol City Council had refused permission for the after dark access to Ashton Court required for the Western Night League Event. The Forest League Event at Overscourt Wood was cancelled due to difficulties with parking. While fully recognising the disappointment felt by members, the action of the respective organisers in making the decisions to cancel in good time, rather than late on, was welcomed.
- **Replacement Printer / Copier** In March 2010 the Klub invested in an A3 printer / copier to be taken to its Events as an emergency back up for those occasions when the supply of pre-printed maps ran out. Since then it has been used infrequently but on those occasions when it has been called into use it has proved very useful. The Committee is grateful to Phil Warry who has taken responsibility for its storage and use. Unfortunately it has now broken down and the cost of repair is disproportionate to the cost of a new machine. It was therefore agreed to fund a replacement, albeit a smaller A4 size. Ideally this would be more robust than the original, although it is recognised that the machines are typically designed and built for life in an office rather than a field.
- **Date of Next Meeting.** 19th January 2012

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