

News from the BOK Committee – June 2016

This month's Committee saw the end-of-year resignation of Neil Connelly. Neil is a former Chairman (2010-2013) who has contributed an enormous amount to the Klub, most recently in managing the paperwork required to renew our Club Mark accreditation.

Our mid-summer Committee is an opportunity for us to begin to think about the AGM and next year's work. Mike Forrest, our treasurer, has been doing his sums and will present his budget plans for next year's events, but his job is much harder than normal as we still don't know what is going to happen to the British Orienteering levy, after the original plans were voted down at its AGM. The Klub's bank balance has been reasonably healthy lately and we have been making some significant purchases; runners at Keynsham had a chance to try our new stock of the contactless SI dibbers (SIACs).

BOK is pleased to provide grants to help with the costs of our juniors when they represent the country, or are invited to join major tours. This year we received a large number of applications for grants, and spent a considerable amount of time at Committee trying to work out the fairest way of distributing the funds available. We hope that we reached a fair compromise, with the total value of grants this year considerably exceeding our normal amount.

I've previously mentioned the various governance issues that are a regular part of discussions. This Committee signed off a new Photographic policy that is required as part of the National Safeguarding Policy, together with a standard risk assessment document to cover the evening Training runs.

The urban and park series of summer events has become a huge success, and the Klub plans to buy trophies to award to the overall course winners at the end of this series. Hopefully this will be done at the AGM. Normally our AGM is held in early September, but this year we are delaying it a little to take account of the fact that our annual accounting year now finishes on 31 July, a month later than it used to. Please come and have your say at the Eastfield Inn, Henleaze Road, Bristol on Monday 26th September, 7.15 for 7.30. A buffet will be laid on.

Chris Johnson
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