

## **Notes from Committee – June 2017**

As usual at the June Committee we confirmed our arrangements for the Klub's Annual General Meeting. Formal notice of this meeting, to be held at the Eastfield Inn, Henleaze on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October, is given elsewhere in the Newsletter and has been posted on the website.

British Orienteering has obtained funds designated to support the sport at club level and is consulting on how best to use this money. We had a wide-ranging debate and concluded that recruitment and retention, particularly of younger competitors, is something that we should concentrate on. Christian Saxtoff pointed out that many good navigators drop out of the sport if they are not fast runners, because they consistently find themselves propping up the bottom of the results table. He thought it would be great idea to have some form of handicapping that would better enable such competitors to match their achievements against those of elite runners. Park Run have very successfully created an ethos where taking part, either as a runner or a supporting volunteer, is seen to be as important as winning a run. Could we develop a format in which we 'Create More Winners'?

Following the line of thought of encouraging newcomers, our Chairman is keen to further develop coaching skills within the Klub. Coaching courses are difficult and expensive to organise but we are hoping to arrange one in our area during the autumn.

We discussed the Klub championships, which were cancelled this summer amid the many preparations for the BOK Blast and the busy schedule of urban and park races. It has traditionally been a social rather than competitive event and would not transfer well to cooler damper days. So we have opted to cancel the event this year, but plan to give it a higher profile in 2018, probably leaving a gap in the Wednesday schedule to entice people to come to it.

Our current Klub Constitution is a commendably succinct document, but in several ways is showing its age and in need of updating to match current governance expectations. Over the next year we shall consider how best to amend it and plan to bring the results to the 2018 AGM.

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