

Items of interest from Committee Meeting held on November 15th 2007

1. Dudley Budden, chairing the meeting in the absence of a permanent Chairperson, welcomed our new Treasurer, Mark Dyer, and our Publicity Officer, Jonathan Hurford to the meeting.
2. **Matters Arising.**
 - Mark Dyer reported that only eight runners had taken part in the recent UBOC introductory event. The Klub had covered a small loss and now owned a considerable number of blank maps of the Downs, which can be used for the summer informal there.
 - A provisional booking for the BOK dinner has been made at the Bristol Inn, now known as The Gables Hotel, for May 16th. Price per head has yet to be determined but will be around £20.
 - The BOK constitution allows fees to be fixed a year in advance, which may be necessary in future to fit in with British Orienteering requirements.
 - Philip Fawkner-Corbett has arranged to use Bath Cricket Club for the Bath New Year Street-O, an excellent social centre.
 - It is not yet clear whether the system of coloured Registration Forms for adult newcomers can be made to work – it did not at Lyncombe, but here there were extra complications. We will try again at Cannop Ponds.
3. **Reports**
 - a) **Captains.** As in September, with all relevant events reported fully in BOK News and on the web-site there was little to say. It had been financially advantageous to buy YHA Group membership for the team staying at Eyam for the Compass Sport Cup, and the use of this could produce savings for any group of 5 or more BOK members wishing to stay at a youth hostel during the next year. This possibility will be advertised on the BOK web-site. Forms for next year's competition are currently being completed. Sallowvallets is the obvious first choice for round one, on January 13th, with Yateley favoured over Cannock Chase as second choice. The final will take place on October 19th in the West Midlands. Our comments have also been sought on the way the competition should be run. An obvious criticism is that for such a high-profile event the standard of area for the Final has often not been good. It was also felt that more care needs to be taken to provide fair competition for all clubs in round one.
 - b) **Treasurer.** Mark reported on three areas:-
 - **Event Finances.** The Compass Sport Cup final team had been subsidised by approximately £167, which had been neatly matched by a profit of about £170 at Lyncombe. However, this did not include mapping costs. The land use fee of £195 seemed very high compared to those usually charged by the Forestry Commission – about twice as large. It was pointed out that this negotiated fee should have included use of the Ski Centre's toilets, removing the need to rent our own. The basic entry fee for the British Nights in February had been agreed at £8, which will just cover costs at last year's entry level.
 - **Klub's Financial Position.** £5000 remains in the Portman account. The deposit account has about £800 and the current account is essentially already allocated, for instance to subsidies for the recent First Aid course and another in January. It is hoped that the forthcoming Galoppen at Cannop Ponds will be profitable.
 - **The Stolen Generator.** Having been loaned to NGOC over a year ago, the generator had disappeared from the back of an unlocked car. There had been long delays in getting the necessary police report from NGOC but once this had been obtained our insurance company had made a relatively generous offer of part of the value - they were not officially liable, as the car had been unlocked. The Treasurer will approach NGOC with a plan to share the remaining shortfall. *[Note post-meeting: the matter has now been settled amicably.]*

- c) **Secretary.** Matters for discussion or report not appearing elsewhere on the agenda were:-
- Request received for nominations for South Glos Sports Awards.
 - Request for support of second Red Cross First Aid course in early 2008; dealt with through approval by sub-set of committee. Full committee indicated its agreement.
 - Suggestion of BOK support for linking of orienteering to the UK School Games 2008. Some BOK members are already involved. The Secretary suggested that the committee should give its formal approval for Klub involvement. Dudley explained that the Games organisers planned to have some pre-events in June/July 2008 including sports other than the six main sports of the Games. It was hoped that an orienteering event might be used as one of these pre-events, either using the planned event at Purdown, or, better, an event centred on the University of Bath campus. We await a response from the organisers. The committee was enthusiastic about this opportunity to raise the profile of orienteering in the area.
 - Request from Jackie Hallett for support of transport costs for a BOK team to take part in the Yvette Baker Trophy final, the team having been successful in their heat at the recent QO event. This may not now be needed as an insufficient number of Juniors are able to travel to the final. However, the Secretary suggested that the committee should express its support for Jackie and the Junior team and it was agreed that financial support would have been given if required.
- d) **SWOA Rep.** The minutes of the SWOA committee meeting of October 3rd had been received and circulated. Points of interest were:-
- QO are to be allowed to run a trial Regional event using the Joe Lee system. No date fixed as yet. Charles Daniel has agreed to act as Controller.
 - Erik Peckett is now officially JK2010 Coordinator. Venues are Exeter University (sprint), Cookworthy (one individual day), Braunton (other individual day and relay).
 - NGOC may try a Saturday Galoppen.
 - It is not clear who is running the SW Junior Squad. Helen Kelsey said that the squad activities seemed to have petered out.
- e) **Web-site.** Steve Horton had sent a report on web-site developments, circulated before the meeting. Points of interest were the new Help/Contact Us facility, the new space for promotional content on event details pages and the increased number of visitors to the site following the end of the summer holidays. The number of subscribers to the BOK Bulletin continues to grow. Jonathan expressed his opinion that Steve continues to do a great job with the development of the web-site. The committee unanimously agreed.

4. Fixtures

a) Held since last committee.

07.10.07 ASO Lyncombe Ski Centre; Planner Jim Hayward, Organiser Pat Benjamin/Mike Turner, Controller Mark Dyer. The event had gone very well, with a large turnout, an excellent map and some very good courses.

13.10.07 UBOC Informal, The Downs. Organiser Erinna Foley-Fisher. See section 2.

The committee would like to thank the Officials and helpers for their hard work on our very successful event.

b) Future, including policy on mapping costs; untrained volunteers

24.11.07 WNL, Cannop Ponds; Organiser/Planner Ifor Powell, Controller Dudley Budden.

25.11.07 Galoppen and ASO League Cannop Ponds; Organiser Chris Farr, Planner Duncan Innes, Controller Bob Teed.

04.12.07 Clifton Street-O, Organisers/Planners Jonathan and Alison Hurford.

16.12.07 Christmas Novelty Frog-O, Penpole/Blaise Organiser Katy Dyer, Planner Mark Dyer.

01.01.08 Bath Street-O, Organiser/Planner Phil Fawkner-Corbett.

10.02.08 BOK/ASO league Tyntesfield; Organisers Grenfells, Planner Dave Parkin, Controller Mike

Forrest.

23.02.08 British Night Champs, New Beechenhurst; Organiser Mark Blackstone, Planner Andy Creber, Controller Allan Williams (WCH).

15.03.08 WNL Silkwood; Organiser/Planner Christophe Mutricy, Controller Dudley Budden.

16.03.08 BOK/ASO League. Silkwood; Organiser Stephanie Milne, Planner Phil Fawkner-Corbett, Controller Mark Dyer.

06.04.08 BOK District Walcombe; Organiser Helen Kelsey, Planner Chris Kelsey, Controller Phil Warry.

11.05.08 BOKtrot/ASO Champs Brierley; Organiser Grenfell-Shaws? Planner Dudley Budden/Rupert Gladstone, Controller Bill Vigar. Will be offered to Robert Vickers (HOC) as a parallel venue for his Radio Orienteering, charge to be negotiated.

15.06.08 BOK/ASO League, Bath University or Purdown; Officials TBA.

06.07.08 Adams Avery Relays, Warmley Forest Park; Officials from KSODA?

05.10.08 BOK/ASO League, Leigh Woods; Organiser TBA, Planners Jenny and Mark Selley, Controller Robin Walker.

23.11.08 Galoppen and ASO League, Beacon Hill, Organiser Katy Dyer, Planners Alice Bedwell and Mark Saunders, Controller TBA.

02.12.08? Bristol Street-O; Organisers/Planners Hurfords – offer from JH.

14.12.08 Novelty or ASO, Three Brooks if novelty.

01.01.09 Street-O?

01.02.09 BOK/ASO League, Tyntesfield

08.03.09 BOK/ASO League, Lyncombe

05.04.09 BOK/ASO League, Stock Hill

Dave Urch is overall coordinator for the 3 days of 0007 2009.

02.05.09 0007 Day 1, NGOC Regional, Sallowvallets

03.05.09 0007 Day 2, BOK National, New Beechenhurst; Organiser Howard Thomas, Planners Mark and Katy Dyer, Controller TBA. Our Fixtures Officer has had a request from John Shucksmith to include the final of the Future Champions Cup in this event. This will involve several additional Elite courses. Mark agreed (as Planner).

04.05.09 0007 Day 3. SWOC, Cannop Ponds; Short Races?

13.12.09 BOK/ASO League? Yoxter

Policy on mapping costs was discussed. There was an obvious problem in reconciling a reasonable payment for the mapper with what the club could afford. Dudley pointed out that it was unlikely that profit on the first event on a new area would cover the complete cost of mapping. However there was also the problem of costing necessary updates for later events. Practice in other clubs was considered and Dudley, as our principal mapper, agreed to make a suggestion for an agreement, perhaps along the lines of one free map per year plus others at an hourly rate. BOK should consider making applications for mapping grants to Councils within whose areas the venues lie.

Use of untrained volunteers was also discussed. The general feeling within the committee was that untrained volunteers who wished to help at an orienteering event probably could be used for activities like running part of the Start or making data entries at Registration. It was suggested that it would be good for the reputation of the club to encourage such volunteers.

5. Other Matters

- a) **Publicity, including Colour Leaflets.** Jonathan had circulated a draft of the new BOK colour leaflet some days before the meeting and asked for comments. The general design of the leaflet seemed very good, but Dudley felt that it would be desirable to use extracts from more maps than had been used, and correct the colour in one extract. The question of map copyright was raised, but it was felt that as such small segments were involved this was not a problem. In addition it was not clear that using the

extracts in a free leaflet constituted publication.

Concerning publicity in general, Jonathan felt that our priorities should be people who had just joined the club, youngsters and thirdly participants in other similar sports. He presented several ideas for publicity material including a beginner's pack containing BOF and BOK leaflets, an illustrated BOK fixture list suitable for a small poster and a very impressive year planner showing BOK and other events, with space for orienteering publicity and sponsor advertising round the edges. Apart from pursuing production of the new leaflet, Jonathan will also contact our Membership Secretaries concerning the possibility of a beginners pack for new members and provide some of these at events, for instance at the Penpole novelty event. The committee were very impressed with the start that Jonathan had made and looked forward to hearing of further developments in the future.

b) Coaching. Jackie Hallett reported by email as follows:-

'We held a good training session at Lyncombe Lodge over half term which 8 juniors attended. It was good to have a new area close to Bristol. I am waiting to see what happens as to whether we have enough keen members to get an Yvette Baker team to the final which we reached by winning the regional round. We had 6 competitors there so not even a full team and I am only prepared to arrange a trip to the final which is at Scunthorpe if we have a reasonable team of at least 13 as we need 9 scorers. At present I have had 4 positive replies and 5 negative ones. I am still not receiving any info regards SW junior squad training and am looking to maybe join in with Welsh junior training which Mark and Alice are in charge of.' Robin Walker will mention the SW Junior Squad problem at the next SWOA committee meeting.

c) Mapping. Dudley reported as follows:-

Tyntesfield. Map finished.

Silkwood. Visited twice. Many changes and more visits needed.

Walcombe. Probably not much update needed (Cannop Ponds update had taken only about an hour, in consultation with the planner).

Brierley. As Walcombe.

Beacon Hill (near Tintern). 'New' area (but used in the past).

Bath University. Wait for decision from the UK Schools Games organisers.

d) Event Structure proposals. The Secretary emphasised that in the absence of comments from members the current proposals (reducing 5 event categories to 3 and putting all events between Championship and Local into one 'Standard' category) were likely to be adopted in their entirety and it would be to no purpose to complain at that point. Mark offered to put down some comments of his own, circulate these to the committee and collect comments from others, with the aim of producing an agreed response.

e) Whole Sport Plan: BOK response. The BOK submission, put together by Dudley Budden and Robin Walker after taking advice from Jonathan Hurford, Mark Selley, Jackie Hallett and Celia Watkinson, had been sent to committee members before the meeting but no discussion was possible due to time constraints. British Orienteering's desire to bring orienteering to 'More people, more places' suggested more urban events, but did people want this?

6. Any Other Business

- Sally Thomas asked what method the committee thought should be used to display a set of A4-size laminated boards explaining pictorial control descriptions which she had produced. It was agreed that they should be hung from a key-ring on a post near to Registration.
- The Secretary reminded the committee that, following the EGM, governance of British Orienteering would be done in future by a board of 10 directors rather than the present Council and Management Committee.
- Philip Fawcner-Corbett said that, having attended two meetings, he felt that he would be able to accept the role of Chairman, provided that this did not demand too much of a time commitment outside meetings and functions. The committee were very pleased to accept this offer and thanked him for making it.

- Dudley Budden displayed some amusing material that had been produced by the South Glos Active for Life group to encourage exercise. This included a Bingo card with rows and columns of various activities to cross off, and a 'Three Peaks Challenge' which involved working out the number of times one had to climb the stairs to ascend the equivalent of Snowdon or Ben Nevis.
7. **Dates of Later Meetings.** The dates of the next two meetings were agreed as January 24th and March 13th. Others to be considered next time.