

Items of Interest from Committee Meeting held on 8th October 2009

- **Financial Support for Coaching Courses.** To encourage members to undertake Coach Training, agreed to pay 50% of travel costs, up to £50, and 50% of accommodation costs, up to £50. Further grants are available from British Orienteering and SWOA. Financial support will be dependent on the member agreeing to support BOK coaching by giving 15 hours of coaching time after qualifying.
- **Permanent Orienteering Course at Purdown.** This potential development has been put on hold until Bristol City Council acquire the land and develop a management plan. The existing good potential for a POC is offset by practical considerations, including no obvious location for map sales, limited parking and potential vandalism.
- **CompassSport Cup Final.** Klub Captain reported 49 members entered. Subsidy for coach travel agreed.
- **British Orienteering Competition Framework.** Consultation on a revised Framework is expected. Agreed to seek the views of some experienced members on the initial draft.
- **Wavering Down Youth Orienteering Project.** Legacy funds from this successful Project will be used to fund an Introduction to Orienteering Day for North Somerset schools students in Portishead.
- **Avon Schools.** 2008/09 was a successful year with 22 Schools competing and a total of 492 individual runs over 8 events. Financial breakeven was achieved. There is concern that a negotiated exemption from levy payments at ASO events, which are predominantly for Juniors, might not be renewed by British Orienteering in 2009/10 if they insist the exemption will only apply to events which are exclusively for Juniors. Agreed to provide 20 additional White course maps at BOK / ASO events for use by adults shadowing Juniors.
- **Website.** The new Webmasters have agreed that information on obtaining BOK Kit will be featured prominently on the Website.
- **Mapping.** 'Condes – A Beginners Guide', written by the BOK Mapping Officer, will be made generally available on the Website. Confidential information will be removed beforehand.
- **On Site Map Production.** Agreed to revisit the technical requirement for producing small quantities of maps on site, if and when the printed supply became exhausted. This had occurred at the Brierley Event and the Planners had successfully photocopied a small quantity, thus avoiding the need to recycle maps. Noted that increased demand for maps often coincided with good weather.
- **Recent Events.** All very successful. Thanks to Officials and Helpers for maintaining a high standard.
- **Future Events.** Permission not forthcoming for a Christmas Event at Silk Wood, therefore a seasonal dimension to be incorporated into the Yoxter Event in December. Support for a Summer 2010 Sprint O Series. Agreed to align the Klub Weekend with Swansea Bay Orienteering Klub's Summer orienteering weekend. Agreed to support one day at the Welsh 6 Day Event in 2012.
- **Adoption of SI Punching for BOK String Courses.** This proposal, from the String Course Squad Team Leaders, was supported. It should be possible to implement the change at most events without the need to invest in additional kit.
- **New Member Welcome Pack.** Agreed to review the content of the Welcome pack.
- **Dogs at BOK Events.** Agreed that every effort would be made to ascertain the view of Landowners on the presence of dogs on their land, and then to publicise this in Event Details.
- **Request from UBOC for access to BOK Maps.** Request from UBOC (University of Bristol Orienteering Klub) approved. Close liaison between BOK and UBOC is fully supported.
- **Peter Palmer Relays.** BOK entered 2 Teams in the 2009 Event. The 'A' team came 10th, a best ever result.
- **Weekly Training Sessions at Redmaids School.** These have started well, with a reasonable turnout of experienced, and less experienced orienteers attending.
- **Mountain Bike Orienteering.** The Committee would like to hear from any member prepared to organise a MTBO Event.
- **Date of Next Meeting.** 26th November 2009

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