

Items of Interest from Committee Meeting held on 14th July 2011

- **British Orienteering Association and Club Conference** This important event will be held at Sheffield University on Saturday 15th October, the day before the CompassSport Cup Final. It provides an opportunity for clubs to make their views known on a variety of important and strategic matters so that British Orienteering's Directors can be fully informed. Chairman Neil Connelly will be attending and we have one further place available. If any Klub member would like to take this up please get in touch with me for further details.
- **Permanent Orienteering Course Maps** Agreed to a request from Bristol City Council that maps of the Permanent Orienteering Courses at Ashton Court and Blaise Castle be made available for download by members of the public from their website. Maps will continue to be available from existing outlets, as described on the BOK website, but experience with publicising the Café O events suggests that access to the maps via the Council website will significantly increase awareness of the orienteering opportunities.
- **Clubmark Renewal** The Klub's recent renewal submission has been assessed as being of an overall high quality with strong scoring in those areas that British Orienteering has a particular interest in, notably the number of registered coaches and the high level of orienteering activities provided. A small number of minor deficiencies have been identified, mostly relating to the need for formal readoption of some policies and codes of conduct. The Committee is confident that these can be readily addressed.
- **SWOA** A change in the South West Galoppen scoring system has been agreed. The intention is to eliminate the potential impact of an occasional runner on the overall series scores of those competitors who run regularly in a particular colour class.
- **SWOA Website** The SWOA website, www.sworienteeringassociation.co.uk now has an RSS feed. If you click on the icon on the home page and subscribe, you will get notice every time that updates and additions are made eg Galoppen results and SINS.
- **On line payments to the Klub** Good progress has been made in identifying an acceptable method that will provide members with the option of using internet banking to pay for Klub relay entry fees etc.
- **Annual equipment insurance** This has recently been renewed at a cost to the Klub of £335. It includes cover for the loss of SI boxes in the forest, but the Policy excess means that a claim for a single box is not cost effective.
- **Lyncombe Hill** A new barbed wire fence has been erected on this area, which will add to course planning constraints imposed by an already extensive fence network. With access charges at the upper end of the range it may well be that our future use of this, in many ways, attractive area near Sandford will be limited.
- **Permanent Orienteering Courses (POCs)** Agreed to develop a consistent approach in the Klub's response to the growing number of requests from landowners such as the National Trust for advice and support in the installation and management of a POC. The Committee fully supports the growth of POCs, not only as a way of introducing newcomers to the sport and leading some of them on to join the Klub, but also as a training resource for existing Klub members. POCs are currently under active development at Tyntesfield and Goblin Combe.
- **Peter Palmer Junior Relays** Agreed to pay the entry fees for the Klub's teams at this annual 'Junior Harvesters' Event.
- **Date of Next Meeting.** 19th September 2011

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