

Summary of May / June Committee Meetings

- **British Orienteering Championships 2015** Chairman Howard Thomas congratulated all those many members who had come together to put on a very successful weekend of the highest quality sport for the orienteering community. Special thanks were due to Dave Urch who as the Overall Event Co-ordinator had worked tirelessly from the outset. Notable support had been received from neighbouring clubs, in particular NGOC.
- **Urban Events and under 16 years old juniors** In order to comply with safety guidance issued by British Orienteering a BOK Policy has been produced and is being displayed at Urban Events. A copy is also available on the website. Under 16 year old runners are not allowed to run on courses which cross roads except where they are accompanied by a parent or an adult mentor who has received parental permission. The parent / adult mentor must maintain close proximity at all times.
- **Orienteering at Tynesfield** Our hitherto good relationship with Tynesfield has become strained in recent months. This led to the late cancellation of an event in the Summer Urban and Park Series. The Committee is grateful to Mike Forrest who filled the gap with an alternative event despite having little time to prepare. Neil Connelly and Simon St Leger-Harris have borne the brunt of the disruption and were thanked for their continuing efforts to seek an amicable solution. This remains important because in addition to Tynesfield we use a number of other local National Trust sites for events.
- **New BOK tops** Approved a new design BOK O top based on the running vest and manufactured by Bulgarian company SIVEN. Thanks to Captain Paul Gebbett for doing the research.
- **Complaint** Considered a complaint from a member of the public that an unidentified competitor at a recent event had been rude to them. A prompt apology had been sent by the Klub's Permissions Officers. All members are reminded that we share many areas with either the general public and / or other authorised users, who have as much right to be there as us. The Committee is fully confident that the overwhelming majority of BOK members, as well as other orienteers, behave in an exemplary fashion. Nevertheless our continuing access to these areas depends on us maintaining high standards and any member witnessing such poor behaviour in future is encouraged to report this to an official.
- **BOK Development Plan Review** Neil Connelly has recently completed a review of the latest BOK Development Plan which shows that we have done well in some areas but less well in others. A copy has been posted in the 'Members Only' section. The Committee would welcome any comments from members which can be sent to David Palmer, BOK Secretary.
- **Junior Captain** Agreed to consult with BOK Juniors over the possible appointment of a Klub Junior Captain.
- **British Orienteering Talent Squad Selections** Congratulations to Cecilie Andersen and Adam Potter who have been selected for the Great Britain Orienteering Talent Squad. Further to their selection the Klub has received a letter of thanks from Jackie Newton, Performance Manager at British Orienteering, to our coaches and others in the Klub who give their time, resources and energy to help our juniors work towards their full potential.
- **British Sprint and Middle Championships 2018** Agreed to a request from SWOA for the use of the University of Bath and Stockhill for these events. SWOA will be the organising body. Both areas will be subject to a 2 year orienteering embargo from September 2016.
- **BOK Tent** Approved funding for a new 4 panel tunnel tent to replace the existing one that has deteriorated to an extent that it is no longer serviceable.
- **AGM 2015** Will be held at the Bristol Civil Service Club on Monday 7th September. Agreed to fund a light buffet in recognition of a year of many successes, notably the retention of the CompassSport Cup and the organisation of the British Championships Weekend.
- **Committee Vacancies** Patti Rudling and David Palmer will be standing down as BOK Treasurer and Secretary respectively at the AGM.

David Palmer
BOK Secretary

