

## **Notes from Committee – January 2017.**

Some members of the Committee, notably the Fixtures and Permissions teams, had an exceptionally busy end to 2016. Problems with parking, changes in access policies by some landowners, and biosecurity meant that several events had to be re-scheduled at short notice or cancelled. Sadly, we have lost the 2017 BOK trot, cancelled as serious tree dieback disease has been discovered in the forest we planned to use.

These changes in the schedule led to a spate of events in January with more to come, so have given everyone plenty of opportunity to get into the forest in the New Year. Planning for the BOK Blast Eurotour races is coming along well and entries are now open. As our event contributes to Bristol's year as a designated European City of Sport, useful contacts have been made both within the Council and with other involved sports. The organisers, David Hunt and Mark Dyer, have great ambitions and Committee discussed their proposals for special summer events preceding the event weekend itself, which we hope will include a Schools' event that will be our contribution to World Orienteering Day.

As well as the new City Centre maps, Westonbirt has been revised and extended for our March event, while East Harptree Woods will hopefully prove to be an interesting new forest area. The Klub dinner is being planned and a venue booked, while we are also expecting to provide a Planner's course in the spring. Dates of these events will be confirmed elsewhere, once arrangements have been finalized.

Carol Iddles is doing a great job reinvigorating the volunteer system and has arranged a forum for team leaders to contribute their views. Hopefully club members will find that this initiative will enhance their enjoyment of belonging to an active and thriving club. Finally, a reminder that some members still need to renew their memberships for 2017; please make sure you rejoin the Klub and British Orienteering soon if you wish to be eligible for the JK and Nationals events.

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