

## **News from the Committee – January 2018.**

Since my last update on the Committee's work, we have held two meetings, both largely concerned with the sort of detailed aspects of bureaucracy that are unexciting, but very necessary to keep an organization working effectively.

I announced at our last AGM that we needed to review and update the club's constitution. I have been working on this task for the past five months, taking into account templates and recommendations from various organisations, together with the views of past and present members of the Committee. It is important that the revised Constitution is accepted at our next AGM, so I shall shortly post a draft on the website for a consultation period. This will give you a chance to comment and Committee will take into account any feedback before we compile the definitive version of the new Constitution.

We have spent a lot of time discussing the contentious matter of how many maps we should produce for each event. Orienteers like maps and may be annoyed if they are asked to hand their map in for re-issue because a lot of people have entered the event on the day. On the other hand the cost of printing maps, at between 60p to £1.20 per map depending upon size, represents a significant proportion of the budget of an event and ending up with lots of wasted maps can mean that an event makes a loss rather than a profit. Everything would be easier if as many people as possible entered events more than a week beforehand – the point at which we have to decide upon our print numbers – and this year's entry fee structure includes a financial incentive to enter Regional (old C) events in advance. In future we hope to provide information on the entry website about how many maps remain for any particular course. We have decided not to recycle maps at Regional events, so people entering on the day may have to enter another course or miss out on a run if they turn up without a guaranteed map.

We will however adopt a much more flexible approach for our Local (old D) events. The proportion of people pre-entering is lower, entry numbers – especially at ASO events outside Bristol – are very unpredictable, and we don't want to turn people away. So recycling of maps will be allowed and we have recommended an increase in the number of maps printed in areas that have historically proved very popular.

The responsibility for deciding on maps numbers lies with the organiser and planner of an event, and should be based upon a review of previous events of a similar type. If unsure, Trevor Crowe, our mapping officer, can offer advice. These new recommendations will be included in our Organisers Handbook, which is available on our website at: *BOK>About the Klub>Resources>Organisers and Planners* and a summary will be sent by the Fixtures Secretary to organisers of forthcoming events.

We have also carried out an extensive review of our annual fixtures programme with the aim of better distinguishing our various types of events and revitalizing our competitive leagues. Alan Honey will write about this in a separate article.