

Items of interest from Committee Meeting held on September 27th 2007

1. Sally Thomas welcomed new members Christophe Mutricy and Dina Ronson and explained that she had been asked to chair the meeting in the absence of a permanent Chairperson, hopefully temporary.
2. **Matters Arising.**
 - Jonathan Hurford has agreed to act as Publicity Officer, with the position treated as a non-committee role. The committee welcomed this development.
 - The committee was pleased to hear that Mary Nelson would welcome some form of Honorary Membership and access to BOK Newsletters. She may well attend an event in the near future to renew friendships within the Klub.
 - The computer software Condes is now available for use.
 - Ian Cawley's form of words for authorising minor expenditure was agreed to be suitable for use and will be added to the Organiser's Manual as part of the current update. A draft of the Manual will be produced soon and will use links on the new web-site 'Contacts' page when this is in place.
 - May 16th has been chosen as the provisional date for the BOK dinner. All feedback on last year's venue, Bristol Inn, has been positive (though now under new management and new name) so availability will be checked prior to a booking.
3. **Reports**
 - a) **Captains.** With all relevant events reported fully in BOK News there was little to say. Entries for Compass Sport Cup Final slightly disappointing, with closing date on Saturday.
 - b) **Secretary.** A specifically BOK user login and password for the members' area of the new BOF web-site had been received through the post. Other items of interest :-
 - BOF will in future require information on the new year's Klub membership fees by mid-September (14th this year), well before our AGM. SWOA have the same problem and have changed their constitution at the recent AGM to allow fees to be fixed a year ahead. Should BOK do the same? The committee felt that, as Klub fees have just increased, they are unlikely to do so next year and AGM agreement to this may be assumed. We should consider whether a change is required for subsequent years.
 - SWOA secretary Arthur Vince had circulated an apology from Ted Heath (QO) for any offence caused by his remarks at a recent SWOA committee meeting.
 - A complaint about the tardiness of a promised refund for an event entry fee shows that we cannot assume that all members will be willing to divulge their bank account details for Klub use.
 - Ed Forman, a past BOK secretary, has found a box of material on past BOKtrots, 1973 to 1992, in his attic and passed it on to the current secretary for the Klub's archive.
 - Robin and Tricia Walker will represent the Klub at the BOF EGM and Club Conference near Rugby on October 27th.
 - QO will now stage an Yvette Baker Trophy (YBT) qualifier as part of their Forest League event at Castle Neroche on October 28th (replacing their cancelled Galoppen).
 - Minutes received from a recent BUDS/SUDS meeting (SUDS = South Glos Union of Disability Sport). Next meeting November 14th. There seems little point in BOK involvement unless we decide to initiate special orienteering sessions aimed at the disabled e.g. TrailO.
 - Information received on a second orienteering coaching course for teachers on November 19th.
 - c) **SWOA Rep.** The SWOA AGM took place after Day 1 of the Caddihoe, in a replica Iron-Age Roundhouse at Cookworthy Forest – very dark and smoky. 13 people were present at the start of the meeting, compared to BOK's 25 at our AGM. SWOA fees were agreed for 2008 and 2009, staying at 2007 levels for 2008 and increasing in 2009 from £4 to £5 for Seniors and £6 to £7.50 for Families. Levies will stay at 2007 levels in 2008. The changes in BOF membership arrangements have seen significant increases in SWOA membership, Seniors 334 to 401, Juniors 29 to 50, Families 220 to 268. The SWOA committee now has a 'new' chairman – Roger Hargreaves, chair 2003 to 2006, Erik Peckett having resigned. The treasurer, Trevor Bridle, will be away from October for three months –

John Shucksmith will stand in.

Neil Cameron, from BOF, was present in order to address the meeting on the Whole Sport Plan (see later item) and the BOF Governance proposals. On these proposals he emphasised that most operational work would be done in the various BOF committees, at which the regions are represented directly, and in future there would probably be more delegated authority to these committees. The new Board would be concerned with strategy and policy. It was possible that individual directors on this Board might be charged with representing specific Association interests.

- d) **Web-site.** Developments noted by Steve Horton in his emailed report included a new Course Planning Resources page and the re-naming of the BOK Competitor Registration Form, which should be referred to by Organisers in their event flyers. Of the 41 subscribers to Steve's BOK Bulletin, 30 are non-BOK-members.

4. Fixtures

a) Held since last committee.

15.09.07 ASO League Score/CATI event Ashton Court; Organiser Jo Foster, Planner Peter Foster, Controller Ian Cawley. Numbers were quite low but it was reported that the event had gone very well, on a beautiful sunny day. There was some feeling that the combination of CATI and an ASO Score event wasn't the optimum one, and also that the event had been a bit early for school groups to be set up and briefed beforehand. If the CATI is combined with an ASO event next year it would make sense to have it later (better for schools) and combined with a standard Colour-Coded rather than Score (better for CATI).

The committee would like to thank the Officials and helpers for their hard work on this very successful event.

b) Future, including UBOC event and BNC.

07.10.07 ASO Lyncombe Ski Centre; Planner Jim Hayward, Organiser Pat Benjamin/Mike Turner, Controller Mark Dyer. All seemed to be in hand.

13.10.07 UBOC Informal, The Downs. Organiser Erinna Foley-Fisher. No information – not registered as a BOK event.

24.11.07 WNL, Cannop Ponds; Organiser/Planner Ifor Powell, Controller Dudley Budden.

25.11.07 Galoppen and ASO League Cannop Ponds; Organiser Chris Farr, Planner Duncan Innes, Controller Bob Teed.

04.12.07 Clifton Street-O, Organisers/Planners Jonathan and Alison Hurford. To be registered.

16.12.07 Christmas Novelty Frog-O, Penpole/Blaise Organiser Katy Dyer, Planner Mark Dyer.

10.02.08 BOK/ASO league Tyntesfield; Organisers Grenfells, Planner Dave Parkin, Controller Mike Forrest. Issues to be resolved concerning cattle.

23.02.08 British Night Champs, New Beechenhurst?; Organiser Mark Blackstone, Planner Andy Creber, Controller from NGOC.

15.03.08 WNL Silkwood; Organiser/Planner Christophe Mutricy, Controller Dudley Budden.

16.03.08 BOK/ASO League. Silkwood; Organiser Stephanie Milne, Planner Phil Fawkner-Corbett, Controller Mark Dyer. Car charge negotiated to £1 per car.

06.04.08 BOK District Walcombe; Organiser TBA, planner Chris Kelsey, Controller Phil Warry.

11.05.08 BOKtrot/ASO Champs Brierley?; Organiser and Planner TBA, Controller Bill Vigar.

Brierley was not fully re-mapped for the JK, but the committee felt that it was preferable to selectively re-map when vegetation right rather than try to use Stourhead.

15.06.08 BOK/ASO League, Purdown

05.10.08 BOK/ASO League, Leigh Woods Organiser and Controller TBA, Planners Jenny and Mark Selley.

23.11.08 Galoppen and ASO League, Beacon Hill, Organiser Katy Dyer, Planners Alice Bedwell and Mark Saunders.

14.12.08 Novelty or ASO, Lord's Wood?

01.02.09 BOK/ASO League, Tyntesfield

08.03.09 BOK/ASO League, Lyncombe

05.04.09 BOK/ASO League, Stock Hill

Dave Urch has agreed to be overall coordinator for the 3 days of 0007 2009.

02.05.09 0007 Day 1, NGOC Regional, Sallowvallets

03.05.09 0007 Day 2, BOK National, New Beechenhurst; Organiser Howard Thomas, planners Mark and Katy Dyer, Controller TBA.

04.05.09 0007 Day 3. SWOC, Venue and Officials TBA.

13.12.09 BOK/ASO League? Yoxter

The possible clash, between a projected SCOA C4 event at Greenham Common on 23.11.08 (to follow the Southern Night Championships at the same venue on 22.11.08) and our Galoppen at Beacon Hill, was discussed and not thought to be a significant problem. We will not object.

Street-Os were discussed and Philip Fawkner-Corbett volunteered to plan one for New Year's Day in Bath. Katy Dyer has plans for a series of Bristol Parks Long-Os in Autumn 2008.

5. Other Matters

- a) **Publicity, including Colour Leaflets.** Paul Johnson has only just received a readable text from Alan Honey and will be away for two weeks from Tuesday, but will prepare something on his return. It seemed appropriate to involve our Publicity Officer in this exercise and it was agreed to be desirable to have a draft to discuss before the next meeting.
- b) **Coaching.** Helen Kelsey reported that the projected coaching on September 29th had had to be cancelled, but plans were in hand for a session at Lyncombe on October 27th, the day before the QO YBT qualifier. It was agreed that the Klub would subsidise charges for this session to the extent of about £30. Helen also reported on the BOK entries for the Peter Palmer relays. Neither of the two teams had done particularly well but the weekend had been very well organised and successful both socially and in introducing some of the Juniors to night orienteering.
- c) **Mapping.** Dudley Budden reported as follows:-
 - Tyntesfield.** Mapping complete. Final discussion needed to determine exactly what goes on the map. Area has good parts and linking paths, fine for ASO event. The Sidelands map is included to the northwest but Belmont, to the east, is not available as yet.
 - Silkwood.** Update will be made October/November. Ben Oliver contacted.
 - Beacon Hill** (near Tintern). Next in line.
 - Three Brooks** (Bradley Stoke). Schools training area; may be OK for one ASO event. Permanent Orienteering Course planned with 20-25 markers. Next to leisure centre and school. Good for introduction to orienteering – CATI? Christmas novelty?
 - Watley Bushes.** Just south of Chipping Sodbury. OK for schools training; White, Yellow, Orange.
 - Overscourt Wood.** Next local area. OK for schools event if parking can be arranged.
 - Brierley.** Will visit October/November to confirm OK for BOKtrot.
 - South Bristol area.** Near South Bristol College and Merrywood schools.
- d) **Whole Sport Plan: BOK response.** Neil Cameron had emphasised at the SWOA AGM that the Plan was an attempt to get clubs to say what they want in order to request funding – for example one might consider paying someone to undertake activities designed to increase membership or participation. The committee was unanimous in finding the idea of making projections on membership, participation, numbers of active coaches, controllers, planners and organisers in the period 2009 to 2012 a fairly daunting project. However, it was essential to make the attempt. Dudley Budden and Robin Walker agreed to try to produce a set of numbers for the plan (clearly Jackie Hallett and Jonathan Hurford will also be consulted). The deadline is the end of October, so this cannot be brought to committee for approval, but the committee was agreed that we should go ahead.
- e) **BOF Insurance changes.** The main change here is that lists of participants, identified individually as BOF or non-BOF, must be kept for all events, including Informals, in order that liability insurance can

apply and the correct returns be made to BOF. These lists must be kept for three years. The information makes it very clear that all event Officials must be BOF members for the BOF insurance to apply.

- f) **Organiser for 2008 Informals.** It was felt that Katy had made such a good and thorough job of the organisation this year that this would be a very hard act to follow. However, the mix of areas and frequency of events seemed about right and could be followed with little change next year. After some discussion it was agreed that Sally Thomas would talk to Katy to see if she had any suggestions.

6. Any Other Business

- Sally Thomas raised the point made by Steve Horton at the AGM on the level of event entry fees for new orienteers. It was noted that perhaps fees for Informals should be slightly higher to reduce the differential, but the point remained that it seemed wrong to charge new recruits extra. With the new BOF requirements for information on non-BOF-members, it seemed likely that the Registration Form might need to be re-designed in any case. It seemed desirable to have a single sheet of instructions for Registration, to help new recruits to the squad and this will be produced. It was felt that non-members should be registered on a different colour form, perhaps yellow, and be allowed 3 runs at the lower rate before being charged an extra £2 if they had still not joined. Membership forms should be available at Registration for immediate use. Records would need to be kept of the yellow forms, but numbers are not huge. All this would be difficult to implement under pressure from queues of people and it might be necessary to have an extra person available solely to deal with non-members. Perhaps numbers in the Registration squad should be increased. Finally it was noted that any form used must be filled-in completely, not partially, if it is to be useful for publicity, record and recruitment purposes.
 - It was pointed out that the number of active controllers in the Klub had become small enough for them to be under continuous pressure to perform. Using controllers from neighbouring clubs will probably just generate reciprocal requests. It seems that a Grade 3 Controllers course is needed.
 - The new running shop Moti has offered to arrange a free social evening for BOK members with no financial commitment. Shopping, gait analysis and consultation with therapists - a physiotherapist, osteopath, podiatrist and sports masseurs - would also be available. There was some enthusiasm for this and the date of November 28th suggested, to be advertised on the web-site and at the BOK Galoppen.
 - It was also noted that BOF information suggests BOK-only members do not qualify for discount at any events – the category is intended for very occasional orienteers. The opposite suggestion had been made at the AGM.
 - In the absence of any other volunteers, Ian Cawley should be regarded as Day Organiser at the BOK day of Croeso 2008, Ian having offered to do this at the last meeting.
7. **Dates of Later Meetings.** The dates of the next two meetings were fixed for November 15th and January 24th. Others to be considered next time.

RW, 19.10.07