

Items of Interest from Committee Meeting held on 17th March 2011

- **Ian Cawley.** Members stood and observed a minute's silence in memory of the late Ian Cawley, past Chairman of the Klub.
- **CompassSport Newsletter Awards.** BOK News has once again achieved recognition with a further award for 2010. Congratulations to Mark Blackstone and Dave Urch for this fine achievement.
- **British Orienteering Development Team Restructuring.** The Regional Development Officer posts have been replaced by full time Participation Managers. This follows a review of progress towards meeting the objectives of the Whole Sport Plan – more people, more places, more podiums – over the past year. Celia Watkinson, South West Regional Development Officer, will be leaving on the 31st March. Caroline Gay has been appointed Participation Manager for the South West and West Midlands Regions. On behalf of the Klub, Chairman Neil Connelly recorded thanks to Celia for her invaluable contribution over many years, including her work in local schools and in supporting the Klub, particularly in its achievement of Club Mark accreditation.
- **Klub Night Future Plans.** Klub nights at Coombe Dingle have had mixed fortunes. It was agreed that for the Summer period the planned series of 5 Urban Races and 8 Informal Events would become the Klub nights. Looking ahead to the Autumn there is support for the continuation of Klub nights in some form, but also a recognition of the need for a critical review of their purpose, participation and planning in the meantime. Neil Connelly, Mark Dyer and Clare Fletcher agreed to undertake this review.
- **Club Mark Accreditation Renewal.** The Committee is grateful to Laurence Gossage, who, with advice and support from Celia Watkinson, has undertaken this major piece of work on behalf of the Klub. The Renewal Application file will be submitted to British Orienteering for a formal assessment.
- **Dyrham Park.** Sally Thomas and Dudley Budden have negotiated an agreement with the National Trust, owners of Dyrham Park, whereby the Klub will provide expert advice and support in setting up a Permanent Orienteering Course in exchange for permission to map the full estate and use it without charge for the Adams Avery Relays. This appears to be a model partnership arrangement and one that could work effectively in other estates.
- **Harvester Relays.** These will take place in Sheffield on 16th/ 17th July, and will be accompanied by Middle Distance and Urban Events. The date does not clash with exams and Klub Captains Chris and Helen Kelsey are aiming to enter a Juniors Team alongside the Seniors.
- **Interland 2011.** Congratulations to Michael Hallett, Alison Simmons and Clive Hallett who were all part of the winning England team at this International Event held in Germany. Also to Adam Potter and Sally Thomas who were selected as Reserves.
- **Coaching.** The Committee decided to review the Klub's current coaching provision. The intention is to try and determine the full extent of what is currently offered and subsequently work with the Coaches to identify any omissions and plan to meet the aspirations outlined in the Development Plan 2011 – 2013. The efforts of all the Klub Coaches are greatly appreciated.
- **JK 2014.** The Welsh Orienteering Association has been offered JK 2014 and is seeking offers of help from neighbouring English clubs. The areas selected would be in South Wales. The Klub's willingness to help was agreed in principle.
- **Date of Next Meeting.** 12th May 2011

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