

Minutes for Border Liners Committee Meeting
2nd March 2021 7pm via Zoom

1. Present

Richard Evans (RE), Dick Whitworth (DW), Dan Parker (DP), Karen Parker (KP), Keith Tonkin (KT), David Rawle (DR), Christine Kiddier (CK) Christine Goulding (CG) Carol Edwards (CE) Stella Lewsley (SL) Jane Yates (JY)

2. Apologies

None

3. Minutes of the meeting on 5th January – circulated

These were agreed with the exception of the 'next meeting date', which was incorrectly listed as Tuesday 7th March.

4. Matters arising not covered elsewhere

4.1 New O Tops – A note had been sent out in one of Karen's weekly newsletters but there was very little response. **AGREED** that another note would be circulated. A junior 'O' clothing swap was suggested for the 25th April Knipe Scar event.

4.2 Items carried over, but not for this meeting

4.2.1 Creation of a new 'Welcome Pack' for new members – Remains on hold

4.2.2 Desktop planning session using Purple Pen – Remains on hold

4.2.3 Ordering 'Ask me' bibs – Carol Edwards is making further enquiries

4.2.4 Buying lightweight crates – Proposal to be deleted.

5. Treasurer

DW provided a brief summary of current finances, which included the following recent payments:

£184 for 4,000 sheets of waterproof paper.

£127 for an OCAD licence.

£18 to Site Ground for the club website.

£50 to the Forestry Commission for last year's Coombs Wood event.

6. Coaching

CK and JY gave a summary of the limited coaching activities currently available. CK has been successfully running strength and conditioning sessions on zoom. JY and CK attended a Hayton School Virtual Assembly before Christmas and had fun talking about orienteering. There was a definite appetite to do more.

7. Permanent Orienteering Courses (POC's) and Virtual Orienteering Courses (VOC's)

KT provided a written update summarised below as follows:

Talkin Tarn

POC pack & map prepared, ready for upload to CCC website. The British Orienteering POC portal has been updated but waiting for this to be moved to live. BL web pages drafted, awaiting CCC Talkin Tarn website update before this gets moved live. Proposed publicity date for news of the refreshed POC to be on or after March 29th

Hammonds Pond

Map geo-referenced; updates & cosmetic framing etc pending VOC test check run opportunity. There was a suggestion that this area may be VOC only

Chances Park

Map is geo-referenced. Awaiting opportunity to test check for VOC and survey for suitable POC control sites; volunteers to help test check welcome

Rickerby Park

KT has got the old POC map with control sites and awaiting opportunity to check run to see what may still be in place

Miltonrigg Woods

Considering POC here Initial test survey by Andy indicates some potential but not yet progressed with Woodland Trust. The Map is geo-referenced. KT will try a maprun here shortly to see if VOC is suitable. The offer of volunteers to cross check would be very welcome

Watchtree

Phil Nichols is looking into an update of their trail course within the Nature Reserve. Would we like we try to "BL brand" it in some way?

Other areas?

In Carlisle - Melbourne Park, Heysham Park but as far as I know these are not mapped. Bitts Park & Kingsmoor possible.

High Stand is FC so basic one could work but there seemed to be quite a bit of thinning in progress when we ran around it last year.

There was then some discussion on making a charge to download maps. It was considered this would be good if a share of the proceeds went to a useful cause.

KT has obtained a quote for new control markers. To buy 250 would cost c. 83p. each. Decided to postpone making an order just yet.

8. Mapping

DP provided a mapping update as follows:

Knipe Scar gorse updated for event in April

Watermillock map updated (mostly some accurate geo-referencing) so it can be used for a MapRun

Continued extending Bampton Common for September Long-O

Started on re-mapping Binsey based on full LiDAR coverage. Should be mostly a desk based exercise with a few checking visits at some point.

KT updating Hammonds Pond map

9. Membership

There are currently 62 Seniors (2 Honorary) plus 15 Juniors and 8 Friends. BO recognises the slow uptake in Membership this season.

10. Team Captain

KT provided a brief report as follows: CompassSport competitions cancelled for 2021. The BOC relays are unlikely to go ahead and there is no information at present about the BO mixed sprint relays. The Scottish Champs appear to have moved to weekend of 13th June hosted by ESOC, but no mention at present about relays or otherwise. The Harvester relays may potentially be hosted by FVO at the end of June.

11. Club Development.

Some interesting and useful proposals were put forward in a note from Angela Whitworth. The Committee thanked Angela for the suggestions. From Angela's list a number of ideas have already been completed and some of the others prompted the committee to re-form the Development Sub Committee of CK, SL, CE and DP and they would welcome any other members.

The Committee **AGREED** to immediately implement Angela's final suggestion to remove the Covid-19 statement on the club website which was considered to be unwelcoming.

12. Return to events

12.1 Fixtures – RE confirmed he was unlikely to be able to plan the Angle Tarn event due to a holiday clash.

The first event in the calendar is the Knipe Scar Galloper on 25th April. Provisionally, the second event is Gowbarrow on 15th May but this will be dependent on National Trust restrictions on competitor numbers. (NT currently have a 30 person max (including organisers) restriction on events on their land. Could we run a morning and afternoon event? AGREED that NT Liaison officer Phil Nichols should make enquiries.

The suggestion was then made that Gerry Garvey might be able to run a Hackthorpe Level D event in early April (11/4). KP will speak to Gerry.

12.2 Mapruns – All of KT's Maprun courses have now expired. DP has a maprun to roll out for Watermillock. It was **AGREED** that Mapruns will form useful future training opportunities.

12.3 Club nights – The body conditioning and strength sessions have proved very popular. SL is keen to keep Monday nights for BL training to fit in with CK's sessions.

13. AOB

There was little to report in AOB. A discussion was had about a replacement planner for Angle Tarn Pikes and it was suggested that Isabel or Jeff could be asked if they were interested in carrying this out.

ZOOM Meetings – JY can no longer host the BL Committee meetings on her work Zoom account. JY could still host the meetings using her personal zoom account which would entail 2 x 40 minute sessions.

14. Date of next meeting

Tuesday 4th May on Zoom