

Borderliners Orienteering Club AGM Minutes 2021

Low Hesket Village Hall

7:30pm, Tuesday 19 October 2021

1. Present

Richard Evans, Anita Evans, Dick Whitworth, David Rawle, Keith Tonkin, Christine Kiddier, Dougal Kyle, Richard Moss, Jeff Powell-Davis, Owain Rice, Carol Edwards, Paul Williams, Angela Whitworth, Andrew Bell

2. Apologies for Absence

Dan Parker, Karen Parker, Stella Lewsley, Andy Lewsley, Christine Goulding, Jane Yates, Karen Blackburn, Mike Cumpstey, Joan Cumpstey, Isabel Berry, Raymond Wren, Jenny Wren, Natalie Hawkrigg, Ruben Razzetti, Andy Suddaby, Judy Suddaby, Barbara Atkinson.

3. Minutes of the 2020 AGM

The minutes of the meeting were accepted as a true record. Proposed by Dick Whitworth and seconded by Carol Edwards

4. Matters arising not otherwise on the Agenda

There were no matters arising.

5. Chairman's report.

Richard introduced his report below. There were no queries arising.

Chairman's Report

In the early part of the year, our activities were again significantly affected by Covid, with a three month lay-off from January to April.

One consequence of this is that we have an event which has now been postponed for two years. The Penrith Beacon Galoppen, which was planned for March 2020, is now scheduled to take place in January 2022- this is probably some kind of undesirable record!

Since that time, the club has been very active and, I believe, very successful.

We have put on 12 events in 9 months, which reflects great enthusiasm and a high work rate from everybody involved. All these events have been very well attended- the highest attendance was the Angletarn Pikes Galoppen with 217 runners.

Saturday morning local events continue to be very popular with a top attendance of 144 at Swindale NW on 4 September. The event offered four courses, and was planned and organised by Phil and Janice Nicols, with only a little extra help to supervise car parking. This is only made possible by the online entry system which minimises admin work both during and after the event.

It is very unlikely that we will go back to manual entry on the day, but online entry is not without issues such as allowing for the possibility of some limited EOD. The committee is looking into this.

Our 50th anniversary event had been postponed from the spring and finally took place on 6 December in Chances Park. This involved courses with 50 controls in a very tight area and was a great way to celebrate. Many thanks to Keith for that.

Another very successful social event was the Christmas Charity Event put on by Raymond and Jenny. This was a score event on Binsey and raised no less than £720 for the Great North Air Ambulance.

I'd like to thank all those who have volunteered to help at events this year. We are a volunteer-based sport and this is one of the things that give orienteering events such a distinctive atmosphere. A particular mention to control collectors who go out at the end of a long day.

Finally, on behalf of all members, I need to thank and pay tribute to the committee for all their hard work and expertise, and also mention all those who contribute in other ways- Richard M. (membership), Karen B. (BL News), Anita E. (website), Jeff PD. (electronic equipment), David R. (Press and publicity) and Owain R. (Facebook). Without all these folk working away in the background, things would certainly not run as smoothly.

If we add up committee and non-committee posts the total comes to 26 people actively involved in running the club. This is well over a quarter of the adult membership- a remarkable figure which reflects the commitment of club members.

As you will be aware, I am stepping down as Chairman after four years. It has been a great privilege and pleasure to carry out this role, but it is time for a change. Committee meetings have always been very enjoyable, more like a gathering of friends, which is as it should be.

6. Treasurer's report

Dick Whitworth presented his report, a copy of which is attached to the end of these Minutes as a screenprint (Appendix 1). The 2022 Membership fees were discussed and it was agreed that the fees will remain the same as 2021. This was proposed by Keith Tonkin and seconded by Richard Evans. The 2022 Fees will be: Seniors £5 Juniors £0

A proposal to adopt the accounts was made by Andrew Bell and seconded by Owain Rice.

7. Coaching/Juniors/Schools & Youth Development report

The report was presented in three parts as follows. No queries arising.

Coaching report from Christine Kiddier

The coaching year has been affected by the pandemic including lockdowns which affected face to face coaching. However Mapruns helped a great deal. Thanks to Keith for converting courses to Maprun.

There was a virtual coaching conference instead of a face to face one, which had some very interesting sessions, one of which was the provision of Strength and Conditioning sessions for clubs by coaches. So on 25th January, with the help of Jane Yates on the tech side, I held the first short session of strength and conditioning, along with the reasons for doing these sessions. Since then we have done 27 sessions with varying numbers, but I have much enjoyed taking these. I do intend to keep them going, even if there is only a couple in attendance as I think it makes a difference.

BL Junior face to face training started in April and continued for a while with Laura, Tom and Ruben until exams interrupted attendance. Together with summer holidays and holidays, few sessions have been managed. Ruben however has been going from strength to strength, as you will hear later. He was successful in getting onto the orienteering talent camp for 15 year olds at

Badaguish, but held around Stirling due to Covid. He continues to be very successful at events and is applying for a place in the talent North Squad. I also held a couple of evenings at Penrith Scouts to introduce orienteering, through Dave Rawle. Going forward, I am hoping to bring back coaching for juniors and adult beginners before our events. The first one will be Eycott Hill Jane has gained her Level 2 coaching qualification, so with her focus on schools and my focus on those in the club, coaching looks to be moving forward.

Regretfully I will be away for 3 months from end of November until mid February in Australia on family matters, but I still intend carrying on with S&C, It will be in the morning given that I will be 11 hours ahead. That may work better for some who have evening commitments. More about that nearer the time.

Junior report from Ruben Razzetti

2021 got off to a slow start due to continued lockdown restrictions due to the pandemic, but by summer some BL Juniors were returning to orienteering. Coach Christine Kidder provided weekly training sessions once restrictions allowed us to meet up. BL Juniors Tom, Laura, Abigail and Ruben worked with Christine Kiddier and Keith Tonkin to put on the much awaited Aughtertree local event in August, which was planned by the juniors. The feedback on the courses was positive and the event went well.

There has been a small number of junior orienteers returning to our local events which is encouraging. Maria Gaines and her sister have been very active and have had some excellent results this year. Hopefully they can get selected for the NWJS squad in the future too.

Myself and Tom Rawle remain active members of the NWJS and I was part of the regional JIRCS team that went to the JIRCS weekend in September. Ruben and Maria Gaines also competed in the 2 day overnight SLMM event at Honister and had very competitive races.

I am pleased to report that I have had a good year once returning to orienteering, being selected for the Stirling Talent Camp in June 2021, which was a 3 day event near Ballachulish Stirling led by GB Talent coaches. More recently I have been invited to join the next level up for junior orienteering - now called GB Talent North Squad.

The other good news is that Jane Yates has now also passed and got her coaching qualifications, so hopefully we can get more juniors coached in 2022.

Also looking forward to BL Juniors getting back to cake baking and getting out the junior tent at events.

Schools and juniors report from Jane Yates

The main event for me personally has been passing my Level 2 Coaching Award in September which was funded by BL and the NWOA. Not only has there been a great deal of learning for me, but I feel in a much better position to support Christine Kidder in any coaching that BL might put in on the future for juniors or beginners. Thanks to everyone who helped me with my assessment, but especially Christine who was my mentor over the two years (my final assessment was rescheduled about 3 times due to Covid!).

Opportunities for involving younger members in events has been a lot more limited due to the Pandemic, but it has been nice to see a small trickle of familiar faces returning to recent events. We have good contact with junior parents via our closed Facebook page and the WhatsApp group.

There have been some positive developments with opportunities with schools this year. In November, Christine and I will be running some funded training to introduce teachers to orienteering in the Eden area. The session will take place at Hackthorpe, using the Parish Hall and grounds, and the woods. This will lead to a funded schools event in March for schools in Eden. In addition, I have been approached to run an orienteering workshop for 12 C of E schools on the Beacon in January as part of a wider day on the outdoors, being held at the Roundthorn Hotel in Penrith. I have also been approached by a school in the Upper Eden Valley about helping to organise a school's orienteering event for a cluster of schools. Hopefully I'll be able to replicate some of these things in the Carlisle area (subject to funding) as there is a new Sports Partnership officer in Carlisle in the last few weeks.

I maintain good links with new staff at the County Sports Partnerships in Eden/Carlisle and Active Cumbria, and continue to be part of the committee for the Cumbria School Orienteering Championships(CSOC). We await confirmation from Active Cumbria on whether the Cumbria School Games will go ahead in 2022. Thinking ahead, I look forward to picking up on the British Schools

Orienteering Champs to be held at Lowther Castle and encouraging schools in the local area to enter.

8. Club Night Report

No report for 2021 and it was confirmed that there was no requirement for a Club Night report at the AGM.

9. Team Manager report

Keith Tonkin

With little competitive orienteering over the last 12 months and with social distancing paramount once orienteering resumed there were no team events. On the individual front the best results appear to have come from the “modified” Scottish 3 days, where Karen Parker, Raymond Wren, Stella Lewsley, Andrew Bell and Jeff Powell Davies each won their classes.

In September there was the British Mixed Sprint Relays in which our Ultra Vets team finished 3rd, grabbing the bronze medal. Hopefully things will return to normal during 2022.

10. Membership report

Richard Moss

	BO		Friends		Total	
Year	Senior	Junior	Senior	Junior	Senior	Junior
2021	79	19	6	0	85	19
2020	83	28	6	4	89	32
2019	82	23	8	2	90	25
2018	71	23	6	0	77	23

2017		66	18		11	2		76	20
2016		71	22		7	2		78	24
2015		85	24		10	3		95	27
2014		80	19		8	2		88	21
2013		69	12		9	7		78	19

The Senior total includes 2 Honorary Members. Chris Bonington is no longer President of BO.

11. Election of Committee posts

All existing Committee members with the exception of Richard Evans were willing to remain in post. Richard is stepping down after four years as Club Chair and Carol proposed a vote of thanks for his hard work, which everyone supported.

Isabel Berry has offered to take on the role of Club Chair for 2021/22 and in her absence prepared a short statement, which Richard read out. Angela Whitworth proposed Isabel as the new Club Chair, which was seconded by Anita Evans and well supported by all those in attendance.

Acceptance of the remaining Committee posts en bloc was proposed by Owain Rice and seconded by Keith Tonkin.

The roles and posts for the 2021/22 season will therefore be as follows:

Committee Posts 2021/22	
POST	POSTHOLDER
Chair	Isabel Berry

Vice Chair	Stella Lewsley
Secretary	Carol Edwards
Treasurer	Dick Whitworth
Fixtures Secretary	Karen Parker
Minutes Secretary	David Rawle
Club Coaching Officer	Christine Kiddier
Schools & Youth Development Officer	Jane Yates
Mapping Officer	Dan Parker
Committee Member - 1	Christine Goulding
Committee Member - 2	Keith Tonkin (also Relay Team Manager)
Fixtures Personnel Manager	Stella Lewsley

Non-Committee Posts	
POST	POSTHOLDER
Press & Publicity	David Rawle
Equipment Officers	Jenny and Raymond Wren
Membership Secretary	Richard Moss
Club Emailer	Karen Blackburn
Web-Site Manager	Anita Evans
Junior Rep	Ruben Razzetti
Electronic Equipment Officer	Jeff Powell Davies
NWOA Liaison Officer	Richard Evans
Safeguarding Officer	Jane Yates (See AOB)

12. Club Awards

The Club Awards for the 2021 season are as follows:

Junior Award – Ruben Razzetti

Ruben is a member of the North West Junior Squad and regularly trains with them as well. Recently he was selected to run in the JIRCs event for NWJS, a competition for junior squads nationwide. He was 5th in the M16 individual competition, and the squad was 4th overall.

He was also selected to attend the Badaguish summer training camp for talented M/W15 athletes, held around Stirling this year due to Covid limitations.

The race results from the latter half of last year, and this year, indicate the huge improvements Ruben has made. The two BL Galoppen events this year, he was first on the green course by 4.5 mins, and at Angle Tarn Pikes, 1st by 7 mins. The two WCOC galoppens he was first by 10 mins on the Green course at Sale Fell and 1st by 11 mins at High Brow. The recent LOC Galoppen event at Troutall Fell, Ruben ran a blue course which he will have to do next year, and was 3rd only by 24 secs.

He attends many of the local events put on by BL and WCOC, and has been in the top 10 for most of this year. He also planned the green course at Aughertree this summer, which he ran non-competitively and won by 6 mins. He will continue to improve through coaching and training. We have a very talented junior.

Senior Award – Christine Kiddier for her excellent online strength and conditioning sessions which have kept club members in touch with each other for many months now and has been invaluable for those who have attended.

13. AOB

There were a number of items of AOB as follows:

- **Club Nights** – Angela Whitworth raised the concern about the relevance of club nights with particular reference to the one she proposes to run in November. An email survey has been sent out to all members. Angela will collate responses and present these for the next committee meeting.
- **Travel Survey & Offsetting** – With recognition of the climate crisis and forthcoming COP26 Conference there was discussion as to how BL could be a pioneer club in tackling these issues. Carbon offsetting was discussed and Owain Rice agreed to prepare a report for a future committee meeting.

- **Safeguarding and Wellbeing Officer** – Following the club’s decision at the 7th September Committee Meeting to appoint Jane Yates as Safeguarding and Wellbeing Officer, Jane prepared the statement below which the club were pleased to support:

I have agreed to take on this role and I feel it fits in well with being the Schools and Youth Officer for Border Liners. As a teacher, I am continually undertaking training in Safeguarding so am familiar with recent developments. I am also Level 2 Safeguarding trained, and plans in the pipeline for Level 3. Once I familiarise myself with the documents from BO, I will aim to inform members about anything relevant. Safeguarding is the responsibility for everyone, but I particularly want to inform those of you who are in the role of organiser, planner and helpers at events in the first instance.

- **2022 Fixtures** - Karen Parker had prepared a draft list of 2022 fixtures with organising roles which was circulated. A copy of the PDF list is attached to these minutes.
- **Permanent Orienteering Courses** – Keith Tonkin gave a summary of the current situation with PO courses which he has been working on:
Rickerby Park – Going ahead through Carlisle City Council.
Talkin Tarn – Relaunch 19/3/21
Watchtree – First draft of map made
Chances Park – POC or virtual.
Rattlingate – Revise course on more compact site
Hammonds Pond – Still considering potential for POC
- **Representative on the NW Orienteering Committee**
Richard Evans has agreed to remain as representative of BL on the NWOA Committee and will attend the 6/11/21 AGM meeting at Caton Village Hall.

There was no further business except for a vote of thanks to the Committee and Club Members by Dougal Kyle.

The meeting concluded at 20:50

Treasurers Report (Appendix 1):

BORDER LINERS ORIENTEERING CLUB

INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2021

<u>INCOME</u>	£	<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	£
Subscriptions	482.00	Affiliation fees NWOA	113.00
		BOF	70.00
EVENTS			
C 9/20 Askham Fell	85.82	Binsey Charity levy	115.50
D 10/20 Binsey	218.05	Faulds Brow levy	10.20
D 12/20 Chances Park	117.62	4000 sheets water proof paper	184.00
D 12./20 Binsey Charity	553.30	4 first aid course	190.00
D 4/21 Hackthorpe	115.05	GNASS	553.30
C 4/21 Knipe Scar	157.44	BOC sprint relays	70.00
D 5/21 Gowbarrow	172.96	Site ground, name domain	17.94
D 6/21 Alston	155.46	FC Coombs Wood access	50.00
C 7/21 Angle Tarn	565.69	3 tabards	51.21
D 8/21 Aughtertree	224.35	KIST clock update	50.00
D 9/21 Swindale North	67.50	1 ink cartridge	61.30
		30 kites	94.50
2 O-tops	50.00	SI licence, stakes, repairs, batteries	1353.67
BOC 2020 relay refund	79.26	OCAD licence	127.36
		R Weston insurance	244.09
UKUL 2020 refund	25.00	Treasurer's expenses	41.70
Lowther schools refund	600.00		
Hire of SI boxes	140.00		
Skipton B.S. Interest	5.48		
Cumberland B.S. Interest	0.09		
			3397.77
		Excess of Income over Expenditure	397.30
	<u>3795.07</u>		<u>3795.07</u>

BALANCE SHEET as at 31st August 2021

Assets		
	Balance per Skipton Building Society	10299.97
	Balance per Cumberland Building Society	2381.91
	Less creditors	690.30
		<u>11991.58</u>
Represented by		
	Balance Brought Forward	11594.28
	Excess of Income over Expenditure	397.30
		<u>11991.58</u>

R.C. Whitworth Treasurer

I have examined the above Income & Expenditure Account and Balance Sheet and I confirm that they are correct in accordance with the books of the Club and the information supplied by the Treasurer.

..... *R.C. Whitworth* Date 16/10/21