

1. Junior Badge Classes, decision to be made by Development Committee (05/06b)
2. Proposal to increase Membership fees & levy for 2006 (05/08)
3. Revised membership proposals to be taken to AGM for discussion (05/09a)
4. Funding arrangements for BOC 2007 Co-ordinator (05/09b)

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The next meeting of Council will be on **Saturday, 14th May 2005.**
Agenda items and papers must reach BOF Office by
Wednesday, 13th April 2005

Meeting of the Council of the British Orienteering Federation
held at the Tally Ho Centre, Birmingham on Saturday 15th January 2005

Present:**Officers**

Bob Roach Chairman
Ranald Macdonald Vice Chairman
Peter Christopher Vice Chairman
Malcolm Duncan Treasurer

Councillors

Suse Coon
Dick Towler
Chris James

Association Representatives

Lyn West EAOA
John Bennett EMOA
 BSOA
 NEOA
 NIOA
Stephen Richards NWOA
 SOA
 SCOA
 SEOA
Roger Hargreaves SWOA
Judith Powell WOA
Russ Fauset WMOA
Roger Smith YHOA

In Attendance

Robin Field Chief Executive
John Dalton Executive Officer

05/01 Apologies and Courtesies.

Apologies accepted from Ken Daly (SOA), Simon Greenwood (SEOA), Alan Farrington (SCOA) & David Brown (BSOA)

05/02 Minutes of Meeting on 25/09/04

The minutes of the meeting on 25/09/04 were accepted as a correct record.

05/03 Actions.

Actions deleted: 36, 37, 38, 39, 41

Actions continuing: 40

05/04 Matters Arising, not elsewhere on the Agenda.

05/05 Notification of Additional Items of Business.

Robin Field reported that a proposal to change membership fees would be presented

05/06 Committee Reports.

a) Management Committee (08/12/04)

The chairman said that funding, membership and BOC & JK would be raised elsewhere in the meeting

b) Development Committee

In reply to a question about Trail-O at JK & BOC the chairman said that it was very difficult for the main event organisers to put on, and the committee is looking at a separate event run alongside the main event. In the current edition of Focus there is an invitation for anyone for interested in being part of a Trail O organisation to put their name forward. Conversely, conventional O can, sometimes with minimum modification, accommodate a wide range of interests, experience & abilities.

The chairman said that Appendix J of the Badge Scheme was to be simplified.

There is money available for development, raised from multi-day events. It is available to clubs subject to approval of the regions. Robin Field explained that the income varies annually but averages about £7500 p.a.

The chairman said there had been no response to his article in Focus inviting comment on Junior Badge Classes. Development Committee suggest collecting some more data before the next meeting (mainly how many are "running out of class"). Following a discussion it was agreed that Development Committee would make a decision at their June meeting. Another article for Focus and the website would be written. There was general agreement that it did not require major statistical analysis.

Action PB/AR

The chairman reported on the Club of the Year competition; the winning club will be nominated for the CCPR Club of the Year award.

c) Coaching Committee

Concern was expressed over low numbers at this committee. The chairman said that the RDOs had been very much welcomed and coaching courses were proving popular. Peter Christopher said that clubs should be

encouraged to put on coaching weekends aimed at adults.

d) Event Operations Committee (24/04/04)

The next meeting will be on 5th February at the Coaching Conference

e) International Committee

The chairman reported on International Committee

05/07 Updates:

a) Child Protection Report

No issues to report

b) Anti-Doping Report

The rules have to be rewritten by 5th February. Testers had arrived at the squad inaugural, sent by WADA. 18 test have been allocated for the year (all will be at the World Cup).

Robin Field described the Athletes' Whereabouts system. After 5th February this will apply to 16 athletes, additionally Start athletes will be subject to in-competition testing and will need TUE forms.

c) Levies Due

Robin explained the issues over the AROS Elite Test and said that BOF & SOA are cooperating to deal with it.

d) IOF Events / World Cup 2005

The revised event format and likely competitor numbers was explained. Robin Field said that we hope to be able to maintain the original grant from UKSport. The IOF had expressed some concern over mapping delays but mapping had now begun.

e) Sports Councils Funding

Robin Field reported on meetings with UKSport and the Sports Councils. He explained that it wasn't yet possible to present a budget for 2005 as the income from Sports Councils was not known. Following recent carefully prepared and firmly presented submissions, the latest but as yet unconfirmed position is that funding would remain about the same. The chairman pointed out that for each £1 generated by BOF we received approximately £3 in grant. He said that we have a good relationship with both UKSport and Sport England.

Robin Field described a meeting he had with Sport England about "Key Performance Indicators", and about participation figures taking into account school and outdoor centre runs.

f) WOC 76 Funds

There had been no enthusiasm from the athletes for the Lake District house. It was proposed to transfer the fund into general squad funds; this would need the approval of Management Committee.

g) Website

The website has been running smoothly with few emails addressed to the webmaster. The BOF Rules had been successfully moved onto the new site. The remaining major issue is Fixtures, but work is in hand to bring that in line with the rest of the site.

h) Premises

Robin Field reported on a meeting with the YHA in Matlock, with a view to possibly sharing some office space. Robin explained we need to investigate new premises due to limited time left on the current lease which the landlord is unlikely to offer for renewal. Due to the low level on the current premises, the rent following a move is likely to cost more.

05/08 Proposals for Council to adopt or approve

A proposal to increase the membership fees to £20 (Senior), £3.50 (Junior), £30 (Family) and £15 (Associate), and levy by 10% was carried:

Votes for: 13 Against: 1 Abstentions: 0

There was a discussion about the clarity of the accounts. In response to a comment that we may be expected to be cutting costs rather than raising fees, the chairman said that we should be more proactive in explaining to members how our income is used. It was agreed that a chart should accompany the proposal to show how income and expenditure was divided between areas of BOF.

Action JD

05/09 Discussion Items

a) Membership Working Party

The chairman explained that the original proposals had generated a lot of feedback. Whilst a significant amount was positive, there was a minority of strongly held opinions against them. In order to promote inclusion a new proposal, originally suggested by Alex Ross, and since amended, had been put to Management Committee. The new proposal will not be able to go to a vote at the AGM, but any new scheme needs to be in place on 1st January 2006. It is therefore proposed to hold an EGM in the autumn to vote on the proposals.

Following a discussion about the revised proposals the proposal that "Council supports this document in principle. It is to be taken to the AGM (2005) to seek support in principle. It is then to be brought back to Council in May with any proposed amendments, and then taken to an EGM in the autumn".

The proposal was carried: For: 13 Against: 1 Abstentions: 0

There was a discussion about the best date for an EGM, possibly to be held on 24th September at the same venue as Council, and possibly with a club delegate conference.

b) BOC 2007

The chairman said that he had been approached by WOA for funding for a coordinator for BOC 2007. Judith Powell explained the background to the request, and explained that they would like to be able to offer a prospective organiser an honorarium of £2000 excluding travel expenses. She said that the Welsh Sports Council prefer this over employing someone to fill the role. Following a discussion it was proposed that

“Council agrees that a pre-agreed level of expenses should be agreed at the budget meeting for BOC 2007”.

The proposal was carried: For: 11 Against: 2 Abstentions: 1

c) Staffing – Access/Coordination Officer

Robin Field reported that he had held meetings with MoD Estates, and there had been problems recently with English Nature & SSSIs, and with the splitting up of the Forestry Commission. He said these issues would be helped by the appointment of an Access Officer. Peter Christopher agreed that the problems of local interpretations of national rules would be aided by a staff Access Officer.

05/10 Chairman’s Business

A list of previous winners of and a description of the criteria for the Silva award were distributed to the meeting

Explained that the grant from Sports Councils had been ring-fenced in the past, but the Sport England grant would be provided in future as a lump sum which we would have to allocate in accordance with the Whole Sport Plan. It was proposed that this allocation should be done by Management Committee.

Tsunami Appeal – some clubs have made donations from event income and have asked BOF to donate the levy. It was felt that this was inappropriate, and if clubs wished to raise money from an event they should ask for donations. Robin Field said we could put a piece on the web site explaining how to put on a charity event.

Action RF

Junior links – as a consequence of discussion at the AGM last year, a temporary link with juniors was set up with Becky Carlyle via Suse Coon. The chairman has invited Becky to raise a debate amongst juniors about the nature of this link in the longer term although he is happy to continue with this loose arrangement if that is what they want.

Reminded Council that AGM nominations are required to be at BOF Office by 3rd February.

05/11 Treasurer's Business:

a) December Figures

There are no apparent problems.

05/12 Dates of Future Meetings:

2005		2006	
AGM	27/03/05		
Council	14/05/05		
Council	24/09/05		

05/13 Any Other Business

The chairman reported that Ranald MacDonald and he had met the SOA in accordance with the BOF/SOA agreement, and the meeting had been useful. There would be further meetings at the JK and then at Newcastle. Suse Coon asked if minutes could be made available.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 16:40

ACTIONS

arising or continuing from the Council meeting of
January 15th 2005

40	04/43	Look into viability of Club of the Year	BR
42	05/06b	Focus article on Junior Badge Classes	PB/AR
43	05/08	Devise a chart showing distribution of costs between areas in BOF	JD
44	05/10	Article for website explaining how to put on Charity Events	RF