

**Summary of Board meeting
Thursday 10 December 2009**



- The Board met at the Whitworth Institute, Matlock from 10:45 until 17:10.
- The minutes of the Board meeting held on 23 September 2009 were approved.
- A paper was received for information from the Orienteering Foundation Chair, Peter Christopher, which presented a case for fund raising by the Foundation. Board members were supportive of the fund raising as described in the paper.
- The Board formally confirmed the e-mail decision to appoint Peter Brett as Honorary Environmental Officer.
- The Memorandum of Agreement between British Orienteering and Northern Ireland Orienteering Association which had been agreed by email by Board members was formally ratified.
- A letter from SARUM regarding the £2 discount to British Orienteering members at events was discussed and the Chairman authorised to reply with the Board's latest thinking.
- An update on the progress in addressing the items that arose from the Board Planning meeting in April was received and noted. All items are being progressed with the exception of the 'managing the culture change in orienteering'. A staff paper will be prepared on the item which will help to provide a focus for discussion at the next Board meeting.
- The Board reviewed the Conference held on 26 September for all members of Committees and Groups. It was judged to have been valuable and it was agreed that the now available notes taken on the day, and the input from members prior to the day should be circulated.
- 3 or 4 key actions arising from the Conference were agreed and these too would be communicated to all Committee/Group members, together with a reminder of key aspects of Committee activity.
- A proposed review of the Events Committee and its Groups was discussed at some length. It was agreed that the Board would produce some interim amendments to apply to the terms of reference, responsibilities and processes and would announce those in January 2010. A further review would be done by someone independent of the Groups during the 1st half of 2010 with a view to implementing agreed changes after consultation by 1 Jan 2011 at the latest.
- Terms of Reference for Coaching Committee as proposed by them due to the consolidation of a work group were agreed and were authorised to be published on the web site shortly.
- An updated draft of a Major Events Strategy (which included International Events) was discussed and the next steps in its development agreed.
- The logistical arrangements for the 2010 AGM were discussed and finalised. The date, time and location would be in the winter edition of Focus and would be publicised on the web site.
- It was noted that the Chairman and Vice Chairman intended to stand for re-election as Directors, but that Roger Hargreaves had decided not to do so. A notice to that effect would be published on the web site and all Directors agreed to continue efforts to recruit nominees for the election, noting that it was preferable to have an election than not.
- Revised draft proposals for 2011 membership fees and levies were agreed after much discussion. It was agreed that members would be given the option at the AGM

of continuing the 2010 levy system with exemptions for junior-only events, and separately the option of having a junior count as 1/3 of a senior for levy calculation purposes. Revised proposals and supporting information to be prepared for the February Board meeting.

- The minutes of the Welfare Steering Group held on 29 September were noted.
- The minutes of the meeting held between BSOA and British Orienteering on 30 September were noted.
- The minutes of a phone conference meeting with SOA on 22 October were noted.
- The minutes of the Coaching Committee held on 7 November were noted and the draft Coaching Policy included approved.
- The minutes of the Events Committee held on 14 November were noted.
- The minutes of the International Committee held on 19 September were noted.
- The final report from the Ranking Working Group was received and discussed. It was agreed that the ranking system should be made live as soon as possible in January 2010. It was accepted that the scheme that is rolled out will be basic rather than encompassing all of the recommendations. National and Regional events will count towards the ranking scheme, some disappointment was expressed that Local events would not be included. It was also agreed that clubs are to be required to upload results information into the British Orienteering results system within 7 days of the event taking place. Some recommendations included in the report are to be considered by other groups.