



## Quantock Orienteers

### Report on the AGM of Quantock Orienteers held on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2010 at the Maypole Inn, Thurloxton at 14.30

#### **1. Apologies for absence**

Tony Milroy, Judy Craddock, John Traylor, Tony Hext

#### **Present:**

Richard Sansbury, Roger Craddock, Jeff Pakes, Sue Gard, Elaine Green, Adrian Edwards, Brian Pearson, Mike Crockett, Bob Lloyd, Mark Maynard, Rosie Wych, Martin Longhurst, Andy Rimes, Jim Mallinson, Jenny Tennant, Norman Harvey, Bill Vigar, Robert Green, Brian Fletcher, Tim Spenlove-Brown.

#### **2. Minutes of the last AGM**

Unfortunately the minutes of the last AGM had not been posted to the website. Richard tried to persuade the attendees that there was nothing particularly significant or controversial in those minutes. It was requested that the minutes now be published on the website. Norman Harvey proposed that the minutes were accepted as correct. The proposal was seconded by Bill Vigar and carried by vote.

#### **3. Matters arising from those minutes**

Jenny Tennant had queried whether QO was approaching its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Richard reported back it was indeed the club's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary last year, which of course meant that no celebration had taken place. It was requested that the founding date be added to the website.

Other matters that required attention had been dealt with in Committee and the results could be viewed in the Minutes of those meetings on the website.

#### **4. Chairman's report**

Richard Sansbury read his report as follows:

At the end of my second year as chairman, it is my privilege to publicly thank several people. First the committee: my thanks to Brian Pearson who is stepping down from the committee, Bob Lloyd who obtains our event permissions, Bill Vigar who produces our maps, Adrian Edwards who has taken over as magazine editor, Mark Maynard who has taken over from me as fixtures secretary, Jeff Pakes for taking over as Club Secretary mid-year, and Roger Craddock our Treasurer. This has been the first full year we have had the SportIdent equipment so thanks to Andy Rimes for managing and operating the kit. I am very grateful for Judy Craddock's fantastic work with the Junior Orienteering Group. Thanks also to all those who have contributed to our events as planners, organisers, controllers or helpers.

A theme of my chairmanship has been club development. The club has changed a lot in recent years. When I first joined QO about ten years ago the club held about one event a month - now we have one event or activity a week. The major benefits of this development have been the

success of the Junior Orienteering Group and the acquisition of Sportident. I believe we need to continue to develop to ensure the club has a healthy future.

In the coming year, as well as our established events pattern and the ongoing junior programme, we have a series of night events, so there is plenty to look forward to.

Brian Fletcher thanked Richard for an "excellent two years" as chairman.

#### **5/ 6. Treasurer's report and accounts for the 12 months ended 31 August 2010**

Roger Craddock read a report and distributed Income and Expenditure reports amongst the attendees.

It showed the Train to Gain and Awards 4 All grants both fully utilised and accounted for.

Roger explained that his long-term strategy was to build up reserves, given that some potentially significant costs were merely being postponed. These were the costs of using a publicity officer, surveying and mapping costs. The latter costs were only avoided because of the work of Bill Vigar and Dave Holmes, work which Roger said was currently 'taken for granted'.

Within this context of long-term funding, Richard interjected to explain that it was necessary to obtain the Awards 4 All grant, which part-funded the SI equipment, because that type of funding had been due to disappear shortly after the grant was won. Roger pointed out that some of the income and expenditure relating to that grant appears in this year's analysis.

In order to build up reserve funds, Roger proposed a review of charges for events and further applications for suitable, available grants when possible.

Roger thanked Norman Harvey for freely giving his time and efforts in verifying the accounts and the meeting endorsed Roger's remarks.

Mike Crockett proposal to accept the accounts was seconded by Andy Rimes and carried by vote. A copy of the accounts can be obtained from the Treasurer on request.

#### **7. Membership Secretary's report**

Judy Craddock's report was read out by Roger Craddock:

This is the 2nd year that British orienteering has been co-ordinating membership matters. As yet they do not notify membership secretaries of new members so I have to sift through the data base to find out if anyone has joined. I am questioning this at the BO Road Show to be held in Taunton (*on Tuesday 12 October*).

I will give comparisons to last year's figures. The membership is now:

47 senior members compared to 44 last year  
8 junior members, 6 last year  
20 family members, 21 in 2009

Making 75 membership units this year compared to 71 last year.  
35 of these units are local, last year 30 were local.

Judy Craddock

At the chairman's request, Roger calculated the number of members (120 in all) as opposed to "membership units", the usual figure referred to, which counts families as one unit.

Brian Pearson asked whether Roger could illustrate any 'churn' in the make-up of QO's membership. Roger replied that there was no need to worry about any 'mass exodus' and that some members who had left last year were thinking of rejoining next year.

Bob Lloyd said he found it 'unbelievable' new members e.g. families joining via JOG should have to join via BOF without QO being in the loop and suggested that the chairman write a letter to BOF on the subject.

### Membership Fees

Roger Craddock proposed that the 2012 membership fees remain the same at:  
Seniors £8, Juniors £2, Families £12.

The proposal was seconded and carried. Note that the QO membership rates are the same regardless of whether you join as a 'National' or as a 'Local' member.

## **8. Fixtures Secretary's report**

Mark Maynard presented a report, which appears as an appendix.

Mark said it had been "quite a successful and ambitious season" and that we will see "the same pattern this year - it works."

He pointed out that there are still vacancies for planner and organiser roles in the forthcoming season, as shown in the appendix.

Mark bemoaned the difficulties he had had in registering events on the BOF website where certain details were currently unknown e.g. the names of event officials. In such circumstances, he has only been able to register dates not locations.

Richard applauded his efforts, saying that Mark had been 'thrown in at the deep end'.

## **9.1 Schools Report**

Brian Fletcher read the following report:

Since 2005, we have been involved in schools with the intention of getting youngsters into the club and to lower the age profile. We are trying to get children involved in sport, through school sport partnerships, which are set up to get children into the sport amidst messages that 'we are all going to die through obesity'.

A big 'carrot' for the club is the formal links available between school and club, potentially enabling us to get people into clubs, both the children and their parents.

More than 10,000 schoolchildren have taken part in events we have run in collaboration with schools.

The club has had mixed results. We have increased our profile, mapped a lot of schools and given a lot of children experience of 'a run'. But not many at all have come to the club. ClubMark, bureaucracy and Health and Safety rules have been a hindrance and divisive and not a help. During this time there has also been an increase in bureaucracy through BOF.

However JOG has been set up and is supported by the parents. The reason for starting JOG was to provide a consistent time and local areas to participants.

Now there is speculation about government money, as the country is fiscally bankrupt and the future is uncertain. The government spending review at the end of October is likely to mean spending cuts, meaning some school sports could go or at least see cuts. This could run to our advantage as if there is less going on in, there could be more focus. Also to our advantage could be the likely decrease in bureaucracy and relaxation of rules.

Brian Fletcher

## **9.2 Junior Orienteering Group (JOG) Report**

Roger read the report as follows:

To date there are 157 children on the JOG register.

We have had 18 JOG events since the start of 2010 and have an average of about 20 children per session.

Apart from the first and last few weeks of term JOG takes place each term time Saturday between 2.00-3.00pm at venues 10-15 minutes from Taunton. It is essentially a family afternoon with White, Yellow and Orange courses available. Some children are gradually becoming confident enough to venture on courses by themselves and several of the older children are becoming quite confident tackling Orange courses.

We have been grateful to a variety of planners. Most who have been asked are prepared to have a go and this means that we can spread the load. Several of our JOG parents are also planning events and Mike Crockett has kindly offered to run a short training course for them.

Sam Hollingsworth has found a supplier for 'O' tops and after a few tweaks we are now ready to go ahead with a second order.

Our venture into encouraging senior members to join the Saturday sessions for some training was not well supported. A lot of time and effort was put into planning some excellent training sessions with all sorts of ingenious training ideas but as only one or two seniors turned up it was not thought worth while continuing.

A new and popular development has been the start of a skills badge scheme. There are five levels, the first of which is readily gained while levels 4 and 5 involve working with an adult to plan the three courses for event, helping to coach other juniors and working to achieve a fair standard of orienteering themselves.

JOG is very grateful to Dave Holmes and Bill Vigar who produce the maps and control cards regularly throughout each term.

Several of our original coaches have moved away and we are now very short so if you are interested we would welcome your help on one or two Saturdays per term.

Roger and Judy Craddock

Roger remarked that it was his and Judy's intention that JOG sessions did not overshoot the 3pm end time, to limit the burden on those organising. Bob noted that the number of JOG sessions has increased for the Autumn term, meaning the club now puts on at least one activity or event per week.

### **9.3 Club Captain's Report**

Mike Crockett had circulated the following report before the meeting. Unfortunately the item had not been listed on the agenda, the report was overlooked during the meeting and hence not read out.

QO entered the Compass Sport Trophy qualifying round held at Fordingbridge in January. There was a good response from club members. We finished equal on points with Wessex in fourth place.

At the JK at Braunton Burrows, injuries and illness depleted our resources but we managed to field three teams. A big thank you to those that ran 'out of class' and to those who stepped in at the last minute to complete the teams.

The South West Chairman's Challenge series of relays was held during June and July. For the second year running we had to bow to the superior Wessex team but we gave them a good run for their money in the last race at Upton Park. Overall we finished in second place in spite of a few minor hiccups on the way.

A big thank you to all who supported the club in all these competitions.

Mike Crockett - Acting Club Captain

### **10. Amendments to the constitution.**

Two constitution amendments had been tabled prior to the meeting. One was by Jeff Pakes (seconded by Richard Sansbury) and one by Roger Craddock (seconded by Judy Craddock). Both proposals related to item 6.4, the setting of membership fees. It was explained that the current wording in the constitution had become obsolete, because the BOF deadline for setting membership fees means these can no longer be set at the AGM immediately preceding the year in which the fees applied. Moreover, the BOF deadline restricted the club's ability to control its membership fees.

An alternative proposal was made by Norman Harvey that in future years the AGM be brought forward instead. It would probably be necessary to change the accounting year to accommodate this. It was noted that although the AGM date is not set in the constitution, the accounting year is defined. Therefore a change would require a change to the constitution and as it was not possible to vote on constitutional changes not proposed in advance of the meeting, this change might need to be endorsed at an Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM).

In a vote the meeting supported the proposal to bring the AGM forward and the two constitution proposals were rejected.

**11/ 12. Election of Officers/ Committee**

Having previously indicated that a scheduled six-month work placement in London would make continuing as chairman unworkable, Richard said that this placement was still no nearer to happening. He volunteered to carry on as Chairman in the absence of any other nominations; none were made.

Roger proposed that Andy Rimes return to the committee. Andy declined because being SI manager and the joint club equipment keeper was as much as he could manage due to work commitments.

Roger further proposed that a new position of Club President be created for Mike Crockett, who after filling a variety of roles during the years now found himself without a 'position.' Mike had expressed his wish not to stand for Club Captain, not least because the role would involve a conflict of interest with his duties as controller of the Compass Sport Cup. Roger's proposal was seconded by Norman Harvey and approved unanimously. Mike said that a condition of acceptance would be the provision of a job description, so he knew what would be required of him.

The officers and committee were elected as follows:

<b>Position</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Proposed by</b>	<b>Seconded by</b>	<b>Vote result</b>
Chair	Richard Sansbury	Mike Crockett	Rosie Wych	Carried
Secretary	Jeff Pakes	Norman Harvey	Jim Mallinson	Carried
Treasurer	Roger Craddock	Norman Harvey	Jim Mallinson	Carried
Committee 1	Bob Lloyd	Norman Harvey	Jim Mallinson	Carried
Committee 2	Bill Vigar	Norman Harvey	Mark Maynard	Carried
Committee 3	Adrian Edwards	Norman Harvey	Jim Mallinson	Carried
Committee 4	Mark Maynard	Norman Harvey	Jim Mallinson	Carried
Committee 5	Rosie Wych	Roger Craddock	Jeff Pakes	Carried
Committee 6	(position vacant)	n/a	n/a	n/a

**13. Any other business**

Mark Maynard said he had received no response to the plea for volunteers in the September edition of the QuOnicle.

Jim Mallinson apologised for not bringing the Adams Avery Trophy to the meeting, QO being the holders and Jim the captain of the QO representatives.

Jeff Pakes (Secretary)

## Appendix

### Fixtures Report, 9<sup>th</sup> October 2010

#### Review of Recent Events

Since the last committee meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> July, there have been no events.

#### Future Events

The diary looks like this:

Date	Event	Venue	Organiser	Planner	Controller
Sat 9 October 2010	Club Champs	Kingscliff	Graham Hartley	Graham and Callum Hartley	Richard Sansbury
Sat/Sun 16/17 Oct 10	Long-O weekend	Ramscombe	Rosie Wych	Ted Heath (day 1) Martin Longhurst (day 2)	Rosie Wych
7 <sup>th</sup> November 2010	QOFL1	Blackborough North	Jeff Pakes	Sue Gard	Bill Vigar
28 <sup>th</sup> November 2010	Cancelled				
12 <sup>th</sup> December 2010	QOFL3	Ramscombe	Richard Sansbury	Andy Rimes	Rosie Wych
1 <sup>st</sup> January 2011	Xmas Novelty	Blackborough South		Will Kromhout	
Sun 9 <sup>th</sup> Jan 11	Galoppen	Triscombe	Roger Craddock	Will Kromhout	Bill Vigar
30 <sup>th</sup> January 2011	QOFL4	Buckland Wood			Mike Crockett
20 <sup>th</sup> February 2011	QOFL5	Ham Hill		Tony Hext	Jim Mallinson
20 <sup>th</sup> March 2011	QOFL6	Quantock South (Keeper's Combe)	Richard Sansbury	Rosie Wych	Andy Rimes
8 <sup>th</sup> May 2011	QOFL7	Cockercombe		Keith Bolling	Jeff Pakes

Zero phone calls offering help since QuOnicle 133 went out in September. Still need organizers for 4, 5 and 7. Despite my best efforts I have been unable to find anyone. Same applies for Planner for QOFL4.

QOFL1 still programmed for 7<sup>th</sup> November.

Controller for Galoppen still Bill Vigar!

Events not yet completely on BOF website as the site requires all information (including organizer) before it will accept a save.

#### **JOG Events**

Sat Oct 9th Kings Cliff Wood  
 Sat Oct 16th Great Woods  
 Sat Oct 23rd Queen's College  
 Sat Oct 30th King's Hall  
 Sat Nov 13th Kings Cliff Wood  
 Sat Nov 20th SCAT/Castle  
 Sat Nov 27<sup>th</sup> Longrun Meadow  
 Sat Dec 4th Wind Down

#### **Night League**

Proposed dates for a night league confirmed by Will Kromhout.

The dates and locations are as follows:

Date	Venue
13 <sup>th</sup> November 2010	Kingscliff
4 <sup>th</sup> December 2010	Wind Down & Broomfeild Hill
1 <sup>st</sup> January 2011	Blackborough South
22 <sup>nd</sup> January 2011	Lydeard Hill
12 <sup>th</sup> February 2011	Cothelstone/20 Acre Wood

### **MBO (Mountain Bike Orienteering)**

To be arranged for next year.

### **Next Year's Events**

Dates booked for next year are as follows:

QOFL1: 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct 2011  
QOFL2: 20<sup>th</sup> Nov 2011  
QOFL3: 18<sup>th</sup> Dec 2011  
QOFL4: 29<sup>th</sup> Jan 2012  
QOFL5: 12<sup>th</sup> Feb 2012  
QOFL6: 1<sup>st</sup> April 2012  
Galoppen: 15<sup>th</sup> April 2012.

Mark Maynard