



Quantock Orienteers

Minutes of the Quantock Orienteers Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 27th October 2010 at Roger & Judy Craddock's house

Club officers

Richard Sansbury (Chairman), Jeff Pakes (Secretary), Roger Craddock (Treasurer), Bob Lloyd (Permissions), Bill Vigar (Mapping), Mark Maynard (Fixtures secretary), Adrian Edwards (QuOnicle editor), Judy Craddock* (Membership secretary), Brian Fletcher* (Schools) * *non-committee members*

1. Attendees

Richard Sansbury, Roger Craddock, Jeff Pakes, Bob Lloyd, Bill Vigar, Mark Maynard, Adrian Edwards and Rosie Wych

Some items were dealt with out of their agenda order; where this could be material, it is noted.

2. Minutes

2.1 Minutes of last meeting, 19 July.

These were approved and the actions arising were dealt with as indicated in italics below.

2.2 Actions arising:

- 3 Secretary is to notify membership of First Aid course. *Action JP, complete*
- 4.1 AfA costs and revenues to be shown on a separate statement. *Action RS, complete*
- 5.2 Remind coaches that their certificates are due to expire next year. *Action BP, complete*
- 6.8 Find an internal controller for Galoppen. *Action MM, ongoing*
- 6.10 Find officials for 2010/11 events. *Action committee, ongoing*
- Update team lists and contact details. *Action RC, complete*
- Investigate the possibility of producing an organiser's manual. *Action JP, ongoing*
- Produce or commission a QuOnicle article defining roles of planner, organiser and controller *Action AE*
- Produce 'job' adverts. *Actions MM/AE, complete*
- Produce job descriptions. *Action RS, complete*
- 10.1 Comments to be submitted to RS on draft development plan/ strategy within a fortnight of the meeting *Action committee, complete*
- 10.3 Approaches to be made to potential chairmen/ committee members. *Actions RC/RS, complete*
- 12.2 BL to be rep for next SWOA meeting. *Action: BL, complete*

3. Correspondence

Distributions to committee

The secretary had distributed a number of emails / circulars received from BOF, SWOA and other external parties. No further action was necessary.

Bob Lloyd reported that he had not received a response from BOF to his email criticising BOF further to its 'Road Show' of the 12 October.

Mike Crockett had requested a job description for his potential role as a club president. *Action RC*

Richard asked for clarification as to whom he should forward emailed enquiries to the club. Many of these emails were relevant to membership so Richard agreed to forward them on to Judy in future, where appropriate.

4. Finance

Roger read his report ([Appendix 1](#)). There was no statement due to the lack of financial activity since Roger's report at the AGM.

4.1 Long term position

Roger noted that the likely increase in Forestry Commission (FC) charges for us of FC land was 'hanging over the club' (see item 8.2).

4.2 Event fees 2010/11

Bob asked whether other clubs were factoring in the FC's expected price rises into event fees yet.

Fees charged by other SW clubs at Galoppens were discussed. It was agreed that the fees at Sunday's WIM Galoppen were 'about right' for QO at £8 senior £2 junior.

The fees charged at the Long O were judged to be appropriate. It was agreed to keep QOFL and Galoppen fees at last year's levels except for juniors, to rise to £2 from £1.

The Xmas event fees were set at £5 for seniors.

Roger noted that SWOA event levies have changed but with minimal impact on QO events.

5. Youth

5.1 Schools

Brian Fletcher had circulated a report ([Appendix 2](#)) prior to the meeting. Brian anticipates the end of the School Sports Partnerships (SSP). Brian and his partner SSP have given thousands of schoolchildren an experience of orienteering in the past five years.

Richard proposed a vote of thanks to Brian for his work. Roger expressed his hope that Dave Bullock (Brian's SSP partner) would 'stay involved' through QO.

5.2 JOG

Judy circulated her report to the committee prior to the meeting ([Appendix 3](#)).

Roger said Judy had approached members at JOG who were interested in coaching again and hoped that a coach 'educator' could be found. He suggested putting a coach job description role in a future QuOnicle. *Action RS/AE*

6. Fixtures

Mark's report ([Appendix 5](#)) had been circulated prior to the meeting.

6.1 Recent events: Long O

Rosie reported that feedback had been glowing, both about the event on O website NopeSport and the about the catering. One mishap had been the wrong map appearing on the back of a competitors' map (maps were dual-sided) but a solution had been quickly found.

Bill proposed that Richard write a letter of thanks to the Judy and Lennox, the caterers. *Action RS*

6.2 Future events: Long O

From early discussions, the format would be repeated next year, but without accommodation as those "staying over" only did so in tents this year.

Due to fixture congestion, any date next year would clash with other events locally. SWOA had deterred Mark from creating a 'clash' with a sprint event but the committee dismissed this logic, Long O's attracting a different type of competitor. A date is to be found. *Action MM*

6.3 Future events: Galoppen

Following advice from SWOA that it was not good practice for the controller and mapper to be the same person (ruling out Bill), Mark will try again to find controller from outside the club. Failing this Richard volunteered to be the controller. *Action MM*

6.4 Future events: Club Champs

Roger to liaise with Mark to select a suitable date to coincide with the AGM. *Action RC/MM*

6.5 Event organisers & other volunteers

How to attract new organisers, variously through education, carrots and sticks, was again discussed.

Bob advised that sailing clubs succeeded because they had a clear set of rules about members contributing and could use sanctions against those who did not. He said publicising members' "duty weekends" in advance might help. RW suggested that members formally opt in or out of organising.

Incentives were agreed. New organisers could choose between subsidised dibber purchase and free admission to the next few QOFLs.

Education could involve dispelling myths and publicising facts. Example facts: that expenses could be claimed, legal liability was covered by BOF insurance and the task was relatively simple i.e. less technical knowledge involved than planning and controlling. It was agreed a QuOnicle article would be useful. *Action AE*

Roger said that Judy worked hard to get people interested in volunteering but that JOG participants would only gradually become volunteers in the near future. Roger proposed the committee should try to recruit volunteers in person, especially for the 2010/11 vacancies. *Action committee.*

Bob questioned whether the club was spending its time wisely, e.g. adding a series of night events on top of what Mark and Jeff agreed to be an already crowded fixture list.

6.6 QOFL team leader vacancy

Roger asked Jeff to clarify whether he now saw himself as an official team leader. Jeff responded no, but would help coach any future organiser.

7. Mapping

7.1 Taunton District scouts event

The club had approved the submission of Lydeard Hill maps to John Peach, who is hoping to organise his annual training session for scouts there.

7.2 Map scales

Rosie commended Bill's Long O map. She commented that the 1:15k and 1:20k scales used had made for a better competitor experience than the 1:25k Exmoor map of 2009. Bill explained that there were constraints on his time to survey, especially in areas as large and remote as Exmoor.

Roger commented that large scale maps are particularly useful for juniors at JOG.

8. Permissions & Permanent Courses

8.1 Permissions- Galoppen (see [Appendix 4](#))

Bob said he needed to follow up with Will Kromhaut about course locations. Permissions issues relating to mountain biking was making course-planning particularly tricky. *Action BL*

8.2 Forestry Commission (FC) fees

At the BOF Roadshow (Oct 12), Mike Hamilton (Chief Exec of BOF) had denied agreeing to FC proposals for increased land usage fees, said to be £75 for the first 50 competitors and £3 for each competitor thereafter.

However, Bob indicated that one of his contacts appeared to his mind to be behaving as if the proposal had been accepted. Bob will follow this up. *Action BL*

Activities like JOG with 20 or less attendees would not be affected. But translated to a QOFL of 90 people, the fees would be £195. Eight of the last 10 events have been on FC land. Bob already has several future events booked at the old rates, which for up to five low-key 'L5' events booked together is only £25 with 'L4s' e.g. Galoppens at £49.

8.3 Permanent courses (POC's)- general

Little progress has been made with the Neroche POC. Bob suggested that this may be due to doubts about future government funding.

8.4 POC at Long Run Farm, W Taunton.

Roger said Dave Holmes was mapping the area, which was likely to change quickly with the addition of trees, on a weekly basis. With the addition of SCAT, the area had potential for a QOFL or Xmas novelty event, said Roger.

9. Membership and club media

Membership

9.1 Membership report

Judy had circulated her membership report prior to the meeting ([Appendix 6](#)). RS advised Bob it was no longer an option to register members through QO as this must be done directly through BOF. The resultant missing contact details meant co-operation was required to maintain up-to-date email circulation lists. *Action All*

9.2 Associate membership for groups

Richard confirmed to Roger that an "associate" membership category existed via BOF. Roger

proposed inviting interested groups (e.g. scouts) to join QO as associate members but specifically the Living Well Project, Minehead Leisure Centre.

Roger reported that the Project had enjoyed success this year, often attracting 50 to 80 participants to its 'vibrant' O activities. The project's funds were due to run out in March and its leaders would need to obtain coaching training, making collaboration with QO mutually attractive.

9.3 QuOnicle & electronic newsletters

With SWOA suggesting that clubs canvass members about what format they 'take' SINS, Adrian suggested doing the same for the QuOnicle. Mark proposed the proviso that paper is the default option. RS suggested restricting the question to those with known email addresses, as a proxy for "web-familiarity". This would also ensure only members had immediate access to the content. *Action AE/RS*

10. Club Development

10.1 Draft development plan/ strategy

Richard circulated a report prior to the meeting ([Appendix 7](#)). The main issues surrounding ClubMark, generally bureaucracy, were again discussed. Uncertainty was seen to prevail regarding government plans for future funding, school links and bureaucracy (e.g. CRB checks). But Bob said with QO's junior project JOG now in place he saw no other stumbling block to QO pursuing ClubMark.

10.2 AGM date

A vote on proposals to move the AGM date, further to the resolution made at the recent AGM, would require an EGM, Richard confirmed. Raising the quorum of 20 was seen to be an impediment. Thus the New Year novelty event, usually followed by a social, was selected as the possible date. The event organiser, Will Kromhaut, would need to be consulted. *Action RS?*

Bob advised of the existence of an online equivalent to Fabian4 (the 'O' event entry system) to organise meetings involving many people.

11. Club Equipment

11.1 Superfluous SI cards

Richard had circulated a proposal to sell off 50 dibbers to members at £15 each, to contrasting opinion. Andy Rimes (IT manager) had recommended any sale be limited to 25-30 dibbers. Debate centred on the necessity of liquidising club assets, the impact on the long-term financial position of the club, the likelihood of the scheme

increasing participation and whether pro-active, dibber-owning members would feel aggrieved.

It was agreed for the time being to restrict discounted dibber sales to event organisers or new volunteers to key posts.

11.2 Lost dibber penalty

Rosie's proposal that the charge be increased from £20 to £25 was defeated. Richard said the £1 hire fee partially insured against the potential loss.

11.3 Club shed

Andy Rimes had volunteered to store the club equipment. Any shed used for its storage would require groundwork. In addition, if reused, the existing club shed would require remedial work. Andy had obtained a quote of £390 for all work.

A new shed could be smaller (obsolete equipment is to be discarded) and require less maintenance. The committee therefore agreed to a budget of £500 for a new shed, with Rosie to investigate.
Action RW

12. Any other business

12.1 SWOA Ctte meeting report.

Bob had circulated a report prior to the meeting.

12.2 Rep for next SWOA meeting

Richard agreed to attend the next SWOA meeting, at 8 December at Ilchester Town Hall. *Action RS*

12.3 Appointment of club captain

Roger had approached a member about the vacancy but this offer was declined post-meeting.

Brian Pearson had said he may be able to lead the summer relay series. But in the meantime, the Compass Sport Trophy event at Bournemouth would require an entry co-ordinator. Roger suggested offering free entry as an incentive to a volunteer. *Action RC/all?*

12.4 Presentation of QOFL 2009/10 trophies

Only one trophy winner was present at the Club Champs. Roger proposed QOFL1 as a venue for presenting the rest, where impromptu gatherings could be created to award the trophies. *Action RS*

12.5 Budget

Jeff added his support to RS's proposal for a club budget in the wake of the uncertainty about future costs and revenues discussed at the meeting. He volunteered to help Roger if such a budget was to be developed.

13. Date and place of next meeting

13.1 Next meeting.

The next meeting will be on Thursday 6 January 2011 at either Mark's or Bob's place.

13.2 Meeting close

The meeting closed at 22.55.

Actions arising

From current meeting:

2. Investigate the possibility of producing an organiser's manual. *Action JP*
3. Mike Crockett had requested a job description for his potential role as a club president. *Action RC*
- 5.2 Produce coach job description role in a future QuOnicle. *Action RS/AE*
- 6.2 Investigate a suitable date for 2011 Long O. *Action MM*
- 6.3 Produce QuOnicle article aimed at potential event organisers *Action AE*
- 6.3 Find officials for 2010/11 events. *Action committee.*
- 8.1 Discuss possible Galoppen permissions issues with planner. *Action BL*
- 8.2 Follow-up queries about FC land charges. *Action BL*
- 9.1 Keep membership contact details up-to-date. *Action All*
- 10.2 Suggest holding EGM at Xmas Novelty social to event organiser *Action RS?*
- 11.3 Obtain quote for installing a new club shed *Action RW*
- 12.2 RS to be rep for next SWOA meeting. *Action: RS*
- 12.3 Seek a club captain *Action RC/All?*
- 12.4 Co-ordinate presentation of QOFL trophies *Action RC*

Approved
Richard Sansbury, Chairman

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Appendix 1

Treasurer's report

No financial statement has been produced as there has been little activity since the end of the financial year, and members had been supplied with the accounts up to the end of August at the AGM.

1. The takings for entries and meals at the Club Champs and AGM will be about £200 which will balance expenditure. The extra costs were involved in hiring a meeting room (£45) and subsidising the two planners meals in lieu of expenses.
2. The Long 'O' accounts are not yet finalised as we are waiting for the Fabian 4 receipts, and expenses and mapping claims from the officials. The BOF and SWOA levies have yet to be paid.
3. JOG has had seven events so far this financial year and has taken £141 in map sales and £72.50 in badge awards so far. £360 was spent on purchasing badges. A request has been made to B.O. to help with these initiatives.
4. Monies in the various accounts as at 26/10/2010 are:
 - Current a/c: £1,874.36
 - Deposit a/c: £3,142.19
 - Petty cash a/c: £611.63

At the AGM it was suggested that the financial year be altered to close at the end of July to enable the AGM to be held in August so as to provide British Orienteering with the following year's subscription rates by the end of August. I would like to propose, with the agreement of our auditor, Norman Harvey, that we close the financial year by the end of JUNE, still giving ourselves the required 50 days for an AGM in mid-August and removing some of the pressure in the middle of the holiday season.

An EGM is required to change the financial year for this year from 1 September 2010 to 30 June 2011 (10 months), and another change in the constitution at next AGM to change the financial year from 1 July to 30 June.

Roger Craddock, 26 October 2010

Appendix 2

QO (SE Somerset) Youth and Schools report

Events

Friday 8 October, Nine Springs (60 participants)

Friday 15 October, Montacute (300 participants)

These were combined school and after school events from 12.45 to 16.30.

We'll see if there is interest generated for the half term Ham Hill event on Friday 29 October.

School Sports Partnerships

It seems from the budget cuts on Wednesday 20 October that all these are going to go. From September 2011 they will be no more. We'll have to see what happens.

I am looking at hosting a schools event at Montacute in early July 2011; I think Dave Bullock envisages an event at the Camp around the same time.

I have some ideas of what to do from September 2011 and will develop them for now.

Brian Fletcher, 21 October 2010

Appendix 3

JOG report

There have been only three JOG events since the last report but there have been some interesting development after the BOF Roadshow.

I had been unaware that there is an opportunity to record the registration of participants on a central register and I shall do this in future and hopefully submit back-dated information as well. They want numbers of adults as well as children, so this will boost out numbers considerably.

Edward Nicholas also sent more information regarding the development of coaching, I quote:

“The Community Orienteering programme is for delivering weekly local orienteering activities to newcomers and established orienteers alike. Funding is available to support individuals to become accredited at UKCC so that they can deliver these sessions. Funding is also available to the coach to deliver the sessions. If you are interested in developing this area please contact Richard Barrett at richard@britishorienteering.org.uk.

The second area is the localised coach educator programme. This is very much in the early stages of development and we have agreement from the coaching committee to proceed and develop this programme. I should add that at this point this does not stop the current methods of coach educator delivery (weekend courses) and anything new that is developed will sit in a spectrum of delivery. Essentially what we are proposing is to evolve a programme that delivers the coach education in a more flexible approach. We will hope to evolve the UKCC levels so that they can be delivered across a series of evenings. In terms of developing an individual as a coach educator they will need to undergo some specific training (I can supply more details once an appropriate person has been identified). If they have a teaching qualification then this makes the process easier. In terms of payment there are funds available to support the coach educator and their work.”

I like this idea as it is similar to the method we used to train the initial 10 coaches. We had to ‘import’ the trainer but the training was done locally so more people were able to attend. The problem now arises, is there anyone willing/able to undergo the training once it has been developed?

Judy Craddock, 25 October 2010

[Appendix 4](#)

Permissions report

Permissions

All permissions up to the end of 2010 are fully complete (apart from reminding some owners nearer the events).

The Xmas Novelty event and night event on 1 January 2011 are agreed verbally except for the parking. The Galoppen is agreed but the paperwork has to be finalised. Some more event details are needed for this.

Permission applications to the end of February are either in train or completed.

New areas

Permission in principle has been obtained to use Thurlbear Wood plus Great Boles and Netherclay Community Wood for events. Both are probably only suitable for JOG events, unless planners think otherwise. Inspections are invited.

If Netherclay were suitable for use, it would probably be an ideal job for a novice mapper. Maps are available showing the outlines of the areas we can use.

Bob Lloyd, 25 October 2010

Appendix 5

Fixtures Report

Review of recent events

Since the AGM on 9 October the following events have taken place:

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

The club champs: Pre-entry was used with 22 online entries via Fabian4 and one postal entry. There were four entries on the day giving 27 in total, not counting those attending JOG. This is a bit low but enough for a viable, enjoyable and competitive event. It was good that the majority of those attending came to the buffet meal afterwards. Both Callum and Graham Hartley enjoyed the planning experience and Graham has now offered to plan a QOFL. Overall it went well and I'm not aware of any matters arising.

Long-O. Overall I believe the event went very well and I'm not aware of any matters arising

Future events

The diary looks like this:

Date	Event	Venue	Organiser	Planner	Controller
7 November 2010	QOFL1	Blackborough North	Jeff Pakes	Sue Gard	Bill Vigar
28 November 2010	Cancelled				
12 December 2010	QOFL3	Ramscombe	Richard Sansbury	Andy Rimes	Rosie Wych
1 January 2011	'New Year' Novelty	Blackborough South		Will Kromhout	
Sun 9 Jan 2011	Galoppen	Triscombe	Roger Craddock	Will Kromhout	Bill Vigar
30 January 2011	QOFL4	Buckland Wood		Graham Hartley	Mike Crockett
20 February 2011	QOFL5	Ham Hill		Tony Hext	Jim Mallinson
20 March 2011	QOFL6	Quantock South (Keeper's Combe)	Richard Sansbury	Rosie Wych	Andy Rimes
8 May 2011	QOFL7	Cockercombe		Keith Bolling	Jeff Pakes

Rather underwhelmed by the number of phone calls offering help since QuOnicle 133 went out in September. Still need organisers for 4, 5 and 7.

QOFL1 still programmed for 7 November.

Controller for Galoppen still Bill Vigar!

Events saved on BOF site using my name as Organiser (otherwise they cannot be saved)

JOG events

Sat, Oct 23 Queen's College
Sat, Oct 30 King's Hall
Sat, Nov 13 Kings Cliff Wood
Sat, Nov 20 SCAT/Castle
Sat, Nov 27 Longrun Meadow
Sat, Dec 4 Wind Down

Night League

Proposed dates for a night league confirmed by Will Kromhout. Will confirmed as organiser and planner for all events, Richard as Controller. Website updated as such.

The dates and locations are as follows:

Date	Venue
13 November 2010	Kingscliff
4 December 2010	Wind Down & Broomfeild Hill
1 January 2011	Blackborough South
22 January 2011	Lydeard Hill
12 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 Oct 2011
QOFL2: 20 Nov 2011
QOFL3: 18 Dec 2011
QOFL4: 29 Jan 2012
QOFL5: 12 Feb 2012
QOFL6: 1 April 2012
Galoppen: 15 April 2012.

Mark Maynard 25 October 2010

Appendix 6

Membership report

Since the beginning of September 2010 the following members have joined QO:

Dave Bullock M45, his wife, Sue and two children Charlie and Jessica.
John Kirby M55 has re-joined
Ellie and Freya Craddock W10s

All have joined as local members.

Correspondence with Mike Hamilton concerning new members arose from the BOF Roadshow:

- No notification of new subscriptions to treasurer and membership secretary. Identified that wrong e-mail was being used!

- Membership data protection. New members were offered opportunity for BOF to withhold information requested from outside bodies – but also from their own Club! Mike Hamilton agrees this is a nonsense and will re-format the application for membership section of the website to allow TWO opportunities for data protection, one of them for Clubs. Judy has contacted those new members that had read, and misinterpreted, the small print and they have supplied her with their contact details. We were one of those!

Appendix 7

Club Development report

Website

A management page has been added. I have had some favourable comments, and some further suggestions. I will update this during November. I hope this is a useful resource - please direct any further comments or suggestions to me.

Development Plan progress

Proposed action:	Target date	Progress:
1. Write clubmark aligned policies and procedures	July 2010	Done - on website
2. Review first aid policy	July 2010	Previous policy now on website
3. Stock-take equipment and identify future purchases	October 2010	Andy currently on the case
4. Produce a set of guidelines for organisers	October 2010	Done - on website
5. Produce job descriptions for key officials	October 2010	Done - on website
6. Add planners/organisers page to website	October 2010	Done - on website
7. Appoint a volunteer coordinator	November 2010	
8. Appoint a publicity officer	November 2010	
9. Develop a budget for next 3 years	December 2010	
10. Review this plan	December 2010	

I have approached a number of people in respect of items 7, 8 and other jobs which have going, such as club captain, organiser and committee member. I didn't expect this to be an easy task, and so it has proved! Amongst those I have asked, I detect an assumption that someone else will do these jobs, there doesn't seem to be an understanding that things will not happen if no-one volunteers. Suggestions from the committee are welcome.

ClubMark

Achieving this remains my aspiration but I will not be actively pursuing this without stronger support.

Incidentally, NGOC have now been awarded ClubMark, so now 7 of the 9 open SWOA clubs have it. Only QO and KERNO do not have it. I am not sure what KERNO's intentions are. I believe most English orienteering clubs now have accreditation.

I have updated the ClubMark tracker, although this is not being circulated.

If we were to take ClubMark forward, the next step would be to look at JOG activities to check that they satisfy ClubMark principles.

Richard Sansbury, 20 October 2010

Appendix 8

Notes about SWOA committee meeting of 20 October 2010, Ilchester

SW Event Levies

Trevor Bridle has produced a sheet giving recommendations for the levies for 2011. I think this was done for the AGM but it is not included with the minutes of the AGM that I received. Apparently the levies have been raised slightly. Three juniors still equals one senior for SWOA but there were unresolved questions about the BOF system in this respect.

JK Payout

This seems to have been finalised and cheques will be sent out in a week or two. I asked if the questions from QO had been dealt with at previous meetings and apparently they had been but with no change. There seemed to be no support for any more revision.

Event Structure

The A to D structure is going ahead but further details are still to be decided (such as exactly where "regional events" fit in). Night events could fall into more than one classification, depending upon how high-powered they are. See BOF web site. More discussion took place but with no definite result.

SWOA web site

Arthur V will approach Nathan Fernandes (who has offered to do this) for further details. Nathan's "tender" was generally approved of.

Electronic SINS

The savings by not printing most of the paper copies would be considerable. I see that Arthur has already sent out enquiries to clubs.

Coaching

There is a big push for "club nights" which various people said produced results in terms of larger and more regular attendances after a while. BOF has funding for coaches that it is keen to hand out. Mention was made that CRB checks are not needed for coaches who only deal with adults. Eric Peckett suggested that the term "coaching" should apply to the mentoring or advising of mappers, planners and organisers as well as just competitors.

Senior Competitions Group

Suggestions and comments are apparently invited from clubs about certain matters but I'm afraid I lost track of exactly what. This will presumably be noted in the minutes of the meeting. Scott Collier is the SW rep' on this committee.

South West Junior Squad

They have a fairly busy programme for the rest of this season but are short of 14-year-olds. If anyone knows of such a person who wants to join the SWJS, contact Jeff Butt.

SWOA Development Plan

This apparently needs rehashing and will be re-issued in due course.

AOB

Arthur Vince stated that the award of trophies at the SW Champ's was illogical in certain instances and this seemed to be agreed by those who knew the background. I think the details of an instance given were that when an M70 ran the colour-coded course that was supposed to be for both M50S and M70S (and possibly others); he was given the award for 1st M50S. I think the orienteer was Arthur Boyt. These details may not be exactly right but the principle is there. Arthur intends to write some rules about the awarding of trophies for SWOA events where different age groups run in the same colour coded courses and submit them for approval.

The next meeting will be on 8 December at Ilchester Town Hall.

Bob Lloyd, 23 October 2010