



Quantock Orienteers

Minutes of the Quantock Orienteers Committee Meeting held on Thursday 10 March 2011 at Mark Maynard's

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

Roger Craddock, Jeff Pakes, Bill Vigar, Mark Maynard, and Rosie Wych

Apologies: Adrian Edwards, Richard Sansbury, Bob Lloyd

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, 6 January

In Richard's absence, the minutes were not approved. The actions arising were dealt with as indicated in italics below.

2.2 Actions arising:

- 3.1 Obtain a copy of BOF 2011 rules. *Complete*
- 4.3 Provide further comment on Roger's budget. *Complete*
- 5.1 Establish whether schools contact Dave Bullock will have a budget come July. *Complete*
- 5.4 Establish likely cost of training a coach educator. *Complete*
- 6.2 Amend QOFL6 venue on website & QuOnicle *Complete*. Investigate alternative venue. *Complete*
- 6.3 Approach Martin Longhurst re planning Long O. *Complete*
- 6.4 Change 2010/11 Galoppen level from D to C on website. *Complete*
- 8.2 Investigate status of each POC for publishing on website. *Ongoing (BL/RC)*
- 9.2 Provide Fix Sec with membership renewals so QOFL teams can be updated. *Complete*
- 9.4 Establish likely issue date for March QuOnicle. *Complete*
- 10.1 Provide suggestions for club development plan. *Complete*
- 10.3 Co-ordinate planning of summer relay series. *Ongoing (JP)*
- 11.1 Compile list of equipment held at own home. *Complete*
- 12.2 Attend next SWOA meeting JP *Complete*

3. Correspondence

3.1 To committee

The secretary had distributed a number of emails received from BOF, SWOA and other external parties since the last meeting. None now required any immediate action.

3.2 To membership

Richard had received a large response to his consultation of the membership regarding the proposed (and now aborted) Forestry Commission sell-off.

4. Finance

Roger read his report and presented his statement ([Appendix 1](#))

4.1 Daily Telegraph grant awards

Roger was making a 'rolling' application for these monthly awards.

4.2 Club constitution

Jeff confirmed that the constitution on the website had been revised to reflect the decisions made at the EGM on New Year's Day.

4.3 Annual membership comparison

Bill asked whether there was an increase in membership from this time last year. Roger to check figures and report back at next meeting. *Action RC*

4.4 BOF mileage rate

It was pointed out that BOF had increased their mileage rate for expenses claims to 25p, and we should concur.

5. Youth

5.1 Schools

Roger understood that QO contact Dave Bullock would have a budget albeit a private one, come July.

5.2 JOG

Judy's report was circulated to the committee prior to the meeting ([Appendix 3](#)). Judy appealed for help from members in administering JOG sessions.

5.3 Coaching

Roger had still not received BOF's contribution towards the cost of providing a coach educator.

6. Fixtures

Mark's report ([Appendix 4](#)) had been circulated prior to the meeting.

Recent events

6.1 Triscombe Stone

There had been significant numbers of downhill mountain bikers at the Triscombe Galoppen. Bill queried whether a commercial operation existed to ferry these 'downhillers' up to the Triscombe car park.

6.2 QOFL4 & 5 Buckland Wood & Ham Hill

High attendances had led to a shortfall in maps. That and other issues arising are detailed below (6.3 to 6.6).

6.3 Maps at events

Roger suggested that spare blank maps could be produced with competitors marking their own maps up in the event of a shortfall.

Bill speculated whether Wimborne's use of pre-entry for their recent Galoppen was in a bid to create certainty about the number of maps required.

It was agreed that it would be best to simply recycle maps given any shortfall.

6.4 Organisers' responsibilities

Starts and finish points were still not being located close enough to registration. It was clarified that it is the organiser's responsibility i) to enforce the club policy on this and ii) to ensure that controller's comments are posted to the website.

6.5 Late competitors

A competitor starting late at Ham Hill had insisted on running his regular course against QO advice, one of several events recently were late starters had led to a late finish for the event team.

To address the issue, the event controller Jim Mallinson had suggested maps should state that 'Courses close at 3pm' and not 'Controls will be removed from 3pm'. The committee agreed that the wording should change accordingly. *Action BV*

6.6 QOFL teams

Jeff had reported an imbalance in active versus inactive members as allocated to QOFL teams.

Mark would rejig the QOFL teams at the end of the season to compensate. *Action MM*

Mark suggested letting members know which dates they would be expected to help at in advance, thus putting the onus on the helper to contact the organiser.

It was confirmed that there were no longer any team leaders.

Future events

6.7 QOFL6 Crowcombe Heathfield

Bob had received positive confirmation from a key landowner that the event had been diarised and could go ahead.

6.8 QOFL7 Cockercombe

A query was raised as to whether any plans the Forestry Commission may have to charge for car parking would affect this event.

6.9 Club Championships

Bill volunteered to assist Will setting up controls. Roger requested that the event be advertised as a handicap score event.

6.10 Street-O

Will Kromhaut's proposal for a series running on five consecutive summer weeks was discussed. Rosie counter-proposed three fortnightly events: competitors may value and be more likely to attend each event if they were less frequent.

Secondly, SI programming could be onerous and resources could be stretched during school summer holidays. Rosie will speak to Andy. A pilot series in line with Rosie's proposal was agreed. Mark will contact Will. *Actions MM*

6.11 Long-O

Rosie recommended Cloud Farm as the Day 2 venue, for its ample car parking, camping and cooking facilities and convenient Start/Finish and registration bases. It was agreed to use St Audries for Day 1 and Cloud Farm / Doone Valley for Day 2.

6.12 QOADs 2011/12

Mark would contact Will about possible dates. *Action MM*

6.13 Galoppen 2011/12

Securing Croydon Hill for the available dates was proving problematic. It was agreed to find a new venue. Roger suggested reconsidering Dukes Plantation; work had been done on the site and it

had good parking. Mark agreed to ask Bob about permissions. *Action MM*

7. Mapping

7.1 North Town School

Roger had received an enquiry from Mark Templeton about mapping the school. Bill agreed to produce a map and send it to Roger. *Action BV*

8. Permissions & Permanent Courses

Bob and Roger's reports ([Appendix 5](#)) had been circulated prior to the meeting.

8.1 Permanent courses (POC's)

Roger's report showed 10 actual or potential POC's in QO's area. Hestercombe House and Huish Woods were listed as possible sites. Missing / damaged controls at Ham Hill POC had recently been reinstated.

8.2 Possible POC at Fyne Court

Judy had corresponded with Tamsin Moss of Fyne Court. Dave Holmes and Roger were interested in getting a POC in place there. There would be a limited commitment. The arrangement would be in line with other POCs i.e., the other party would manage the course with QO providing only the planning and the original map.

8.3 Maintenance of POCs

Roger proposed that members who used an area for dog walking etc were invited to check on the POC controls every so often. A note together with a map of the POCs could be inserted in the QuOnicle. *Action RC/BL/AE*

8.4 Response to National Trust (NT) invitation

Brian Fletcher's suggestion of Barrington Court as an area QO would like to 'exploit' had been forwarded to the NT, which asked us to suggest new areas for collaborative projects.

8.5 Forestry Commission (FC) car parking

The possibility of the FC charging for parking in future was discussed.

9. Membership and club media

9.1 Membership

Roger circulated Judy's report ([Appendix 6](#)).

9.2 Website

The Club Management page was hidden away on the News tab on the website. Mark would ask the website manager to create a dedicated tab. *Action MM*

9.3 QuOnicle

The next edition would need to be issued at QOFL6 and not the Sarum Saunter, as previously thought. Both events occur on the same day. *Action AE*

9.4 SWOA summer relay series co-ordinator

Jeff confirmed that he would seek a co-ordinator or alternatively co-ordinate the series himself. *Action JP*

10. Club Development

Richard's report ([Appendix 7](#)) had been circulated prior to the meeting. With Richard not being present to explain the detail of the volunteer reward schemes, discussion was limited.

10.1 Appointment of club captain

Another name was suggested for the vacancy. Jeff agreed to ask that person. *Action JP*

11. Club Equipment

11.1 Printer for maps

Bill presented the case for a third printer based in Taunton, given actual or potential logistical problems in Bill or Dave H providing maps from for JOG sessions. Roger agreed to house the third printer and its purchase was agreed. *Action RC/BV*

11.2 Printer for events

Rosie relayed Andy's request for a second hand printer given the current printer's recent unreliability. Bill argued for detecting the route cause of the problem before any decision was made. Rosie will ask Andy to investigate. *Action RW*

11.3 Event equipment

Equipment necessary to the event was discussed. To reduce the burden to the organiser and for environmental reasons it was agreed that in future free water would not be provided at events. This fact would need to be advertised on the website. *Action MM*

12. Any other business

12.1 SWOA Ctte meeting report.

Jeff had circulated a report prior to the meeting ([Appendix 8](#)).

12.2 Rep for next SWOA meeting

Selecting on rotation, Bob's name was put forward for the next SWOA meeting at Ilchester Town Hall on 6 April. *Action BL*

12.3 Any other business

Roger had received correspondence from Simon Beck, who volunteered to map Horner Woods should we ever plan a national event for the Honicote Estate. It was agreed this scenario would be very unlikely.

13. Date and place of next meeting

13.1 Next meeting.

The next meeting will be at 19.15 on Thursday 19 May 2011 at Rosie's place.

13.2 Meeting close

The meeting closed at 22.30.

Actions arising

From current meeting:

- 4.3 Provide year-on-year membership comparison. *Action RC*
- 6.5 Alter wording on maps etc to say "courses close at 3pm (etc)" *Action BV*
- 6.6 Rejig QOFL teams at season's close. *Action MM*
- 6.10 Discuss three-date Street-O series with Andy and Will K. *Actions RW*
- 6.12 Discuss dates for QOADs series with Will K. *Action MM*
- 6.13 Consider Duke's Plantation for Galoppen. venue. *Action MM*
- 7.1 Forward latest version of Northtown school map to school. *Action BV*
- 8.3 Put a register and map of POCs in next QuOnicle. *Action RC/BL/AE*
- 9.2 Ask for a Management page tab on Website. *Action MM*
- 9.3 Distribute QuOnicle at QOFL6 not Sarum Saunter. *Action AE*
- 9.4 Co-ordinate or seek a co-ordinator for SWOA relay series. *Action JP*
- 10.1 Approach another candidate about club captaincy. *Action JP*
- 11.1 Obtain a suitable map printer. *Action BV/RC*
- 11.2 Investigate solution to event printer. *Action RW*
- 11.3 Advertise the ending of the provision of free water at events. *Action MM*
- 12.2 Attend the next SWOA meeting. *Action BL*

Approved

Jeff Pakes, Meeting chair
Richard Sansbury, Chairman

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Appendix 1

Treasurer's report

Comments on the QO Statement to 28 February 2011

The statement covers the financial year, 2010/11, so far:

Notes:

1. Has the revised Constitution been put on the QO website?
2. This statement covers the first 6 months of the 9 month financial year, and compares the budget predicted for 2010/11.
3. Income from subscriptions is already over £100 above budget. A further £46 so far is due this month.
4. Current membership (from Membership Secretary): 75 membership units (45 senior, 9 junior, 21 family) of which 40 are Local and 35 are National units – an increase from 58 units (37 senior, 7 junior, 14 family) at the last meeting.
5. The income from event entries has already reached £4100 (budget prediction £4500) with 2 QOFL's and the summer series of JOG events to go.
6. Charges used at last QOFL.
 - Seniors: £7 (discount of £2 for BOF members)
 - Juniors: £2 (no discount)
 - Family of runners: £12 (discount of £2 for BOF members)
 - Family group (together with 1 or 2 maps): £6 (no discounts)
 - Shadowed junior (2 maps): £4 (no discount)
7. JOG income (map charges £1, badge £2.50, and shirt sales, approx £15) and expenditure (map printing by DH, purchase of badges, shirts, compasses, banner, kites & pin-punches) have been shown. There should be no subsidy required.
8. SWOA have contributed 40% of the UKCC Level 1 fee for Nick Fernandes, and he can apply for travel expenses. BOF should be paying the balance, as well as subsidising publicity and equipment for JOG. SWOA will also give a full refund for the First Aid course (4 x £35).

9. Richard has suggested the budget predictions be restricted to one year, so I have removed the 2012/13 prediction.

Roger Craddock, 10 March 2011

Appendix 2

QO Budget (Provisional) 2010 - 2012			
Year	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12
	(actual)		
INCOME			
Membership subs	471	500	550
Event entries	4894	4500	5000
JOG	267	400	400
clothing sales	212	300	200
JK		220	
TOTAL income	£ 5,844	£ 5,920	£ 6,150
EXPENDITURE			
Membership fees	60	50	60
Levies, BO & SWOA	463	450	480
Quonicle	298	300	310
Access fees	285	300	650
Event expenditure	1169	1000	1000
Map printing. Paper/Toner	585	600	600
Trophies	50	100	100
New equipment	70	400	300
JOG. Maps, equipment, events	295	500	500
Publicity	920	300	300
Development	590	500	400
Clothing purchases		400	
Computing, webgadget	722	322	322
AGM, entry fees, committee	307	348	378
TOTAL expenditure	£ 5,814	£ 5,570	£ 5,400
Contingency	30	350	750

Appendix 3

JOG report

This term we started at Lydeard Hill on a bleak and windy day, courses were planned by Will Kromhout with Iain and Liz Pye the coaches. Unbelievably we had 65 people attend. It's a great place for JOG as we tend to use the hill and surrounding area which is enclosed by a (very long) fence. Everyone returned steaming, ruddy cheeked and out of breath...only registration froze! As night fell the fourth QOAD followed with the Green and Kromhout-Smith families staying to join the excitement of orienteering after dark.

JOG have a series of skills badges for the children to acquire, the fourth badge Fox requires children to start planning courses by working with experienced orienteers. Robert Green offered to plan our next event at Castle Neroche and asked his son James to plan the white course. As many of you know this is probably the most difficult course to plan but James used his experience and Dad's advice to give us a well thought out course which was fun but technically correct! Well done James. The orange course offered good opportunities for coaches to introduce the use of attack points and to show how contours features on the map translate to physical features on the ground.

Cothelstone replaced 20 Acre Wood on our fixture list. (A lot of logging had made the latter very muddy.) This was a brilliantly sunny yet cold day and again Will Kromhout planned our courses. It was the first time we have been there and it proved a good venue as you have to read the map carefully to avoid missing rides and paths, some of which start off running parallel to each other. Groups of horses were the great attraction at Seven Sisters and during the QOAD that followed the thunder of their hooves galloping over the open ground in the dark was a bit scary. Nick Fernandes joined us so that he could start to monitor coaching and think about the best way to develop this section.

Rachel Bussell did her usual excellent job at Wellington school on 28th February. The younger children really made the most of such a safe site and several made that first step of venturing off on their own. Rachel designed a great line course for the orange level and you had to be very accurate to get them all, with no extras! Mike Crockett came to coach even though he had injured his leg, we are VERY grateful to Mike for the support he continues to give JOG. Actually he was 'bowled over' by one young member he tested for her Squirrel badge, she impressed him by her knowledge, well done Niamh O' Mahony.

John Trayler has now joined the cohort of planners we are beginning to gather for JOG. He planned at Broomfield Hill and designed excellent courses just at the right level. While putting out the controls the Highland cattle that frequent the open area of the hill weren't to be seen however by the time our first competitors were running they were very evident and some were quite intimidated. Not sure what to do about this, any ideas? Adrian Edwards came to coach, Nick turned up too and both were kept very busy offering coaching to children at all levels.

Two new areas for the last two events this term, Thurlbear Woods and Netherclay Wood. Quite exciting prospects!

To those of you who help JOG in many and various ways a big THANK YOU!

Since January these Skills Badges have been awarded:

Hare: Jo Leogan, Tate Modica, Issy Modica
Squirrel: Niamh O'Mahony
Badger: James Green, Chris Green

Congratulations to you all!

Roger & Judy Craddock, 10 March 2011

Appendix 4

Fixtures Report

Review of recent events

Since the last committee meeting on 6th January the following events have taken place:

Date	Event	Venue	Organiser	Planner	Controller
Sun 9 th Jan 11	Galoppen	Triscombe	Roger Craddock	Will Kromhout	Chris Kelsey
Sat Jan 22nd	JOG/QOAD	Lydeard Hill	Judy Craddock	Will Kromhout	
30th January 2011	QOFL4	Buckland Wood	Jeff Pakes	Graham Hartley	Mike Crockett
Sat Feb 5 th	JOG	Castle Neroche	Judy Craddock	The Green Family	
Sat Feb 12th	JOG/QUAD	Cothelstone	Judy Craddock	Will Kromhout	
20th February 2011	QOFL5	Ham Hill	Tim Spenlove-Brown	Tony Hext	Jim Mallinson
Sat Feb 26 th	JOG	Wellington School	Judy Craddock	Rachel Bussell	
Sat March 5 th	JOG	Broomfield Hill	Judy Craddock	John Trayler	

Triscombe Galoppen Event – Organiser’s Comments:

After a cold, icy start to the day, we lucky with the weather! Thanks to Chris Kelsey (BOK) for offering to control at late notice, and for Will Kromhout (QO) for designing interesting courses, despite restrictions placed on the use of the area because of mountain bikers. The Quantock Warden and Forestry Officer have concerns, on safety grounds, of their unregulated routes. The local farmer let us use his field for parking, which changed from a solid frozen area to needing our plastic tracking through the gate during the course of the event! The Maynard string course was well used and the results are shown on the website. Thanks to them and the Bullock family for helping. I apologise if our arrangements did not conform entirely with the new British Orienteering event guidelines – they came out the day before!
Roger Craddock
January 2011

Triscombe Galoppen Event - Controllers Comments :

The weeks leading up to the event were not without challenge as snow and ice prevented access for a while and then control sites vanished due to the culling of rhododendron thickets. Some alterations to the courses and map were made with just days to go, but your positive comments suggest that you enjoyed the final result. The weather on the day was kind given what we experienced before and since, but the hills were still tough despite the wonderful views that you doubtless had time to admire. We had some concerns over the fence crossing point on the White course, but the splits indicate that the youngsters (some as young as W4) coped OK. I believe Will’s courses made good use of the area and offered you varied terrain with some interesting route choices, particularly leg 9 to 10 on Brown – RouteGadget shows some very different choices. I’ve once again enjoyed working with QO; thanks are due to Roger and his organising team as well as to Will and Bill for their planning, mapping and patience in resolving the last few problems.

Chris Kelsey, BOK
January 2011

QOFL 4 - Buckland Wood Event Results - Organisers Comments :

I hope you’ll agree that this was a fabulous day’s entertainment! First-time QOFL planner Graham Hartley and super-experienced controller Mike combined to put on some excellent courses.

The trickle of hardy helpers and punters who braved the cold start could not hint at the steady flow of people (100+) the sun would entice out as it inched its way up a gloriously clear, blue sky.

Coping admirably with the unexpected crowds, Norman, Tony M and Graham P shoe-horned 45 vehicles into the Forestry Commission car park, “full capacity 30 cars”, some had said! The trio thus spared most of you an encounter with the fast road separating our base with the overflow car parking. Our thanks are due to Peter at the Merry Harriers inn for providing the facility.

Inevitably, map recycling was required though unusually most courses were affected. I was delighted with the goodwill of those releasing their maps for another to use. If you would like a replacement map and have not requested one already, please email enquiries@qo@hotmail.com.

Volunteers were also in short supply. Team 1 seems to have a high proportion of members who currently do not attend events so I am grateful to those who did help for covering positions as long as they could.

Graham H & Mike played their part in keeping the event flowing by ensuring all except the Blue course, where we had a missing control, could start shortly after 10.30. An inspired Bob investigated on Monday and discovered the lost control 500m away- well done Bob!

Lost property: a pair of sunglasses

Jeff Pakes
January 2011

QOFL 4 - Buckland Wood Event Results - Controllers Comments :

Weren't we lucky with the weather. However it was still very cold and on, you the competitors, behalf, I thank the members of QO who carried out their allotted tasks with cheerfulness.

Graham has mentioned the problems we encountered on the day but didn't mention the weather during the Christmas period when we were going to do the planning. It did mean that things were a bit more rushed at the end than I would have liked. Bill Vigar was as usual under pressure to produce the maps at the last minute. Thank you Bill.

Times were generally as expected. We always expect Ben to put in a good performance on the Blue but I must mention young Christopher Green (M9) who did the fastest time on Yellow and Orange. Unfortunately I have had to declare him non-competitive on the Orange as the beginning and end of the course were very similar, never the less it was a great achievement and I congratulate him.

It was a pleasure to work with Graham. As he says, I like to be a "Hands on controller". He accepted this and we worked as a team to create what was a successful event. From the comments I heard we achieved this.

Colour Standard Times –

Blue 71 mins (half competitors), Green 80.24, Light Green 79.26, Orange 55.27, Yellow 29.45, White All finishers

Mike Crocket
January 2011

QOFL5 Ham Hill Event Results - Organisers Comments :

It was with some trepidation that I offered to be Organiser for the Ham Hill QOFL. I need not have worried because I followed Richard Sansbury's excellent guide to the letter and soon realised that I had the advice and support of many experienced members in my Team.

Tony Hext oozed confidence from the start and produced a series of challenging courses in a very small area. Jim Mallinson, as Controller, was an ever-present source of information, advice and sometimes urgent prompting! Roger and Judy were a tower of strength – it would have been very difficult without their trusty trailer to bring in all the gear.

In the end, Team 3 did me proud, with the car parkers Craig and John finding sufficient space amongst the puddles to fit everyone in and the Pye and Pakes duos helping to run Registration. John Trayler and Ian Husband did sterling work at the Start and Finish and thanks to Bob Lloyd for staying on to see in the last finisher.

There was concern, from the outset, about the vulnerability of controls on Ham Hill but Bill Vigor stepped in to set up the Joe Lee system which saved the day. There was no charge for those using Joe Lee and over 100 competed.

Tim Spenlove-Brown
February 2011

QOFL5 Ham Hill Event Results - Organisers Comments

Ham Hill offers the opportunity to combine technical terrain with fast running, and Tony's courses did just that. There were many complimentary comments afterwards which is always pleasing.

Fortunately the weather stayed fine – with a bit of sunshine thrown in – and the vandals stayed away. It was because of previous experiences on Ham Hill that it was decided not to use the SI system, but to revert to the Joe

Lee system. Although this works well, having not been used for a couple of years competitors seemed to find it not so easy to use. For this reason, we have given the 'benefit of the doubt' to many competitors who did not record a 'punch' but whose split times were consistent with having visited the control 'missed'.

With Tim's efficient organisation everything ran smoothly. The fine weather meant more than anticipated turned up, resulting in us having to 'recycle' a few Green course maps. Thank you to those who gave up their maps, and you should be receiving replacements shortly.

Jim Mallinson (SLOW & QO)
February 2011

Future Events

The diary looks like this:

Date	Event	Venue	Organiser	Planner	Controller
12 th March 2011	JOG	Thurlbear Woods	Judy Craddock	Jim Mallinson	
20 th March 2011	QOFL6	Crowcombe Heathfield	Richard Sansbury	Rosie Wych	Andy Rimes
26 th March 2011	JOG	Netherclay Woods	Judy Craddock	Adrian Edwards	
8 th May 2011	QOFL7	Cockercombe	Iain Pye	Keith Bolling	Jeff Pakes
2 nd July 2011	Club Champs	Neroche	Will Kromhout	Will Kromhout (note :Bill volunteered to set out on the day)	
1 st /2 nd October 2011	Long-O	Doone Valley (St audries for Saturday Score?)	Rose Wych (day 2)	Ted Heath (day 1) Martin Longhurst (day 2)	Bill Vigar?
20 th November 2011	QOFL1	St Audries		Graham Hartley	
18 th December 2011	QOFL2	Lydeard Hill, Middle Hill, Aisholt Common and Muchcare Wood, etc		<i>Potentially</i> Brian Pearson	
1 st January 2012	Xmas Novelty	Sheldon			
29 th January 2012	QOFL3	Culm Davy (Officials and helpers park at Keepers Cottage. Competitors walk to there along the quiet lane from parking in a field at top of Wrangcombe Road. 700m)			
12 th February 2012	QOFL4	Cothelstone Hill and Twenty Acre Plantation			
25 th March 2012	QOFL5	Priors Park Wood			
15 th April 2012	Galoppen	(Galoppen) venue to be confirmed (assuming Croydon not available)			
13 th May 2012	QOFL6	Staple Hill			

2nd July programmed for Club Champs as this gives Roger (and Norman Harvey) a month to prepare the a/c, but also not deep into summer holidays. Hope any previous adverts can be changed

Future JOG Events (next term):

Date	Event	Venue	Organiser	Planner	Controller
14 th May 2011	JOG	Longrun/Castle/SCAT	Judy Craddock	Mark Maynard	

Date	Event	Venue	Organiser	Planner	Controller
21 st May 2011	JOG	Fyne Court	Judy Craddock	Robert Green	
28 th May 2011	JOG	Queen's College	Judy Craddock	Amy Hallett	
4 th June 2011	JOG	Broomfield Hill	Judy Craddock	John Fisher	
11 th June 2011	JOG	Kingscliff Wood	Judy Craddock	Lloyd Williams	
18 th June 2011	JOG	Cothelstone Hill	Judy Craddock	Jim Mallinson	
25 th June 2011	JOG	Thurlbear Woods	Judy Craddock	Chris Philip	
2 nd July 2011	JOG	Castle Neroche	Judy Craddock	Ian Husband	
9 th July 2011	JOG	Lydead Hill	Judy Craddock	Jim Nicholls	

DISCUSSION: Quantock

Long-o. I agree with the suggestion to switch the first day the West Quantockshead. I don't see that it matters that we have a QOFL event there later in the year as this is a different type of event. I have contacted Ted Heath to see if he would be prepared to organise the score (at West Quantockshead) and he has said he will. As far as I can establish, the second day will be at Watersmeet, Rose is doing investigations.

Moving the date of the Galoppen is hugely problematic. As described on e-mails there were no other available dates

18th Sep is Caddihoe Chase (Level B event)
 25th Sep is BOK Long-O (Level C event)
 9th Oct is the WSX 'Dorset Delight' (Level B) regional event
 16th is a Devon local event (Level D)
 23rd is WIM (Level C) Galoppen

The last QOAD was held in the last session. Among those present it was generally agreed to be a highly successful series. Although numbers have been low, there has been high and growing enthusiasm from the regulars.

There has been discussion of what to do next year. There are several people keen to make a series happen again. I think Will will coordinate again and maybe plan one event. Others have volunteered to be planners: Graham Hartley, Jim Mallinson, and Richard. Richard believes he can persuade Brian Pearson or Chris Philip to do one as well, so we have a potential season.

Also Graham really enjoyed planning the last QOFL and is thinking about planning another QOFL next season.

The Club Champs: Will can plan but not set out. as he is working that day until about 1.00pm.

Summer events – Will Kromhout will develop a series of three.

Dates suggested to John Shucksmith for 2012/2013.but subject to revision following publication of other regional events:

QOFL 1: 28 October 2012
 QOFL 2: 18 November 2012
 QOFL 3: 16 December 2012
 QOFL 4: 20 January 2013
 QOFL 5: 24 February 2013
 QOFL 6 24 March 2013

Mark Maynard 10 March 2011

Appendix 5

Permissions and permanent courses

Permissions

Permission has been obtained for all non-JOG events up to and including the Club Champs on 2 July.

However, there is a snag about the Cockercombe Event. It is that we will not be allowed to use Aisholt Common because of the ground nesting birds rule. I forgot about this when I suggesting this area.

Bill knows about this and has made a suggestion for getting round it.

I have sent an email to Keith Bolling and left phone messages but he has not come back to me so far and I will be leaving today for two weeks. I'm sorry about this but I will have to leave it to Keith and anyone who can help him to sort it out.

Permission has been obtained for all the Spring JOGs up to Netherclay on 26 March and Judy has suggested venues for the Summer term.

We are homing in on an area for the Long O Sunday and I should be able to start contacting owners when I get back.

For the Long O Score on the Saturday, I am awaiting a decision about the venue (as Croydon Hill is not available) I suggested three possibilities in an email to all concerned on Feb 15 but I think that only Bill has responded so far, favouring St Audries.

Bob Lloyd, 4 March 2011

Permanent courses in Somerset

Taunton

Vivary Park. Maintained by TDBC, monitored by Warden, Emma who acts on advice from QO about siting and damage of controls, remapping, etc. Sales of packs from TIC by Andrew Hopkins and his team. Share of proceeds to QO.

Longrun Meadow. Installed and maintained by Project Taunton. Monitored by Roger, who is on committee 'Friends of Longrun'. Sale of packs to be discussed.

Nr. Taunton

Fyne Court. National Trust (Tamsin Moss) has shown renewed interest in using work done on map/sites by Dave Holmes. QO Committee approve, providing installation/maintenance provided by them.

Hestercombe. Mandy Godsell made initial suggestion of its use, following activity event there and detecting an interest. Dave Holmes has made enquiries, but no response yet. Would be an excellent area for JOG.

Huish Woods. Map has been drawn by Bill Vigar, and Mark Maynard has seen POC. Use/maintenance by Scouts?

Castle Neroche. Idea was to replace the Staple Hill POC with this and groundwork has been done by Bill Vigar & Bob Lloyd.

Yeovil

Ninesprings. Mapped by Bill Vigar. POC in place but not sure of condition and marketing. Could we ask Tony Hext or Brian Fletcher to check?

Nr Yeovil

Ham Hill. Area owned by S.Somerset D.C. Mapped by Bill Vigar. Controls checked recently by Roger & Judy Craddock. Damage reported to Warden in office. Some of repairs have been done, but further checking needed by Brian Fletcher? Useful packs are sold at visitor centre, but QO/JOG members need to be informed of existence!

West Somerset

Nutcombe Bottom. Dunster. Land owned by Crown Estates. Mapped/ designed by Bill Vigar. Used by Mandy Godsell for Somerset Leisure Living Well project events.

Selworthy Wood. Holnicote Estate. Commissioned by Holnicote Estate, mapped/ planned by Simon Beck. Ready for late March 2011. Will be used by Somerset Leisure Living Well project. Possible area for QOFL?

Horner Plantation. Holnicote Estate. Same as Selworthy Wood.

Roger Craddock 10 March 2011

Appendix 6

Membership report

Membership Renewals

We have a few club members who are yet to renew their membership—you know who you are! We would be grateful if you could do so as soon as possible.

News of People

It's very encouraging to welcome lots of new QO members in this edition.

First of all, a belated welcome to Amanda Godsell and Suzanne Richards who joined the club in January, just too late to be welcomed in the last QuOnicle. Amanda and Suzanne work at the West Somerset Sports and Leisure Centre and as part of a 'Living Well' initiative they have developed a monthly orienteering activity programme which attracts over 45 people to each event.

The Hancock family (Chris, Sarah and their three children Beth, Kirsten and Ruth) have recently joined the club. They live in Kingston St. Mary—a perfect location for attending the majority of JOG events. Lloyd Williams and his son Jack have joined the club, and have attended some JOG and QOAD events. Lloyd is involved in the Tone Schools Sports Partnership. The Modica family (Spencer, Angela and their three children Tate, Isabella and Miles) from Taunton are also new family members and JOG regulars, and Tate and Isabella have already been awarded their 'Hare' badges.

John Nicholson from Stogursey has left the club due to problems with his knees preventing participation. John has been a member of QO since 1986 and would like to pass on his thanks to those that have helped and encouraged him over the years—in particular Tony Milroy, Chris Philip, Ted & Lennox Heath and Mike Crockett.

Club Development report

Club Development Plan, February 2011

Proposed action:	Action by:	Target date
1. Develop a volunteer reward scheme including possible award for volunteer of the year	Chairman	March 2011
2. Find 6 new planners for JOG in Summer/Autumn	JOG coordinator	April 2011
3. Develop a plan for the future of coaching within QO	Club coach	May 2011
4. Appoint a club captain for summer relay series	Committee	June 2011
5. Find 2 new planners for the 2011-12 QOFL season	Committee	July 2011
6. Find 2 new organisers for the 2011-12 QOFL season	Committee	July 2011
7. Find candidate willing to train to become a qualified level C controller	Committee	July 2011
8. Find 2 new committee members	Committee	July 2011
9. Find a new chairman for year 2011-12	Chairman	July 2011

In the latest development plan I have set myself the task of developing a volunteer reward scheme. I propose we adopt the following draft scheme for next season:

Volunteer Reward Scheme

QO depends on volunteers to keep the club going. We really appreciate the assistance given by club members. We hope that club members enjoy the volunteer experience but sometimes a token of appreciation is appropriate. Therefore we are launching this volunteer reward scheme for the orienteering season starting September 2011. Some of these are existing incentives, some are new:

Helper discount		Anyone helping at a "forest league" or "galoppen" event is entitled to half price entry as a competitor for that event. (Sorry this does not extend to car parking or dibber hire).
Expenses		The planner, controller and organiser for any event are entitled to claim expenses. This includes a mileage allowance (25p/mile as from 1st Mar 2011) for travel in connection with the event.
SI card discount	New	Anyone organising a forest league event or galoppen is entitled to either purchase a SI "dibber" from the club at a cost of only £15 (about half the current retail price) or an equivalent discount on a club top
Season ticket	New	Anyone planning or controlling one forest league event and organising another forest league event in the same season is entitled to a season ticket giving free entry as a competitor to all forest league events in that season.
Annual award	New	An award will be made to the "volunteer of the year". This will be awarded at the discretion of the Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer and presented at the AGM. The winner will be entitled to a "season ticket" for the following season.

Notes for committee:

1. I have skewed the new rewards towards organisers, as these have been the most difficult to find over the last few years. In particular I hope the season ticket idea encourages some of our planners to also be organisers.
2. Although the intention is to encourage new volunteers, the rewards are open to new and experienced helpers alike. I hope this helps avoid any of this year's helpers feeling that they have missed out.
3. I am aware that the rewards are of modest value compared to the amount of time spent earning them. The intention is to give a token of appreciation, not to make anyone rich.
4. I expect the costs to the club of the new rewards should be fairly low, say £100 max.

Richard Sansbury, 7 March 2011

Appendix 8

Notes about SWOA committee meeting 9 February 2011, Ilchester

Ed Nicholas' presentation at the meeting

Community O project:

- BOF is not currently meeting Sport England participation targets. Consequently it has identified 100 possible areas (roughly one per club), to have regular orienteering "activities" (not events). Snag from QO point of view: the activities need to be in the same place weekly.
- Pay for coaches available thanks to Sport England liking BOF's model.
- Devon have identified an area and Wimborne /Wessex joint venture 'ready to go'.
- NB: Community O also touched on in Appendix 3

BOF Membership

"Group membership" category discussed but was seen to present difficulties.

Membership as a barrier to participation (i.e. more expense for independents) discussed together with a possible membership category of independent i.e. not affiliated to any club

Event safety course

Reminder of the course in Ilchester, March 19. Attendance at such courses now a pre-requisite for controllers looking to upgrade or become a 'level 3' controller.

Membership units

Treasurer reported a decrease in units of nearly 10% compared to last year.

Orienteering 2050 – a long way to go

Four people have registered so far. Proposed date clashes with SW Junior Squad training weekend- Erik Peckett was unaware.

... and finally: Lost the NAC

Arthur V wrote to one-man band NAC. No response was produced to Arthur's question: what does NAC stand for? NAC now struck off SWOA club list on website.

Jeff Pakes
Feb 2011