

Quantock Orienteers – Minutes of Committee Meeting

14 March 2019 at 67 Staplegrove Road, Taunton 19.15 start.

1.1 Attendees: Roger Craddock (Chairman), Rosie Wych, Judy Craddock, Steve Robertson, Bill Vigar, Jeff Pakes, Chris Hasler, Bob Lloyd, Angela Modica. Apologies: Matt Carter. Andrew Hopkin and Jana Truby welcomed as new members of the Committee by RC – to be formalized at AGM: Jana Truby (Safeguarding) and Andrew Hopkins (assistant Permissions)

2.1 Minutes of previous meeting approved

2.2 Matters arising:

ACTION – EXPLORE PP DONATION AMOUNT – MC ONGOING

ACTION – RE-SCHEDULE CANCELLED QOFL FOR 2019/20 - JC

ACTION – LOCATE AND CHECK MILLFIELD MAP – SR- NOT REQUIRED

ACTION – INVESTIGATE MILLFIELD AVAILABILITY – MC- NOT REQUIRED

ACTION – QUERY BOF INSURANCE REGULATION FOR NON ATTENDESS – RW DONE – SEE REPLY IN DECEMBER MINUTES

ACTION – ASSESS ELIGIBILITY FOR CS CUP OR TROPHY FROM OCTOBER 20188 MEMBERSHIP DATA – DONE

ACTION – ORGANIZE QO TEAM FOR CS HEAT IN MARCH – CH - DONE

ACTION- COMPILE SUGGESTIONS FOR CLUB OFFICER CHANGES – RC – 6.4 BELOW

ACTION – CONTACT PETE AKERS AND TONY HEXT TO ASSESS INTEREST IN HAM HILL MAPPING – JC –SEE BELOW

ACTION – ADVISE CHRISTINE VINCE OF QO INTEREST IN HELPING AT 2021 JK – RW – DONE

3.1 Finance Report - SR stated nothing outstanding

3.2 AONB Quantock plan – see email report below. Large application for lottery funding to incorporate further Lidar survey (£40,000) but not due until 2020/21

3.3 HPC Grant application – initial application failed but further application with additional evidence mentioning quality of life benefit and willingness of the club to match any funding now to be made.

4.1 Past events:

Christmas novelty and social at Ash Common and Fitzhead – an enjoyable event. Costs covered from small charge made. RC thanked RW/AR for taking the initiative and arranging this.

QOFL 4 suffered from some poor weather and parking difficulties. Thanks to KL with BV.

JOGs – see report

QQUAD – first effort at a series of three successful and enjoyable events. Thanks to JP.

QOAD – final event the QO contribution to WNL. Thanks to JM.

Galoppen – required extensive map work. Lots of volunteer help on the day. Issue of uncrossable fence – should lead to competitor disqualification if stated in event details. Thanks to RW/AR and Andy Reynolds (Devon controller).

4.2 Future events:

CSC – preparations on track. Back up of forest road parking agreed in case of late decision that parking field out of action.

JOGs – re-scheduled event at Young Wood. Final event at Blackbrook – Jenny West requesting help to do a litter pick.

QOFLs – 5 and 6 remaining. Blackborough assembly and area required by planner need confirmation. Linking with Devon Middle Distance Regional event the following day discussed and rejected apart from Devon agreement to promote the QO event.

SW Relay – Link room booked to enable use of French Weir area – exact map still to be determined. Angela Modica planner. Similar format to 2018 event.

2020 Galoppen – Blackborough north and south. Possible use of Forest Glade parking/assembly – BL confirmed availability of this this post meeting – 29 March 2020. AR to plan so access /mapping issues need input at this point.

4.3 AGM – to follow relay event 23 June. Café available after 16.00 for refreshments. SR not available.

RC asked for planners for the 2019 season – Angela Modica offered to plan at Lydeard Hill.

4.4 Fabian 4 and Registration slips – although recognized that use of Fabian4 reduced registration workload decision made to use Fabian4 only for regional fixtures.

ACTION – UPDATE ORGANISER INFORMATION – REGISTRATION SLIPS ONLY NEED TO BE RETAINED FOR NON CLUB MEMBERS. BOF REQUIREMENT - DETAILS OF EVENT VOLUNTEERS TO BE KEPT

RC stepping down as team leader at events. 2 teams now require leadership – attendees asked for ideas of suitable candidates.

4.5 DEVON event collaboration – suggested that QOFL on 23 February be the event “offered” to Devon. Reciprocal event to be determined.

5.1 Activities: JOG – JC/JP have put detailed reports and photographs on the website. JOG calendar for autumn 2019 in place. Activity status of JOG to continue with existing charge of £1 per competitor. Forestry officials happy with QO use of their areas for JOG activities.

6.1 Membership – see KL report – KL recording system for nonmember attendees in place and operating successfully. QO now a “large” club for insurance purposes.

ACTION – QUERY BOF INSURANCE REGULATION FOR NON ATTENDESS – RW DONE – SEE REPLY BELOW

6.2 Volunteers – see JP report. RW reminded all that organizers should not circulate volunteer email addresses but use BCC. A visible circulation list for committee correspondence is permissible.

6.3 Club Captain – team of 27 for CSC and junior team for Yvette Baker in progress. CH thanked by RC for continuing in role.

6.4 Club Officers – Standing down: MC as President, RC as Chairman, BL as Permissions Officer (AH already learning role) and RW as Secretary. KL willing to take over as secretary. JC take over membership and continue with JOG fixtures. Richard Sansbury will take on the arrangement of fixture dates. Suggestions for candidate to cover remainder of fixtures role required, but it could be replaced if 3 team leaders can take on the role.

7.1 Mapping & Mapping sub-Committee – see attached BV report. BOK member John Parfitt has expressed willingness to help in mapping.

Ham Hill – Simon Beck has now agreed to take on this task and produce two POC maps on behalf of SSDC. It is not thought they will have much application for normal orienteering events.

ACTION – QUERY WITH AR PROGRESS ON MAPPING OF SCOUT GROUNDS AT BISHOPS LYDEARD –RW

Comparative costs/merits of map printing discussed but accurate costs needed for exact comparison

7.2 Permissions – see report. FC meeting – see report. Problems with bird nesting continue and choice of event venues should reflect this. Transition from BL to AH progressing smoothly.

8.1 Equipment – no report. RW purchased replacement tent pole and RC extra control stakes. SIAC cards to be hired to another club for £1.50 each.

8.2 Website - see JP report. Paul Frost continues to provide excellent service. RC recommended viewing of the BOF webinars.

AOB:

9.1 Adder survey - promulgated by RC as it could produce useful map data. Tom Hasler volunteered.

9.2 BBC Somerset Sound interview – conducted by RW and Vikki Page. Transmission date unknown.

9.3 Doodle Poll next meeting May 2019. Meeting closed 10.05pm.

Reports for Committee Meeting 14 March 2019

Mapping Report

1/ Small revisions to Slades map for CSC event.

2/ The remainder of the Quantock area has now been converted to OCAD, so future requests from planners or others for draft maps should be directed to Andy Rimes.

3/ In conjunction with Tony Hext and Pete Ackers, some revisions to the Ham Hill map are in progress, including an extension to the east.

4/ I have noted in previous reports that I have no information on the current state of OCAD based maps, for details of these please refer to either Andy or Jim Mallinson.

Bill Vigar

Permissions Report

As you should all know, Andrew Hopkins will be nominally taking over from me as Permissions Officer for QO at the end of June of this year.

We have already cooperated regarding some permission matters and hope to get to a position by the end of June where Andrew has full access to all of my background information and ongoing jobs, so that we are effectively synchronized. Andrew should then be able to take over as the instigator of new permissions work, with me in the background in case some of my information/records, etc. are too difficult to understand!

We are hoping to set up a system where we both have access to the records of what has been done and what there is to do, etc.

I still have some work to do to get some of my information into a tidy and complete state but hope to finish that shortly.

Regarding permission applications, etc., permission in principle or better has been obtained for events up to and including QOFL5 at Staple Hill on 14.4.19. Some paperwork has to be completed for that.

Difficulties are still arising regarding the area in Cockercombe to be used for the Compass Sport Cup. The latest is an FC embargo on an area containing some proposed control sites because of nesting goshawks. We had been advised that they were likely to nest in the area but not exactly where. I must admit that I have left the negotiations with the FC about the exact areas, etc. for this event to the planner and organiser to avoid just becoming a go-between.

Bob Lloyd

Volunteers

Looking at the fixtures report showing 10 JOGs in autumn and 6 QOFLs (what happened to Devon event being shared?) I honestly don't see how we can generate the volunteers to fill these. Especially as we have a struggle to replace the key club roles that are being vacated. Plus backfilling any events they may once have been persuaded officiated at, prior to taking on a key role.

If the new fixtures secretary isn't as familiar with the members like Judy, the need to fill officials' jobs on the fixtures list could make the role too difficult for them. Please note I continue to define my role mainly as an administrator of lists rather than as someone who approaches people to volunteer.

When should we be "advertising" for the key roles? Should we have job descriptions? A number of experienced /competent orienteers have joined in the last few months- might it be too soon to gauge their interest?

Website

nothing much to report other than I've continued to experience a very good level of service from Paul Frost (PF Web). Thanks to all those who continue to make contributions like technical articles.

Have just received Devon's monthly Mailchimp newsletter and surprised how infrequent it is and how much in there could usefully be released in 'real time' on their website. Maybe they have a stricter view on privacy or want to deliver an extra 'member benefit'.

Jeff Pakes

JOG Report

The website gives all the reports of the JOG activities this term together with some excellent photographs taken by Jim Pearson and John Fisher.

I am attaching some analyses produced by Jeff Pakes based on the register taken at each JOG which I think reveal some interesting statistics:

More than half of the runs were by new people.

The age demographic of those taking part show nearly half are 16 or under. The next most populated group is 40-49

Almost equal male/female split.

Judy Craddock

Date	Type	Series	Venue	Organiser	Team	Planner	Controller
17-Mar-19	Event	CompassSport Cup	The Slades	Richard Sansbury	All	Steve Robertson	Alan Simpson
23-Mar-19	Activity	JOG 7	Young Wood	R & J Craddock		Tom Hasler	
30-Mar-19	Activity	JOG 8	Blackbrook and Holway	R & J Craddock		Jenny Wood	
14-Apr-19	Event	QOFL 5	Staple Hill	Angela Modica	Team 2	Tony Hext	Pete Akers
19-May-19	Event	QOFL 6	Blackborough North	Chris Hasler	Team 3	Jim Nickolls	Robin Carter
23-Jun-19	Event	Chairman's SW relay	Longrun Meadow/ Castle		All	Angela Modica	
01-Sep-19	Event	Club Champs				Sue Gard ?	
15-Sep-19	Event	QOFL 1	Cothelstone Hill/20 Acre Wood		Team 1		
21-Sep-19	Activity	JOG1	Willett Hill			Mike Andersen	
28-Sep-19	Activity	JOG2					
5-Oct-19	Activity	JOG3					
12-Oct-19	Activity	JOG4					
19-Oct-19	Activity	JOG5					
26-Oct-19	Activity	JOG6					
2-Nov-19	Activity	JOG7	Kingscliff Wood			Graham Hartley	
9-Nov-19	Activity	JOG8					
17-Nov-19	Event	QOFL 2	St Audries		Team 2		
23-Nov-19	Activity	JOG9					
30-Nov-19	Activity	JOG10					
8-Dec-19	Event	QOFL 3	Croydon Hill		Team 3		
26-Jan-20	Event	QOFL 4	Lydeard Hill/Aisholt Common		Team 1	Angela Modica	
23-Feb-20	Event	QOFL 5	Great Wood/Quantock Combe		Team 2		
29-Mar-20	Event	Galoppen	Blackborough South		All	Andy Rimes	
26-Apr-20	Event	QOFL 6	Great Breach Wood		Team 3		

Fixture Report

Summary. Meeting with F.C. at Fyne Court. 2.00pm on Tuesday 12th March 2018

Present: Owen Jones (OJ. AONB-Quantocks), Judy Craddock (JC. Fixtures-QO), James Latus (JL. F.C. Quantocks), Steve Robertson (SR. Mapping Co-Coordinator-QO), Roger Craddock (RC. Chair-QO), Rob Greenhalgh (RG. Community Ranger for Blackdown Hills), Bob Lloyd (RL. Permissions Officer-QO), Andrew Hopkins (AH. Permissions Office-QO)

RC introduced Andrew Hopkins as the future Permissions Officer for QO, taking over from Bob Lloyd in June 2019.

1. Minutes of previous meeting. Amendments agreed. OJ notified that old FC email addresses will no longer respond after April.

2. Progress with F.C. work in Quantock Forest. Great Wood, Florey Down, and Keepers Combe to be recommenced in April and be completed by June 2019. Extraction will be via Quantock Combe. Warm Corner forest roads have been re-established and are usable. Forest Operations in Cockercombe are complete and re-mapping should be possible now. A map of the areas is attached.

3. Compass Sport Cup Preliminary round. 17th March. The Slades and Aisholt Common. Adjustments had been made to control sites as a result of request from F.C. to avoid nesting raptors. Parking field at Triscombe had been inspected by SR today and should not be a problem. SR outlined changes to control sites and supplied to OJ. Reserve parking remains as Warm Corner. JL to provide notification to general public.

4. Other F.C. areas in Quantocks to be used by QO for JOGs and QOFLs

* Young Wood (JOG, 23rd March) event postponed from 2nd Feb. Previously advertised King Cliff JOG rescheduled on 2nd Nov.

* Staple Hill (QOFL5, 14th April). Parking on Forest Road beyond barrier. RG warned of likely Adder survey in progress at time.

* Blackborough North (QOFL6, 18th May). Planner would like to use Forest Glade Campsite for assembly.

* Willett Hill (JOG, 21st Sept.) Permission will be sought by new Permissions Officer.

* OJ confirmed Wind Down would be closed from September for a year.

5. Use of Quantock Forest South for events in spring 2020. Clarification was sought by JC about areas that could be used and at which times. OJ, JL, RB were unable to be definitive as to which areas needed to be avoided in Feb/Mar as until raptor nests appeared exclusion zones were not known. Late summer or winter were best times to avoid problems. Legislation prevented any flexibility. Areas to the North of Ramscombe (Lady Wells Wood) were suggested as a better option for February. OJ reported that swaling was scheduled for the start of 2020 on Aisholt Common.

6. F.C. areas in Blackdowns. RG outlined progress with works at Castle Neroche – thinning work not complete. Operations are due to re-commence soon and probably complete by second half 2019. Needs to be remapped in autumn 2019. JC – Staple Hill – RL will ask Mr Salter about use of field at W end for parking for a future JOG. RC asked about progress with Finches and access to Culm Davy past their property. No contact by RC, RL, or RG. RG to report to next meeting.

7. AOB. JC asked whether St Audries would be available for a QOFL. No objections from FC. Parking was discussed as previous experience not good. JL to enquire from Andy Harris why it had been restricted and if we could park further up the forest road.

Meeting finished at 3.20pm. Next meeting provisionally Tues 18th June, 2019

Roger Craddock