



# Quantock Orienteers

## Minutes for QO Committee Meeting

19.30 15 January 2020 67 Staplegrove Road, Taunton

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| <p><b>1</b> Start (<b>19.30</b>)</p> <p>1.1 Attendees and apologies<br/>1.2 Minutes of Previous meeting - agree and approve.</p>  | <p><i>In attendance : Alasdair Shaw, Judy Craddock, Andrew Hopkins, Chris Hasler, Bill Vigar, Karen Lewis, Jana Truby and Roger Craddock</i></p> <p><i>Apologies from : Steve Robertson and Jeff Pakes</i></p>  |
| <p><b>2</b> <u>Matters arising from previous meeting:</u></p> <p>Action – Scan registration slips - Karen not getting the registration slips after events?.</p> <p>Action – alternatives to the registration slips – Neil Truby investigating</p> <p>Action – Find out what the Fabian 4 fees are</p> <p>Action – Do activity officials need Safety Event training</p> <p>Action –map a permanent course – Ninesprings and Ham Hill</p> <p>Action – Approach Angela to add a 'Beat the Trail' course to the Lydeard Hill QOFL</p> | <p><i>Have received St Audries and Cheddar Map Run registration slips. Not received the others yet.</i></p> <p><i>Have asked Andy R to have a chat with Neil to explain process and requirements.</i></p> <p><i>Fabian 4 charges – 4.5% of total fees taken.</i></p> <p><i>Jana has investigated and can find no need for a safety event training for an activity.</i></p> <p><i>Pete Akers and Tony Hext on the case. Netherclay is not being done – no money offered.</i></p> <p><i>Beat the Trail being held at Lydeard Hill. Planned by Angela and is being advertised by Alasdair on Facebook. A lot of interest is being shown.</i></p> |
| <p><b>3</b> Money (<b>19.50</b>)</p> <p>3.1 Finance report.<br/>3.2 Membership fees<br/>3.3 Event fees.</p>   | <p><i>Thanks to Steve for his report - not thrown up any issues.</i></p> <p><i>Steve's fees accepted. Beat the trail fees - £10 for adult and £5 for child.</i></p> <p><i>What age is considered junior – it was agreed that we would follow BOF – an adult is anyone 21 or over.</i></p> <p><i>We will need to clarify what a family is before the next AGM what - does a family need to have children to be classed as a family.</i></p>  |

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| 4 | <p>Equipment and communications <b>(20.10)</b></p> <p>4.1 Equipment report</p><br><p>4.2 Website – British Orienteering are dropping the 3 event limit on insurance from 1 January - changes to website as a result – see below</p> | <p><i>Judy has done new JOG numbers. There has been some tent repairs. Stakes still losing their tops. Otherwise equipment all okay. QO to make sure that high viz jackets to be used by all helpers at events and activities. New projector purchased and used at 2 courses.</i></p> <p><i>KL to email Jeff to remove any mention of the 3 event limit from the website, to check fees on website and to set up a page to introduce new comers to the orienteering procedure.</i></p> |
| 5 | <p>Activities <b>(20.25)</b></p> <p>5.1 Junior Orienteering Group. Programme for 2020-1. Planning course.</p> <p>5.2 Permanent orienteering courses. Ninesprings and Ham Hill</p>   | <p><i>Thanks to Judy for her thorough report – see copy.</i></p> <p><i>Pete Akers and Tony Hext are on the case. LongRun Meadow control sites cleared by Martin Lewis and course maintained by Chris Page.</i></p>   |

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| <p><b>6</b> Events <b>(20.40)</b></p> <p><b>6.1</b> Past events:<br/>QOFL 1 and 2, Maprun events, Christmas novelty</p> <p><b>6.2</b> Plans for future events:<br/>Report on past and future Planning Courses for QOFLs</p> <p><b>6.3</b> Future Events / SWOA fixtures</p> <p><b>6.4</b> World Orienteering Day – 13 May 2020 (any event/activity 13-19th can be registered) – Are we doing anything?</p> | <p><i>Thanks to planners, controllers and organisers. One issue – received a complaint from Fyne Court – road parking, obstruction of signs etc. Judy responded defending</i></p> <p><i>Fixtures list circulated</i></p> <p><i>Latest planning course – has brought forward some new planners for JOG.</i></p> <p><i>Parking at Lydeard Hill could be an issue especially with the numbers showing an interest in the Beat the Trail. Message to be put out on Facebook about lift sharing where possible because of shortage of parking.</i></p> <p><i>Jeff no longer able to do the controlling for the QOFL 6 on the 26<sup>th</sup> of April – Alasdair agreed to assist with Karen as on the day back up. Jeff not able to do the 2021 SW League event planning. Steve R has agreed that he would be able to take this on. A controller is needed.</i></p> <p><i>As a result of the new permissions policy, we need to fix the 2021 dates for QOFLS asap</i></p> <p><i>KL to check with Richard Sansbury that we are offering the Yvette Baker qualifying round on the 29<sup>th</sup> of March</i></p> <p><i>KL to email Andy and ask him to set up Fabian 4 for the 23<sup>rd</sup> of February</i></p> <p><i>Beat the Trail to be done for Ramscombe.</i></p> <p><i>KL to email Andy and Rosie to see if they can do the Christmas novelty event on the 27<sup>th</sup> or 28<sup>th</sup> of December.</i></p> <p><i>Wellington School going to hold an event, Courtfields perhaps, Jana would like to do some events with the scouts and will need some assistance and it was suggested that we could possibly do a score event at Longrun meadow on the Saturday.</i></p> |
| <p><b>7</b> People <b>(21.10)</b></p> <p><b>7.1</b> Membership</p> <p><b>7.2</b> Volunteer Report</p> <p><b>7.3</b> Club captain</p> <p>- JK Orienteering event - relays</p>   | <p><i>See Judy's report on the present membership figures.</i></p> <p><i>Thanks to Jeff for keeping the records of the volunteers.</i></p> <p><i>Chris has entered QO for the Compass Sport Cup at Coopers Hill on the 15<sup>th</sup> of March. Now need to encourage members to represent QO.</i></p> <p><i>Chris will sort JK relay teams nearer the time.</i></p>  |

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| 8 | <p>Places <b>(21.25)</b></p> <p><b>8.1</b> Mapping &amp; Mapping sub-Committee</p> <p><b>8.2</b> Permissions. Report on F.E. meeting. SWOA letter to FE</p>  | <p><i>See Bill's and Steve's report. It was agreed to accept the £2,375 quote from Dave Peel for the re-mapping so that the sub-committee can go ahead.</i></p> <p><i>Thanks to Andrew for his report – see attached.</i></p> <p><i>Andrew to formulate a letter to send to Helen Kelsey and Bryan Smith with regards the Forestry England letter to SWOA. To be done before the 24<sup>th</sup> of January, based on responses submitted by Roger and Steve.</i></p> |
| 9 | <p>Any other business <b>(21.50)</b></p> <p><b>9.1</b> British Orienteering are dropping the 3 event limit on insurance from 1 January – how does this affect us – see below</p> <p><b>9.2</b> Making urban orienteering inclusive – workshop 25<sup>th</sup> January</p> <p><b>9.3</b> Mass mailings for advertising – JOG and QO</p> <p><b>9.4</b> QOFL scorers to replace Tony Milroy and Brian Pearson</p> <p><b>9.5</b> AOB from Committee members</p> <p><b>9.6</b> Doodle poll for next meeting</p> | <p><i>See above.</i></p> <p><i>Roger and Judy going to attend.</i></p> <p><i>We will need to get permission from attendees.</i></p> <p><i>John Traylor suggested – Bill will ask.</i></p> <p><i>Alasdair wants to look at and update Policies and Procedures – Safeguarding and Permissions to be looked at before next meeting.</i></p> <p><i>Karen to do – meeting to be held before 29<sup>th</sup> March.</i></p>   |

Meeting finished at 22.20.

### **From the CEO's News 20/12/19**

#### **Third-Party Liability Insurance – Changes**

Oh no not another prod about insurance, again! British Orienteering has just renewed its insurance Policy through Howdens. There is one big change which clubs should take note. In the past, there was no Third-Party Liability Insurance in place for those non-members that had taken part in more than three activities/competitions. We recognised that this was an unsatisfactory arrangement and extremely hard to police. 17% of the competitive runs in the sport are by non-members. The Board have agreed with the insurers to cover non-members for all activities/competitions from 1st January 2020. Therefore, the limit of 3 activities/competitions will no longer apply. This has come at significant cost and as part of the Strategic Refresh we will be looking at this as part of the membership review. We would still ask clubs to encourage people to become members of the sport and contribute towards the future through helping with events. I will use this opportunity to highlight that under current arrangements that non-members can be charged a surcharge to enter an event

## **Bill Vigar – Mapping Report**

Again not much to report. Am liaising with the planners for the next two qofls. As far as I know there has no action regarding the revising of the map for the 2021 gallopen.

## **Jeff Pakes – Report**

Website report-

Andy and one other (Steve?) have requested basic training. Generally, I'm happy to train one or two people at a time at a time mutually convenient to all.

Paul Frost's (PF Web) service continues to be excellent in that his website is stable, fast and I haven't needed to contact him about anything in 2019.

Volunteers-

Continuing to update and maintain master spreadsheet for organisers and the team lists.

Maprun-

Latest development is ability to import Open Street Map data directly into OCAD (as demonstrated by Andy Bussell) and Open Orienteering Mapper (OCAD-style freeware), meaning 'noise' on mapping data i.e. superfluous mapped features can be eliminated or suppressed.

Devon OC are planning a six-date series March-May following on from our 5 date series.

## **Judy Craddock – Membership Secretary / JOG**

Please see JOG report.

Also a brief summary of the Membership figures and a list of lapsed members.

### **QO Membership numbers for 2020**

**Seniors 38**

**Juniors 3**

**Families 23**

**A total of 64 membership units**

### **JOG Report Autumn 2019**

Taken from the reports written for the website.

This was one of the toughest JOG programmes imaginable, held mostly on woods and open hillside, with no visits to school campuses.

We introduced a coaching element into this series and welcomed contributions to assessing juniors' skill levels as they worked towards badges.

The Spring JOG term started with a gloriously sunny day tempered by a light wind at Willett Hill. This small but perfectly formed hilltop wood is still a relatively new area for orienteering and plenty people came and tried it out.

Mike Andersen proved to be well prepared and well organised, he had planned interesting and challenging courses in an area still restricted by abundant bracken and brambles. We had 12 adults running his tricky Fox "windows" course, it's good to see that QO members are increasingly using this as an opportunity to train and hone their skills.

Everyone enjoyed meeting again and we welcomed two potential new members in the M21 bracket!!!! Is this a record for QO?

Last Saturday saw JOG at Broomfield Hill an area which provides a good mixture of open heathland, woods and open fields (with stunning views).

Pete Shirvington planned the courses with the Fox Course having a mathematical rather than an orienteering theme. As this JOG clashed with the Caddihoe Chase, we were expecting low numbers but this was not the case.

We were really pleased to welcome six children from Millfield School to Henlade Hill. Registration for them is now a slick operation, with Matt Carter providing the compasses and dibbers and supervising control cards. We appreciate this Matt.

Sadly the underfoot vegetation was prolific, with high bracken and brambles to die for in some areas; some competitors declared that they almost did! However, as usual, everyone came back in good humour, feeling that they had had a great challenge and were physically exhausted.

One of the courses at Netherclay Woods had some senior orienteers well and truly 'foxed' this week...for planner Jenny West presented them with a blank map with bearings but very little else to go on!

A great exercise for anyone who's ever tried it, even in an area you think you know well.

Jenny West planned courses which used every part of the area! The junior courses, especially the Hare led the children around and the Fox managed to extend even our most able senior orienteers with several not managing to complete it. The activity was very well supported by both families and senior QO members, a great mix.

We were very lucky as rain threatened but did not fall all afternoon. It was so good to see so many families out enjoying Netherclay Community Woodland which borders the River Tone in Bishops Hull. The area was planted with native species trees in 2004 and now the trees provide a wonderful woodland environment.

Ray and Sue Toomer certainly made the most of Henlade Hill small venue though it is, with a variety of interesting courses.

We had another great turn out which was surprising as the weather forecast was not grand.

We were pleased to welcome Millfield, their third JOG this season.

Vikki and Andrew Page ran the registration which meant that Roger and I were free to welcome folk and to encourage children to have a go at the skills badge scheme.

Pete Shirvington, Martin Lewis and Ray Toomer all did some practical coaching whilst following children around courses and Karen Lewis made sure a newcomer knew what to do and helped them on their way. It seems to work well if adults can do some coaching after they and their juniors have had their runs.

Thank you to everyone who helped today

Strong gusts of wind and rain swept across the SW throughout the night before and the morning of the Castle Neroche JOG.

A glance at the photos will tell you that we got drenched but still had a great time.

We all held the vain hope that the afternoon would see the skies brighten and sun break through. No chance! HOWEVER, well done JOGgers for your support, we really are a hardy bunch.

Andy Bussell had planned some testing courses and the Fox proved a challenge that a few managed to crack, well done to those who did. Our system of planners controlling the event two behind theirs is working well with Sue and Ray Toomer checking maps and courses in advance visiting control sites before the activity. The Bussell family turned out in full to support and help Dad So well done and thank you to competitors, planner and everyone who helped.

As you can see from the photos, there was plenty of water and mud at Thurlbear Woods but Karen had put a lot of thought into the planning and everyone came back satisfied that they had been challenged....especially those on the Fox.

Karen and Martin had spent two hours putting out controls in the pouring rain and wondering if anyone would turn up to have a go at Karen's courses. At twelve mid-day the rain stopped, the sun came out and LOTS of folk descended on Thurlbear to enjoy an afternoon orienteering! Thank goodness!  
- Judy Craddock

Rain has been falling on a Super Saturated Staplehill for about a week and as you will see from the photos the whole area was shrouded in mist BUT many JOGgers turned up to have a run, well done all of you, it made it worth-while!

This was the first event Emma and Adam Wood have planned, so it was really great that Graham Hartley, one of our experienced orienteers was the controller and was able to offer some guidance and then check controls on the day. It makes a very long day for the planners, especially if you're putting controls out in the rain, so it always helps when folk enjoy their runs and then say so to the planners! (As happened today.)

Matty Bussell was working on registration for his D of E Award and Sarah Maynard and Evelyn came to help too. This meant that Rog and I were free organise a little coaching for the juniors and arrange for Alasdair to present some Skills Badges. In all an enjoyable and well attended JOG. Thanks to Jim and Evelyn for their very atmospheric photos



There was an interesting Foxy twist at the final JOG of the season at Ash Priors. Alasdair had planned excellent Hare, Squirrel and Badger courses but managed to spill his pre Christmas glass of red over the Fox course. It actually proved a great compass bearing and pacing challenge for the considerable number of QO members who participated.

Afterwards Father Christmas supplied mulled wine and mince pies, on a rather chilly afternoon this was more than welcome. The Toomers and Macphersons presented QO with a new mascot made by Sue, he can be seen in the Dropbox photos, the devil is in the detail.

Thank you to all JOGgers who have supported the series this term.  
Roger and Judy

Presentation of JOG certificates and Trophies for the Autumn series will be after the Huish Woods JOG next term

## Lapsed Membership for QO

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Andersen (Matilda)

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Anstee (James)

Anstee (Harvey)

Anstee (Jemima)

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Braine (Sheila)

Braine-Clarke (Ailani)

Braine-Clarke (Hamish)

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Brodie (Louise)

Brodie (Callum)

Brodie (Ella)

Brodie (Tom)

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Chavasse (Lachlan)

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Dempsey (Emily)

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Denton (Christopher)

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Gard (Sue)

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Hunt (Frances)

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Hunt (John)

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Johnson (Graham)

Johnson (Fiona)

Johnson (Joe)

Johnson (Max)

Johnson (Ned)

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Jones (Nick)

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Laver (Mike )

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Lloyd (Robert)

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Loudon (Ben)

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Manley (Karl)

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Margrett (Chris)

Margrett (Freya)

Margrett (Isla)

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**Roberts (Paul)**

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**Ryles (Nick )**

**Ryles (Deb )**

**Ryles (Ethan)**

**Ryles (Jemima)**

**Ryles (Lewis)**

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**Scott (Janet)**

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**West (Benjamin)**

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**Wood (Emma)**

**Wood (Adam)**

**Wood (Erin)**

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**Wood (Jenny)**