



# Quantock Orienteers

## Minutes for QO Committee Meeting

19.15 Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2023 67 Staplegrove Road, Taunton

1	<p><b>Start (1915)</b></p> <p><b>1.1</b> In attendance – Bill Vigar, Roger and Judy Craddock, Steve Robertson, Andrew Hopkins, Pete Shirvington and Karen Lewis Apologies received from Phil Sorrell</p> <p><b>1.2</b> Minutes from previous meeting approved.</p>	
2	<p><b>Matters Arising (1920)</b></p> <p><b>2.1</b> Matters arising from previous meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• are we able to use existing one drive? Still have not resolved this issue. <b>AP - Karen to ask Phil to set up another one drive or equivalent.</b></li></ul>	<i>Karen</i>
3	<p><b>Events and Activities (1930)</b></p> <p><b>3.1</b> Past events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Urban 28th January – Ollie the planner and Jim Mallinson the controller with help from Gavin Glegg. It was reported back that photographing the control sites helped greatly with positioning. Event went well with 90 pre-entered and 20 EODs – this was felt to be less numbers than expected. A3 Map and A4 map with 2 starts. Unfortunately, accident occurred – collision with lamp post. David Harrison dealt with the first aid and did a brilliant job. Injury meant an afternoon in A&amp;E plus we had to ensure that patient had support etc. necessary for return home. All reports submitted to BOF as required. <b>AP – Approach Alasdair and ask him to add (or find out we can add) to list of things planners need to do – take photos of control site.</b></li><li>- Quantocks North 29th January – Steve the planner and Mike the controller. Whilst Mike visited all control sites before event and woke the controls up on the day, he did not give Steve any feedback / comments. We perhaps need to encourage would be controllers to have experience in planning and organising and then attend a level C controllers course. Map updates still need - QO member found an unmarked fence. Mike and Steve used OCAD sketch, a free app, and enabled Steve to send Mike a map with all controls on – GPS mapped. We had a slight concern with regards one of the control collectors being out quite a while. <b>AP – Ensure that control collectors are given controls to collect, the order to collect them in and that they take a mobile telephone with them. Can we add this to planners / organisers check list.</b></li><li>- Woodbury – good crowd and enjoyable course.</li><li>- JOGs – had to postpone Ash Priors and thanks to Phil were were able to put on a street event instead. Need a way of communicating this to JOG members. Willett Hill mapped updates were done by Paul Chavasse and he did a very thorough job. Can we open OMM up for keen JOG mappers. JOG numbers are picking up with there being about 43 runs per JOG session – 47 different juniors and 35 different seniors so far this term.</li></ul>	

<p>3</p>	<p>- Street Series – poor turnout - usually 20-25, with only about 15 attending Wiveliscombe and Somerton (perhaps too far for some). 38 different people took part 2022/23 in season. Owl trophy won by Ollie Rant with Graham Hartley winning the Short course. <b>AP- can we please reduce the start window to one hour – say 6 til 7.</b></p> <p>- CSC 12<sup>th</sup> March – all went well and our captain thought we did a credible job and we came in 2<sup>nd</sup>. Perhaps consult over team choices – utilise age categories to better advantage.</p> <p><b>3.2</b> Plans for future events:</p> <p>- JOGs – see fixtures list. Judy suggested that we take on a coach for our juniors, this was seconded and agreed in principle by the committee. It was suggested to perhaps consult Peter Maliphant for a suitable person for coaching that level. Coaching could be held separate to JOG or following on from JOG. Perhaps the coach and planner could liaise and utilise the fox course. Racesignup going well with Claire doing a great job. Able to have emergency contact numbers available.</p> <p>- Street Series – Ollie will do Dunster and Rosie will do Milverton. We need 3 more sites and planners. <b>AP – ask Phil to put on website / chat site / Facebook to call for volunteers.</b></p> <p>- QOFLS – maps are the issue – see below Steve’s thoughts. Updated by planners over the years but only areas that were used by them plus add to that vegetation growth and the maps are seriously out of date. They may be okay for QOFLs but not to level C – people would expect maps to be accurate. Blackborough on the 8<sup>th</sup> of October (shared event with Devon) would only be possible if we can get Andy to map and Rosie to plan. <b>AP – ask Andy and Rosie.</b></p> <p>- JK and relays – Pete is working on 4 teams. Elite squad already entered. Club agreed to cover half of the fees.</p> <p>- Club Championships – Mark has agreed the date and is working on courses at Orchard Portman / Young Wood. He is happy to amend map and manage SI. Karen happy to organise social / AGM.</p> <p>- Focus discussion 2024 events – covered above and Steve’s comments below. We do not want to lose the 8<sup>th</sup> October date</p> <p>- UKUL event Jan/Feb 2025. Bridgwater – Jim will bring map up to date.</p> <p><b>AP – can we approach Alasdair about bidding for this.</b></p> <p>Alfoxten – the problem is the land between Alfoxten and the hills and Access to surrounding area. Parking is an issue if just around the house. Lady Gas’s nephew open to supporting local community events.</p> <p>- POCs. LRM is receiving financial and volunteer support – they are going to look after the POC and strim etc. Maidenbrook Country Park at West Monkton is in development – map of area was circulated.</p> <p>- Butlins – Butlins open to use but would need to understand what exactly involved and what we would need.</p>	<p>Roger / Judy</p> <p>Pete</p>
<p>4</p>	<p>Places (2020)</p> <p><b>4.1</b> Mapping &amp; Mapping sub-Committee.</p> <p><b>4.2</b> Permissions – nothing to report until areas and dates agreed upon. Copley not suitable or viable. Thanks to Ray and Steve’s efforts Cothelstone is happening. Andrew to double check parking.</p> <p><b>4.3</b> FE meeting – Andrew’s WhatsApp group – Peter Hart has reached a new agreement as of the 20<sup>th</sup> March..</p>	<p>Bill Andrew</p>

5	<p><b>Marketing and Communications (2020)</b></p> <p><b>5.1 Website – AP – ask Phil about getting more photos on website. Andrew will ask Phil about content.</b></p> <p><b>5.2 Advertising of events – ongoing.</b></p> <p><b>5.3 Chatsite. / email campaigns / social media. Set up email to go out to JOG members but we need some way of ensuring we are able to update. Devon and BOK do a newsletters that are very interesting and engaging. AP – Andrew to ask Alasdair about delegating tasks going forward. We could approach Simon and Miffy about the production of a newsletter.</b></p> <p><b>5.4 How about a fund raising quiz night social / racing night – this might help fund minibuses / other socials / boost resources – no go at present.</b></p>	<p><i>Phil</i></p> <p><i>Karen</i></p>
6	<p><b>People (2045)</b></p> <p><b>6.1 Membership – 67 membership units (42 seniors, 22 families and 3 juniors). Total 78 seniors and 25 juniors. 7 new members since last meeting.</b></p> <p><b>6.2 Volunteer Report.</b></p> <p><b>6.3 Club Captain. Very happy with the Compass Sport results. Is working on the teams for the JK. Requested that the club maintains the ½ price entries for those that take part in the team events. All agreed.</b></p> <p><b>6.4 Juniors – Coaching / CATI – next summer.</b></p> <p><b>6.5 Team leaders – nobody willing to take on the team leader position.</b></p> <p><b>6.6 SI Team – progress on SI Team for the 2023/2024 season.</b></p> <p><b>6.7 Planners Course – 3 sessions – 27<sup>th</sup> April, 18<sup>th</sup> May and 8<sup>th</sup> June - led by Steve R at Kingston Village Hall. 22 QO invited – extend to other clubs – not yet. Promote again.</b></p>	<p><i>Judy</i></p> <p><i>Pete</i></p> <p><i>Phil</i></p>
7	<p><b>Equipment (2145)</b></p> <p><b>7.1 Equipment – new signs made. Andy has replaced SIAC batteries.</b></p> <p><b>7.2 Trophies – the driftwood plaques were circulated. Still thinking coasters but need ideas for the kids.</b></p>	
8	<p><b>Money (2200)</b></p> <p><b>8.1 Finance report. See financial report produced by Steve.</b></p> <p><b>8.2 Membership fees for the 2024 season – leave as is. BOF is going to suggest that administration be done by each individual club. Committee voted against.</b></p> <p><b>8.3 Jake Hannis (SASP) has sent a form for us to express an interest in a ‘Together Fund – Resilience Support Survey’. Roger completed form and we can expect to hear if we qualify in April.</b></p>	<p><i>Steve</i></p>
9	<p><b>Any other business (2215)</b></p> <p><b>9.1 Next meeting to be held on the 5<sup>th</sup> of June 2023</b></p>	<p><i>Karen</i></p>