



# Quantock Orienteers

## Minutes for QO Committee Meeting

19.00 Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October at Staplegrove Village Hall, Taunton

1	<p><b>Start (1900)</b></p> <p>In attendance: Karen Lewis, Richard Sansbury, Ray Toomer, Stever Robertson, Sheila Braine, Rosie Wych, Andrew Hopkins, Elizabeth Treherne, Peter Shirvington and Ollie Rant.</p> <p>Apologies:</p> <p>Minutes from previous meeting (June 2025) approved.</p>	
2	<p><b>Matters Arising –</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Following the decision at the AGM, we need to decide how we are going to approach Devon and who will be the spokesperson. Richard has spoken to Richard Jackman to introduce the idea. Karen and Steve have agreed to arrange a meeting and talk to Devon to take it forward. It is too late to share fixtures for next winter as Devon has put in their dates and we will have to do the same soon.</li> </ul>	
3	<p><b>Finance</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Finance report – See attached report from Steve. There is a deficit of £3000 over the year. This is mainly as a result of the invoice for the upgrade of the website and the recent equipment purchases. We will need to look at entry fees going forward. FE are still to invoice and BOF levies are going up.</li> <li>- HPC / Somerset Community Grant monitoring report – 6 years after the grant approval, Steve has had to submit a report detailing the success of the grant.</li> <li>- BOF Public Liability Insurance changes from Jan 1, 2026. The insurance liability for non BOF members ceases as of 01 01 26. This will mean that we will need to review our recording of non BOF participants. This may affect JOG. Tasters will be covered but events not covered. Not sure about the 3 strikes and out rule.</li> </ul>	Steve
4.	<p><b>Places</b></p> <p>- Mapping – Nothing has happened since the last meeting. Phil has chosen his areas for the Southern Champs. Great Wood is being updated. For the JK 2028, SWOA has said that the south west do not have a suitable area. Arthur Vince has suggested the Dunster region. Ham Hill – Andy believes that Jim Nicolls is updating the map but it does not seem to have been done. Steve will find out.</p> <p>- Permissions – Andrew and Rosie say that this year is sorted. FE have issued the licence for Blackborough for this coming weekend. It seems that things are definitely being done very last minute by FE despite the advance notice.</p>	Steve  Andrew
5	<p><b>Marketing and Communications</b></p> <p>Mailerite – how is it going? Ray has used for JOG emails and Karen has emailed with regards the AGM. The address book does need some work.</p> <p>With regards Racesignup – we need to set up to let us know and the entrants how many of each map left, early entry closing appears to affect helpers code.</p> <p>Communication Policy – see attached from Ray. Ray will set up a meeting of interested parties to look at a communication policy.</p>	

6	<p><b>People</b></p> <p>Miffy needs to submit to BOF a list of the honorary members. There is now an option for QO to pay the BOF fees for honorary members direct to BOF. Steve will contact BOF to arrange payments for find out about it. Honorary members at present – Bill Vigar, Roger and Judy Craddock. It was agreed to offer Mike Crockett honorary membership. Richard will let Steve and Miffy know if Mike accepts.</p>	
7	<p><b>Equipment</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• See attached from Ray. Ray has set up a WhatsApp group for the equipment. This will enable us all to let others know when equipment has been removed or where the equipment is.</li> <li>• First Aid - audit of contents and items to add. Need to action. We will ask David Harrison to have a look at the kit.</li> </ul>	
8.	<p><b>Events and Activities</b></p> <p>Past events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- QOFL – Ramscombe. 85 entries (80 pre-entries, 5 no shows and 10 EODs). Half of the entries were made on the Sunday before the event. The junior numbers were well down.</li> <li>- Spunch events – not quite the numbers that we hoped for but Ollie happy to oversee again next year. Kerno are looking to host similar events.</li> <li>- JOGs -. See attached report from Ray</li> </ul>	
9.	<p><b>Plans for future events:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Southern Champs – January 24<sup>th</sup> 2027 – No response from the café or the leisure centre. Negative response from the camp. Looking at the small hut and a possible marquee. A meeting will be held shortly but it would help if we had the start/finish position agreed upon. Richard has suggested that he could try to find a second date in case the event has to be postponed due to weather.</li> <li>- JOGs – see Ray's report – 5 planned in the Spring term 2026.</li> <li>- QOFLs – see Richard's plan of future events. It was decided to scrap the Ham Hill event on the 8<sup>th</sup> of February as a result of the mapping issues and lack of planner/controller. Neroche is not up to it and it was suggested to use Triscombe instead. The November QOFL will possibly be using Andy's new map. Sun 28<sup>th</sup> February could be Ham Hill.</li> <li>- Ramscombe CATI – looking to move this from 21<sup>st</sup> February 2026 to the summer. A definite date needs to be decided upon.</li> <li>- Street series – Alasdair has sent out an email for a call for planners for a street series.</li> <li>- Urban – Ollie has been asked to run one of the BOK urban events. He will look to hold this in mid June and will arrange venue etc.</li> </ul>	
	<p><b>Any other business:</b></p> <p>There was an incident with an M21 colliding with a member of the public. No one was hurt and this has been slightly exaggerated.</p> <p>Also, there was a near miss at Ramscombe. A vehicle reversed instead of going forward, missing a person standing behind and colliding with the toilet block. This has been reported accordingly.</p>	

Meeting Close – 9.50 pm