

**BMBO****AGM – 2025****Minutes: -**

Date/ Time	Monday 4th November 2024 @ 19:30
Venue	Online using Teams
Chaired By	Tony Brand-Barker
Present	• Angela Brand-Barker (Member / scribe) • Tony Brand-Barker (Chairperson, Statistician & LMBO Co-ordinator) • Simon Coiley (Treasurer) • John Houlihan (Secretary, Website Manager & SI Co-ordinator) • Jeff Mew (MMBO Co-ordinator, Inter Club Shield organiser & Marketing) • Jack Higham (Marketing) • Dave Uglow (SLOW MBO Co-ordinator) • Mike Hayward (MTBO Co-ordinator) • Steve Willis (Event organiser) • Karen Blackburn (Member) • Christopher Young (Member) • Ken Naismith (Member) • Tim Higgins (Member)
Apologies	• Tim Evans (NYMBO Co-ordinator) • Peter Strong (Calendar co-ordinator) • Sion James (BMMBO Co-ordinator) • Keith Dawson (Scottish MTBO)
1.Matters arising from Minutes of 2024 AGM	M20 / W20 class not on website yet Action – John H
2.Reports	• Reports by the chairman, treasurer and statistician had been circulated to attendees prior to the meeting (also attached below). • Chairmans report included table of rider participation comparing event numbers over past 9 years of competition, average attendance etc. Fewer events this year but numbers participating only slightly down on 2024 as average turnout increased slightly. Difficulty in recruiting event organisers noted. Ebike participation up 10%. • Treasurer noted bank balance of £8600. Major cost of SI licence offset by cheaper insurance with broker recommended by British Orienteering. Suggestion that organisers could reduce printing costs by not offering EOD • John Houlihan gave a website update. Regular tweaking goes on. Operating system will be updated in 2026. Ongoing problem to solve is that of admin e-mails not being automatically sent. Action John H

	Members inactive over 2.5 years have been deleted off database. Duplicate accounts still cause problems especially if someone requests new password. Action – Newsletter to stress importance of only creating one account per person and to contact webmaster directly if problems (not moan on Facebook!) - Member benefits / sponsorship not easy – only 1 reply from 12 enquiries. Costing new BMBO feathers for regions. BMBO branded kit by touchline embroidery – link broken on website. Hopefully can resurrect. Possible information pack for new members to be sent out when they join that includes contact details for clubs / area co-ordinators. Action - Jeff (liaise with John for website changes) - Marketing. Listing events and paid “boosts” on Facebook did not yield much response. Jack has entered lots of information onto BMBO Facebook page this year. Noted that Facebook algorithm will only feed to individual what it feels is relevant. Action – all club co-ordinators to e-mail event information to Jack. Jack also planning video for YouTube. Noted that MTBO information has been sent to British Orienteering and this has been sent out in their communications to membership. Discussion about whether MBO score events could follow same pathway or would BMBO newsletter be more appropriate – see item 4 - MTBO reports a league of 8 events this year. 15 riders rode at 4 or more events. 120 different riders over all events. Events in 2026 might be limited as so many people involved with World Masters Champs in September. Only 2 events near Sheffield so far in April. It was suggested that British Champs could be incorporated into World Masters event. - Calendar request to PLEASE put all details onto website as soon as known. Not good advert if potential entrants have to follow links to find location etc Action – all club co-ordinators
3. Committee Proposals	No objection from attendees to increase membership to £10 from £8 (agreed at 2024 AGM). Action John H to amend website
4. Member Proposals	- Creation of new classes M80 and W80 agreed. Classes will be combined for prizes etc where numbers are low. Action John H to add on website - Agreed that BMBO newsletter useful to circulate information, especially to those who don't use Facebook. No volunteers to be editor. John H currently sends out information about membership renewal, AGM to all those on database (website property). All newsletters archived on website so can be accessed by anyone. Action – advertise for newsletter editor. John to include with membership renewal mailing Action – all to send any info for newsletter to be sent to Tony or John. John will PDF it and circulate 4 times a year. - Discussion about proposal to stop awarding bonus points for clearing a MBO score event within the time limit. Vote was held and it was carried. Action Tony BB to alter stats template / contact SportIdent to adjust template

	Option of having event organiser contact details (name and email rather than phone preferred) on BMBO website. Action John H to see if this can be added to event info on website. Note it would require organiser to tick box to release name / email
5. British Champs Weekend	2026 will be held on Wessex Downs. BOK in conjunction with BMMBO. Date and venue tbc 2027 Lakes MBO to host
6. Election of committee	- No committee nominations have been received, and all existing members are happy to continue. - Newsletter editor vacancy
7. Awards	Lifetime awards to Dave Uglow Action: John H to ensure membership altered to reflect new status
8. Close of meeting	Formal AGM business closed at 21.10
9. AOB	- Option of listing Ebikes in separate result list discussed. BMMBO already do this and Ebikes listed separately in BMBO league tables. A vote was held and consensus was to have 2 lists (with the proviso that SI timing and MapRun can support this). Action – Tony to contact SI timing HQ - Option for anyone joining BMBO in last 2 months of year getting 13 / 14 months membership discussed. Also option of altering website so can only join as Day Rider from October onwards. Plan – future longer discussion at committee meeting

Chairman Report – Tony Brand-Barker

Another year is soon over and time to reflect on the successes and triumphs of 2025.

I will start with a big thank you to everyone involved in making our sport a sport that is enjoyed by so many. Without the efforts of event organisers, coordinators, and members of the committee we would not have the sport we have today. Most of all though it is you, the competitors, who turn out whatever the weather to make all the organising worthwhile. If it were not for your feedback and happy smiling faces at the end of the day, there would be no more events. Thankyou!

MBO Score National League.

2025 was another full and busy year for planners, organisers, and competitors alike.

Participation in National League									
	Events	Clubs	Rides	Av Rides	>10 rides	Av turnout	Number of rider units	Female Riders	Ebike
2025	41	6	1641	2.89	40	39	577	164	55
2024	46	6	1704	2.91	37	37	582	175	50
2023	42	6	1391	2.98	25	33	463	132	34
2022	43	5	1430	2.80	27	33	511	112	32
2019	47	7	1938	2.82	45	41	688	190	11
2018	44	7	1861	2.48	35	42	751	187	
2017	40	6	2097	2.17	23	52	967	188	
2016	39	6	1844	2.36	22	47	782	109	
2015	46	7	2053	2.23	19	45	920	207	

Despite the reduced number of events in 2025 the numbers competing is not significantly different to last year. The biggest change has been in the number of Ebikes competing and I suspect that this will increase more quickly in future. As always, although not listed in the table, we have many riders who do just one ride and do not return. When you speak to these riders, they say that they have enjoyed it but still do not return. Engaging with these riders is the biggest challenge for organisers.

Congratulations to Tom Gibbs and Beth Perrou who are the champions for 2025. Mike Rackham and Sheila Pearce won the E Bike categories. The Final National league table can be viewed on the 'Results Leagues' tab. Vouchers will on their way

In the Shield Event Black Mountains MBO retained the trophy. Thanks to Nuno Cerquiera and Jeff Mew for organising the Shield competition.

In addition to the participation in the National League there have also been local leagues. NYMBO & Midland winter Leagues, Allerdale Bike Challenge (which had record numbers again this year) and the Lakeland Lane Quest. Mid-week Bike-O events seem particularly popular.

2025	Type	Day	Events	Rides	Av Rides
Allerdale Bike Challenge	Bike O	Wed	5	320	64
Nymbo Winter league	2 hr MBO Score	Weekend	5	266	53
Midland Winter Bike O Series	Bike O	Weekend	2	59	30
Lakeland Lane Quest	Bike O	Tues	6	509	85
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The British Championship Weekend

The British Championship weekend was held in North Yorkshire, hosted by NYMBO. A central campsite provided an ideal venue to encourage the social as well as competitive aspects of our sport. After two challenging days Sam Morris and Claire Riley were overall winners. The Team Event running under slightly amended rules to accommodate EBikes, was won by the home team, NYMBO. Overall, a successful weekend and thanks must go to Tim Evans and David Day and their team for keeping us all entertained.

Next year we move back south for a collaboration between BOK and BMMBO in the Wiltshire Downs.

MTBO

It was really pleasing to see full and highly competitive MTBO League back on the calendar. Andy Conn and Charlie Somers Cockes were the overall champions. The full results can be found on the Results Leagues tab of the website. Thanks must go to Mike Hayward for resurrecting this series.

The Future

Already we are looking towards next year and the first event has already taken place. Who is going to win the honours? Will Black Mountain continue their dominance of the shield event? All will be revealed as the season unfolds.

The highlight of 2026 will be the World Masters MTBO Championships. These are being held in the Moray region of Scotland. Four days of orienteering in some of the best terrain Britain has to offer. As an Open event anyone can enter irrespective of age, gender or ability but it will give you the opportunity to compete against some of the best MTBO riders from around the World. A massive first for Britain. As with any big event it relies on volunteers to make it happen. If you are willing to help out in any way we would love to hear from you.

If you have enjoyed taking part in events this year, why not have a go at organising an event? Some regions are struggling to find people willing to organise which ultimately means you will not have events to do. Organising can be hard work but there are enough people with experience to help you take your first steps. Why do it? When you see someone come in, soaking wet and covered with mud but a big smile on their face saying how much they have enjoyed it then it makes it all worthwhile. Have a go!

Tony Brand-Barker

BMBO Chairperson

British Mountain Bike Orienteering

Treasurer's Report as of 31st October 2025

We close the year with a bank balance of £8600, about £400 less than last year. However, there was a sizeable reduction in the operating deficit compared to 2024.

The Sportident/Si licences came up for renewal this year. Tony Brand-Barker negotiated a reduction from 4 to 3 licences, which we renewed for 5 years at a cost of £2304.00.

The Insurance renewal threw up a scare, as we came perilously close to not having a viable option going forward. Our underwriter left it late to inform us that it would not be offering cover this year. The broker's only alternative was at vastly increased cost, plus a requirement for waivers from every rider at all events! Fortunately, following a lengthy search, a new broker was found, with help from, and thanks going to, British Orienteering. Cover was finally put in place the day before the next event! The sense of relief was also heightened by a much-reduced fee!

With the majority of the website overhaul and development now completed, computer and web costs were half that of 2024.

Si timing kit running costs and replacements were double last year's at £864.20, this unfortunately slightly inflated due to the loss of a couple of control boxes.

Bank charges have reduced with the new payment system.

Most other costs were pretty stable and comparable to last year.

2025/26

It was proposed that the membership fees increase from £8 to £10 per year, to be ratified at the AGM.

The committee propose that levies remain unchanged for the coming year.

Currently the Si levy is generating just enough income to cover the running costs and licence fees. We will obviously have to see whether costs increase as the kits age.

I have been in contact with the insurance broker, who assured me that renewal should be straight forward this coming January. We obviously don't yet know at what cost.

There was a more limited uptake of the promotional grant this year. The committee again propose a regional grant of £200 per region. It is up to each region to decide on the use of, and to claim for this money.

Bmbo - Income and expenditure 2024/25

Income

Member / Event levy	2529.00
Receipts - online entries	24009.06

26538.06

Expenditure

New Si licence	2304.00
Si costs	864.20
Insurance	906.01
Event fees to organiser	15239.08
Refunds	
Web costs & development	2212.50
Advertising / Promotion	27.79
Postage/ Stationary	0.00
Prizes	2010.40
British Champs	300.00
Sundries	0.00
Travel	0.00
Mtbo	123.48
Bank charges	575.81
O/S Licence	70.92
Committee fees	2340.00
Committee expenses	0.00

Total

26974.19

Operating Surplus/Deficit

-436.13

Bmbo - Income and expenditure 2023/24

Income

Member / Event levy	2216.42	
Receipts - online entries	20082.11	
		<u>22298.53</u>

Expenditure

New Si kit		
Si costs	389.48	
Insurance	3010.00	
Event fees to organiser	12245.06	
Refunds		
Web costs & development	4454.49	
Advertising / Promotion	200.00	
Postage/ Stationary	74.78	
Prizes	950.35	
British Champs	600.00	
AGM Costs		
Travel	10.00	
Mtbo	462.50	
Bank charges	1322.54	
O/S Licence	70.92	
Committee fees	2160.00	
Committee expenses	223.07	
	Total	<u>26173.19</u>

Operating Surplus/Deficit	<u><u>-3874.66</u></u>
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