

Minutes of the SCOA Committee Meeting held on 11th June 2026 after the AGM

Present

Ian Moran	Chair	SOC
Trish Monks	Treasurer	BKO
Richard Sharp	Fixtures	TVOC
Jon Wheatcroft	Vice-Chair	TVOC
Fiona Clough	Secretary	BKO
Debbie Robinson		SN
Charles Bromley Gardner		BAOC
David Currie		SOC
Alan Kersley		BADO
Mark Foxwell		BKO
Pete Riches		TVOC

1771 Apologies for absence

Liz Yeadon		SARUM
Simon Kippin	SCJS	TVOC
Simon Moore		BKO

1772 Review minutes of the meeting held on 5th March 2026

The minutes of the last meeting were reviewed by those present at the meeting and agreed to be a true record. Proposed by RS and seconded by DC.

1773 Matters arising

Paragraph 1712 – Grants & Awards Policy – discussed at AGM **Action: JW to finalise wording**

Paragraph 1738 – TOF sponsored Coaching Weekend in SCOA region to be discussed by clubs. It was agreed that there would be some interest from the clubs, dependant on the dates and location. **Action: IM to identify and pencil in a date next year and see what interest there is.**

Paragraph 1761 Data Protection Policy – IM stated he had received very little feedback – complete.

Paragraph 1762 – Change banks and update constitution to include online transactions – complete.

Paragraph 1762 – chase unpaid affiliation fees for 2024/5 – TM stated that all now paid up except RAFO and RNOC but they are national clubs so Jerry Newcombe suggested letting them off – complete.

Paragraph 1764 – PR said that TVOC have agreed to host the YBT 2027 at Shotover. AK said that BADO are hoping to take on the CSC Round 2027 at Chawton, date and car park booked, FE permission applied for and notionally approved. DC has proposed officials lined up.

Paragraph 1767 – DR forwarded the email from Jeanette to all re safeguarding. It still appears to be quite vague but applies to anyone coaching and interacting with children. Yet another discussion followed regarding the implications on the sport as a whole and how it appears that anyone involved in any part of the organisation of an event should complete the training including those at arm's length such as the mapper. JW made the

point that we are two stages detached from the organisation imposing this, it is not from BOF or Sport England, but it is the NSPCC driving it.

DR commented that BOF fees are due to increase 17% and membership due to increase by 20% and asked, 'where is the money going?'.

CBG said that British Athletics went through this a couple of years ago and the result was that some officials just gave up as they were not prepared to comply with both the time required and the cost to complete this obligatory training. As a result, current officials get it for free. Complete.

Paragraph 1769 – to be covered in JK2029 section of meeting.

Paragraph 1770 – Southern Champs Junior winners/2nd/3rd to get medals **Action: IM to discuss with SEOA & SWOA Chairs.** IM said that SEOA are happy, but he is waiting for a reply from SWOA.

1774 Chair's report

IM stated he had nothing more to add from the discussions at the AGM.

1775 Treasurer's report

TM said that at the end of May SCOA had £28,829 in the bank. There is not much going on at the moment. The new bank account has been set up but that she has not transferred the total balance over but is waiting for the affiliation fees to be paid.

DR asked whether when the BOF levy increases, does that mean the SCOA levy will also increase. TM did not know the answer but asked that this be put on the agenda for discussion at the next meeting (after the BOF levy increase implemented).

1776 Fixtures

RS had circulated a report prior to the meeting detailing the forthcoming major events in the region and an update on the SCOA League events. There are 5 events missing officials.

1777 Technical Officer

KS no longer attended these meetings but had sent a report for both the AGM and the committee meeting regarding licensing and maintaining a database of Controllers by BOF. IM commented that KS on behalf of SCOA manages the Controllers list and training well.

1778 Coaching & Development

This position is currently vacant although LY keeps watch but has sent her apologies for this evening.

1779 Junior Squad

SK had also sent his apologies but had circulated a detailed report prior to the meeting. IM sent congratulations to all those selected for both the JROS Camps and also the EYOC.

1780 Website & Publicity

IM informed the meeting that Jerry Newcombe had bought a 'breakdance plug-in' (apparently it helps building websites). DR asked who hosts the SCOA website and IM said he did not know but that he knew Jerry was looking into a possible new host.

1781 JK2029

IM updated the committee on the current discussions regarding areas for all four events.

Sprint – Whiteknights v Birch Hill. Both are BKO areas. Birch Hill would park Fujitsu, Whiteknights perhaps public transport/some on campus parking? **Action: MF & FC to progress this**

Middle -Chawton Forest looks good, has enough parking if we park on the racetrack. IM to remind AF to look into it.

Long – PR had updated the meeting prior to leaving the meeting. PR stated he was out voted at the TVOC committee meeting and that they have agreed that Hambledon can be used for the Long-Distance race. TVOC can provide a planner but need another club to provide support and an organiser. TVOC don't want to end up doing it all. IM said that he would prefer Hambledon without bussing which would be required for both Star Posts and Cold Ash.

IM then updated the meeting on the status of JK2028. SWOA have now said they are unable to host JK2028, BOF asked SCOA but after committee discussions we refused.

1782 AOB

It was mentioned that we need to formalise the practice of having the SCOA Championships Prize giving at the event after the actual championship event.

Action: FC to look int this.

1783 Proposed dates of future meetings

Thursday 3rd December 2026

Thursday 4th March 2027

Thursday 3rd June 2027 – AGM & Committee meeting

Fiona Clough
Secretary SCOA
16th June 2026