# Minutes of the SCOA AGM 12th June 2026 held on 'Teams'

**Present**

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| 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 |

**1. Apologies**

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| Liz Yeadon | | SARUM |
| Simon Kippin | SCJS | TVOC |
| Simon Moore | | BKO |

**2. Minutes of the last AGM held on 19th June 2025**

The minutes were reviewed by those present and agreed that they were a true record of the proceedings – proposed by JW, seconded by RS.

**3. Matters arising**

Club members had been asked to send the SCJS annual report to their clubs their juniors – Complete.

**4. Chair's Report**

The Chair had circulated a report prior to the meeting to cover both the AGM and the committee meeting. He commented that congratulations and good luck to those SCOA athletes selected for various international competitions (Jocie Hilton – JWOC, Jocie Hilton – WUOC Adam Methven is a reserve, European Trail O champs in Poland – Charles B-G, Tom Dobra and David Jukes, Jake Hilton – EYOC in Slovenia).

IM mentioned that Mark Thompson TVOC has received the well-deserved Silva Award for all his hard work in mapping, organising, volunteering, planning and controlling orienteering events of all levels.

The Orienteering Foundation (TOF) is inviting applications for project funding to help grow, innovate and broaden participation in orienteering, especially coaching projects. A discussion followed about the proposal to hold a coaching weekend within the region and how that would look.

IM mentioned that the volunteer survey results are due out any day now and that would be very interesting.

**5. Treasurer's report**
TM had circulated the accounts for 2025 that had been reviewed and checked by AK. She told the AGM that she is in the process of moving bank accounts to Lloyds but was waiting for this years' affiliation fees to be paid before transferring the rest of the money to Lloyds and closing the other account.

**6. Fixtures**
RS had circulated his usual fixtures analysis for the past year and said that there has been a modest increase in both participation numbers and the number of events.

**7. Coaching**
This committee position is still empty and SCOA needs to recruit someone for this role. LY does keep a watch on things, but she has sent her apologies as she is unable to attend this meeting.

**8 SCJS report**
SK had sent his apologies and circulate a report on the activities of the SCJS over the past year and detailing their successes. IM suggested we could discuss that further at the committee meeting.

**9. Technical Officer's report**
KS no longer attends these meetings but had circulated a report prior to the meeting.

SCOA currently has 2 Grade A, 13 Grade B and 15 Grade C controllers (one of whom is only happy to work in an advisory capacity). Over the last year, three Controllers courses have been held resulting in one appointment however we have a number of potential controllers or upgrades 'in the wings' awaiting gaining the required experience. A couple of these attendees were members of another association, so it is not clear whether they have applied to their association for appointment or not.

**10. Proposals**
a) To update the constitution regarding online payments rather than co-signatories for cheques. Cheques are becoming obsolete and all payments must be authorised by 2 committee members, as did cheques need signing. FC proposed this to be adopted and JW seconded it. It was agreed unanimously.
b) Adoption of the updated SCOA Grants & Awards policy. DR said she still had some outstanding questions particularly why we fund the Home Internationals and Interland, this is in the main providing adults with funding.
CBG agreed and said that he has no problem with funding juniors but that the VHI could be quite close whereas attending the Trail O International competitions are very expensive and SCOA does not provide funding for that.
A lengthy discussion followed regarding who needs to be funded and how to tell someone needs support. The conclusion of the discussion was that the wording of the policy needed some improvement possibly to include something like 'this is not an exhaustive list, and other activities could be considered on merit', JW agreed to review the wording of the proposal and return it to the committee at the next meeting in September.

**Action: JW to improve the wording to the proposed Grants & Awards policy and return it to the next committee meeting in September.**

## 11.Election of Officers

Chair – Ian Moran (SOC) states he had one more year of the three-year maximum term of office and was willing to stand. Nominated by FC, seconded by DR, agreed unanimously.
Treasurer – Trish Monks (BKO) currently holds this post. There being no other candidates and she is willing to stay on, nominated by FC, seconded by DR, agreed unanimously.
Secretary – Fiona Clough (BKO) is happy to remain, nominated by IM, seconded by RS, agreed unanimously.
Fixtures – Richard Sharp (TVOC) is happy to remain, nominated by DR, seconded by MF, agreed unanimously.
Vice Chair – Jon Wheatcroft (TVOC) happy to remain, nominated by IM, seconded by PR, agreed unanimously.

## 12. Any other business

IM thanked the committee for their hard work for the region over the past year.

There being no other matters for discussion the AGM closed.

Fiona Clough
Secretary SCOA
13th June 2026