

MINUTES OF SCOA COMMITTEE MEETING, 7.30pm, 12th SEPTEMBER 2002 AT THE FRIENDS MEETING HOUSE, NEWBURY.

Present:

Carol Edwards, TVOC and Junior Squad
Allan Farrington, BAOC
Caroline Ford, SOFA, Treasurer
Andrew Hensman, BAOC, Emit specialist
Adrian Lovell, BADO, Chairman
Anne Parker, BKO
Reg Parker, BKO
Richard Sharp, TVOC, Fixtures

541. Apologies:

Apologies were received from Katy Stubbs, Mark Thompson, Damian Wilson, Oliver O'Brien and Phil Brown.

542. Secretary

Anne Parker took the minutes.

543. Minutes of last meeting and matters arising.

The minutes of the last meeting were accepted without alteration.

532. SCOA has now been reimbursed by BOF for JK mapping and floor covering expenses.

538. For SCOA to evaluate NOW week clubs are asked to submit reports to the Secretary, even if they have already sent a report to BOF. **ACTION Clubs.** The Secretary will report the collective findings back to clubs. **ACTION Damian Wilson.**

539. Caroline Ford reported that no further action was required.

539. All venues for next year's meetings have been booked.

544. Treasurer's Report.

Caroline Ford gave the report. She has ordered more SCOA colour coded badges due to demand from clubs. No more requests from SCOA funds for JK2003 are expected as BOF funding has now been received. In answer to a question, she stated that between 900 and 1200 pounds a year was spent on the junior squad. Event levies bring in 600 pounds a year. The difference is made up from profits from JK events.

545. Fixtures Secretary's Report.

Richard Sharp gave the report. John Farren has trophies ready for the SCOA league. Richard Sharp will present these at the Hampton Ridge event on 22nd September 2002. As Junior Squad Coordinator, Carol Edwards will contact clubs to encourage more interest in the Yvette Baker Trophy junior event, to be held at the Hampton Ridge event. This trophy event must be preentered.

546. JK2003 report.

Allan Farrington had been asked by Katy Stubbs to check the availability of areas at Lower Star Posts. At the present time, these areas are available. Allan Farrington mentioned the possibility of parking at Sandhurst and will keep Katy Stubbs informed about these possibilities. **ACTION Allan Farrington.**

547. Junior Squad report.

Carol Edwards gave the report. She thanked David Nixon for running the squad for many years previously. Carol will be running the squad with the assistance of two coaches, David and Christine Currie. All three will be attending a BOF coordinator's weekend. Training events for the autumn have been set up, on Saturday mornings, once a month. The aim is to make the group open to many junior orienteers, although there may be many 'shadowers' needed if there are many members below orange standard. Discussion took place about the name of the group. It may be that the word 'squad' is too pressurising. Carol Edwards will take suggestions back to her team. There is no problem from BOF about minimum ages but the insurance policy still needs checking to see if it stipulates a minimum age level. A short article for club newsletters promoting the 'squad' will be produced. **ACTIONS Carol Edwards.**

548. Coaching.

It is likely that it is too late for Phil Brown to organise a coaching course specifically for SCOA in October. The committee requests to Phil Brown whether he can provide a list of coaching courses that may be suitable for SCOA members to attend.

ACTION Phil Brown.

549. TVOC grant for electronic punching.

TVOC is proposing to apply for a grant, with Julianna Grant's help, to purchase electronic punching equipment. TVOC asked whether other clubs or SCOA would be willing to join them. After discussion it was agreed that SCOA would like to take up this offer. Richard Sharp will pass on this information at a shortly forthcoming meeting of Julianna Grant and TVOC. **ACTION Richard Sharp.** The concept of SCOA owning the equipment but each club holding enough for small events was attractive. Further discussions and evaluations are needed before deciding which electronic punching system to buy, although it was pointed out that it did not all have to be the same.

550. Any Other Business.

Allan Farrington reported that two new areas had been mapped: Browndown Camp, Gosport, and Newton Ranges, Isle of Wight. The new map of Grimsbury Castle Hermitage is ready. Use of the land by civilians would depend on land owner's permission and Army agreement for use of secure car parking.

Damian Wilson, Secretary, from notes made by Anne Parker.