

MINUTES OF SCOA AGM, 19th JUNE 2003
AT THE RICHARD ALDWORTH SCHOOL, BASINGSTOKE AT 8pm.

Present:

Mike Broderick, BADO
David Currie, SOC, Junior Squad
Peter Entwistle, BKO
Allan Farrington, BAOC
Caroline Ford, SOFA, Treasurer
Adrian Lovell, BADO, Chairman
Jerry Newcombe, SOC
Richard Sharp, TVOC, Fixtures
Di Smith, SOC
Terry Smith, SOC
Dave Stubbs, BKO
Katy Stubbs, BKO, Tech. Rep, JK
Mark Thompson, TVOC
Liz Turbin, BKO
Damian Wilson, BKO, Secretary
Alan Yeadon, BKO

Apologies:

Apologies were received from Thomas Cochrane, OUOC and Phil Brown, BKO, Coaching.

1. Minutes of the last AGM.

The minutes were accepted.

2. Treasurer's Report.

Caroline Ford presented the accounts, which have been audited. Junior Squad expenditure had increased to its normal levels, after the Foot and Mouth year. The insurance premium for SCOA equipment had been reduced after reconsidering the items that SCOA wishes to insure. As at 31st December 2002, funds stood at 5424 pounds, which was acceptable. Katy Stubbs proposed accepting the accounts, Allan Farrington seconded them and they were approved by those present.

3. Secretary's Report.

Damian Wilson reminded clubs that SCOA receives, through the Secretary, a variety of mail which any member of a SCOA club can look at if they wish. Lists of items are regularly distributed to club representatives by the Secretary. Damian confirmed his intention to step down as Secretary after the AGM.

4. Fixtures' Secretary's Report.

Richard Sharp presented a summary of the fixtures in 2002. The number of events was down on that in 2001, because 2001 (Foot and Mouth year) had had an exceptionally large number of small events staged later in the year. Participation was down, but junior participation was up by 20%.

SCOA had successfully staged the 2002 Southern Nights, and had had the best ever participation in the SCOA league, although most people only run one or two events.

5. Events Standards Report.

Katy Stubbs reported that there had been a Technical Standards conference in the region, to introduce the new Rules. A Grade 3 Controller's course had been run, and there is the possibility of a Grade 2 Controller's course soon. If people wish for a Planners, Organisers, or Controllers course to be run, please contact Katy who can make arrangements.

Di Smith asked about when the Junior Ageless Scheme was to be introduced. Katy still cannot say when this will be, although it will not apply to National Events. A decision is expected at BOF Council on Saturday 21st June 2003.

6. Junior Squad Report.

David Currie reported that the region had performed well in the 2002 Junior Inter-Regional Championships, coming 6th overall. Mark Nixon (2nd on M18) and Lizzie Adams (10th on W16) performed particularly well. SCOA cannot field a full team for the 2003 Inter-Regionals, due to a lack of juniors in certain age groups.

Kitty Bray (SN) was selected as first reserve in W14 for England at the Interland competition in Holland. She and Anne Edwards (TVOC) will attend the BOF training tour at Lagganlia this year. Lizzie Adams (SOC) has been reselected for the GB Start Squad and has been selected for a BOF Scandinavian tour this summer.

Training had been held every month. David thanked the clubs who had donated maps for training, particularly SN. Numbers attending training varied from 4 to 15 at each training event. The squad is looking to grow the numbers. The squad has 4 qualified coaches available and many helpers, disclosures will be obtained for these people before the start of 2004.

The lead coaches have been Christine and David Currie, who have attended coaching courses both in the UK and in Sweden. Carol Edwards is now acting as squad treasurer. It is hoped that Tim Booth will take over as Squad Coordinator.

The Squad ran a very successful training event before the 2003 JK.

7. JK2003 Summary.

Katy Stubbs reported that the JK2003 was held very successfully, with a similar number of entrants to that SCOA had expected, approximately 2400 on each day. Accounts for the event have been finalised except for a small issue regarding toilet hire. SCOA will receive about 7000 pounds from this event. Katy thanked a number of people for their help to stage this event, some of whom helped on all four days. In particular she thanked the steering committee of Reg Parker, Jocelyn Andersson, Tim Booth and Liz Turbin and also Julian Lyne who drove the van and moved equipment around all weekend.

Mark Thompson proposed a vote of thanks to Katy for her hard work in successfully coordinating the event and this was warmly supported by all at the AGM.

8. Election of Committee.

The following were elected to SCOA committee posts:

Chairman: Adrian Lovell, BADO

Secretary: John Worth, TVOC

Treasurer: Caroline Ford, SOFA

Fixtures Secretary: Richard Sharp, TVOC

Junior Squad Officer: David Currie, SOC

Events Standards Representative: Katy Stubbs, BKO

Caroline Ford indicated that she is unlikely to stand for treasurer after the coming year.

Allan Farrington indicated that he is happy to attend occasional BOF council meetings instead of the Chairman.

A Coaching representative was not elected. It was agreed that SCOA should search clubs for a coaching representative (to represent SCOA at BOF meetings). This person need not be a qualified coach. Damian Wilson will ask BOF to contact current SCOA coaches to say that the Coaching Representative position is vacant. **ACTION Damian Wilson.** Adrian Lovell will contact Phil Brown (the current incumbent) to inform him of this. **ACTION Adrian Lovell.**

9. Any Other Business.

Katy Stubbs proposed a vote of thanks to the Secretary for his work for SCOA over the last few years. Adrian Lovell seconded this and this was unanimously agreed.

Damian Wilson, Secretary.