

MINUTES OF THE SOUTH CENTRAL ORIENTEERING ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 16th JUNE 2005
AT THE ALDWORTH SCIENCE COLLEGE, BASINGSTOKE.

Present

Allan Farrington	BAOC	Chairman & Club Rep
Jerry Newcombe	BAOC	Treasurer
Richard Sharp	TVOC	Fixtures Secretary & Club Rep
Dave Rogers	BKO	Junior Squad Manager
Denise Harper	BKO	RDO
Eric Harper	BKO	
Alan Yeadon	BKO	Club Rep
Liz Turbin	BKO	
Mike Bray	SN	Club Rep
Colin Hicks	SOC	Club Rep
Terry Smith	SOC	
Di Smith	SOC	
Caroline Ford	SOFA	Club Rep

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Phil Brown, BKO, Coaching and James Head, TVOC.

2. Minutes of Last AGM

The minutes of the last AGM held on 17th June 2004 were agreed.

3. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising that were not covered elsewhere in the agenda.

4. Chairman's Report

The Chairman's aim over the past year has been to structure and streamline the efforts of SCOA volunteers, to shift to getting things to happen without the need for meetings. AF's objectives had been to get clubs to organise things, to update the website and to get News out to the clubs. JN had taken up the role of Admin Officer and was acting as a focal point for news and information for the clubs.

BOF had proposed funding the RDO for a second day's work within the region and we need to consider how we could use this resource. We have moved forward on appointing officers to the various positions and constitution changes for the number of meetings will be decided later in this meeting. AF would prefer meetings to take decisions with information circulated beforehand so that it could be reviewed.

It was disappointing that SCOA did not get more involved with the World Cup. SCOA members were requested to help late on in the preparations and filled some critical roles, but only OUOC got involved with the schools competition, the Young Orienteers Festival.

A cascade system has been set up to circulate news to the clubs rather than placing it on the website. The BOF Membership debate had benefited from this system with feedback received from club members following a cascade notice.

AF recorded his thanks to John Farren (TVOC) for organising another successful year of the SCOA League.

Over the next year, clubs are urged to pass information through JN for circulating through the SCOA cascade. AF suggested clubs should try new initiatives for getting people into the sport, such as holding Sprint O, Short O, Saturday events, mid-week events, MTBO, Adventure Racing or Long O.

5. Treasurer's Report

See attached report and the audited accounts.

Due to the anticipated cash flow problems in future years, various cost-cutting measures were discussed:

It was proposed to seek a volunteer Auditor for the Association's accounts. Alan Kersley (BADO) had agreed to take on this function and the members agreed to his appointment.

Concern was expressed over the increased costs of the EOC. Allan Farrington would speak to EOC Chairman, Jon Wheatcroft. **Action: AF**

Following a discussion on its use, it was agreed to close down the SCOA Answering machine. Eric Harper will cancel the BT phone line. **Action: EH**

Most of the region's equipment is no longer used and it was agreed to cancel the insurance when it next falls due. **Action: JN**

The region's SI equipment is rarely used by the Junior Squad as there were so few controls. It was suggested that the kit should be given to a nearby club with SI equipment on the basis that we may borrow it back with additional controls for Junior Squad training. Allan Farrington is to discuss this with Tim Booth who holds the equipment. **Action: AF**

6. Fixtures Secretary's Report

See attached report.

The figures for army events are missing from the Fixtures statistics for 2004 but the number of runners is still down when compared on a similar basis to 2002 (2003 being distorted by the JK). There were more events but less people attending. Allan Farrington suggested that event publicity should be distributed earlier. Also, events could be varied with different types of orienteering on offer, e.g. Radio-O, MTBO, multi-day events in conjunction with neighbouring clubs, using permanent courses, etc.

The Peter Palmer Relays may move to SCOA this year. The region is also hosting the Junior Inter-Regional Championships in 2006. Allan Farrington is to look at possible venues. **Action: AF**

7. Technical Officer's Report

No one has held the Technical Officer's position since Katie Stubbs resigned in December 2004. AF has the TO's files. The revised Badge scheme is the main issue but the Controllers list needs to be updated. JN will advertise the Controllers update through the cascade and Club Reps. **Action: JN**

8 Junior Squad Manager's Report

See attached report.

There is a need to get more juniors in the squad and to this end an open day will be held on 24th September 2005. Future plans include attending O-Ringen in 2006 and the squad running the SCOA Score Championships on 2nd October 2005. The squad needs to be doing something to attract juniors from schools if they are orange standard. It was suggested that DR should attend the Saturday schools events.

A flier is needed for the Squad's Open Day.

Action: DR

9 Coaching Officer's Report

Apologies had been received from Phil Brown due to illness but he did report the mapping of all schools in the Windsor & Maidenhead areas together with the training of teachers at the schools.

10 Sport England Regional Development Officer's Report

The RDO had been in post for almost a year and was completely funded by Sport England. Targets are set by Sport England for promoting school-club links, for the number of schools joining BOF and for the number of clubs applying for Clubmark. The RDO's work only counts towards targets if it is

with clubs registered for Clubmark. In SCOA this means BKO, SN and SOC. DH does work with the other clubs but if they are not able to support the schools in their area there is little point in promoting the sport in those schools.

Recently work has been related to the World Cup races in Surrey, helping SN and OUOC and arranging coaching courses in Reading, Bracknell, Wallingford and Slough. In addition, mapping has been arranged for small areas in TVOC and SN's catchment areas.

Money is available from BOF for some development projects. Additional money is available through the RDO for projects with a maximum of £500 per project.

11 Proposals

See attached documentation.

Proposal 1 – Number of Committee Meetings per Year

After discussion, voting took place on Proposal 1B requiring the Executive Committee to meet at least twice per year. For: 5 Against 1
Proposals 1A and 1B were withdrawn.

Proposal 2 – Rename Chairman and Vice-Chairman

Proposal 2A – For 0 Against 6
Proposal 2B – For 0 Against 6

Proposal 3 – Clarify Committee's Powers

Proposal 3A – For 6 Against 0
Proposal 3B – For 6 Against 0

Proposal 4 – Clarify reasons for refusing membership

Proposal 4 – For 6 Against 0

Proposal 5 – Dissolution Clause

Proposal 5 – For 6 Against 0

Proposal 6 – Approval of Accounts

Proposal 6 – For 6 Against 0

Proposal 7 – 2006 Membership Fees

Proposal 7 – For 6 Against 0

Proposal 8 – 2006 Event Levies

Proposal 6 – For 6 Against 0

12 Appointment of Officers

The following officials were elected:

Chairman	Allan Farrington	BAOC
Secretary	Jerry Newcombe	BAOC
Treasurer	Jerry Newcombe	BAOC
Fixtures Secretary	Richard Sharp	TVOC
Junior Squad Officer	Dave Rogers	BKO
Technical Officer	Terry Smith	SOC
Coaching Officer	Phil Brown	BKO
Mapping Officer	Colin Hicks	SOC

It was agreed that Richard Sharp should be added to the list of Officers who may sign cheques on the bank account so that we maintain three possible signatories.

13 Any Other Business

AF will look to find a cheaper meeting venue.

Action: AF

The next AGM will be held on Thursday 15th June 2006.