

**MINUTES OF THE SCOA COMMITTEE MEETING, 13th DECEMBER 2005
AT THE SOCIETY OF FRIENDS MEETING HOUSE, NEWBURY.**

Present

Allan Farrington	BAOC	Chairman & Club Rep
Jerry Newcombe	BAOC	Secretary & Treasurer
Richard Sharp	TVOC	Fixtures Secretary & Club Rep
Denise Harper	BKO	RDO
Alan Yeadon	BKO	Club Rep
Liz Turbin	BKO	
Terry Smith	SOC	Technical Officer
Mary Adams	SOC	Club Rep

682. Apologies

Apologies were received from:

Dave Rogers	BKO	Junior Squad Manager
Colin Hicks	SOC	Mapping Officer & Club Rep
Eric Harper	BKO	

683. Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes of the last committee meeting held on 16th June 2005 were agreed.

684. Matters Arising

675 – OUOC received a grant from Hilary Palmer's BOF development fund to cover the cost of providing maps for the Young Orienteers Festival.

685 AGM Minutes Review

AF noted that SCOA had not been represented at EOC Meetings recently and he would try to arrange cover in future.

Action: AF

686. Chairman's Report

See written report.

AF suggested clubs should ensure details of their local events are sent to neighbouring clubs.

The SCOA website was in the process of being redesigned and will be at the new address of www.scoa-orienteeing.org.uk which will also be the domain for the officers' email addresses. The new site is designed so that selected officers can put information on the site so we are not dependant on Tim Booth.

The site should be providing information on the region's clubs to make it easier for newcomers to find local clubs. Similarly, the local Fixtures List should be available and up to date. It has been suggested that SCOA should design a new modern logo and perhaps a competition could be organised amongst local schools. Some design elements of the new site still need to be refreshed to give a more appealing look.

Phil brown has been asked to put on a Level 2 Coaching course at Longmoor. This will probably take place on the first weekend in March.

687. BOF Council Report

See written report. A document on the new membership proposals is available on the BOF website. AF will not be available for the next Council meeting on 21st January.

688. Secretary's Report

See written report.

BOF had produced a document on the likely affects on orienteering of an avain influenza outbreak – the conclusion was that it was unlikely to have much impact on the sport.

The Map Makers Championship was being resurrected and will be held alongside the Military League event at Greenham Common on 18th January 2006.

BOF are organising a Coaching Conference at Lilleshall Nation Sports Centre on February 4th – 5th.

689. Treasurer's Report

See written report.

The SCOA Answerphone has been discontinued as per the agreement reached at this year's AGM.

690. Fixtures Secretary's Report

See written report.

The next BOF Fixtures meeting is in March 2006 and bids for Regional and National Events in 2008 are required by this meeting. **Action: All Clubs**

BOF has simplified it's guidance document on organising Major Events (Level 1 & 2 events).

The Fixtures database application has been updated so it is now possible to extract a list of officials at events over the last two years. RS can provide the reports on request.

We need to decide by March 2006 Fixtures Meeting whether we wish to hold the British Championships in 2009 or 2010. There is a strong preference for the event to be held on the first weekend in May. We need to select an area and the possibility of using the New Forest now it was a National Park was being investigated. AF suggested we should go for 2010 so we have more time to negotiate the New Forest. The open areas of the New Forest may not be available in May due to ground-nesting birds so we may need to move the date. There is a preference to hold the British Elite Championships alongside the BOC. SOC is to investigate the New Forest and other clubs are to investigate fallback areas. **Action: All Clubs**

Liz Turbin reported that only 15 of the 32 Southern Championships Trophies had been presented in 2005 leaving her with a difficult task in tracking down the trophies for the 2006 championships. AY suggested that permanent trophies be discontinued to save future organisers from having this workload. This would need the agreement of SEOA and SWOA.

691. Junior Squad Report

See written report.

Carol Edwards attended the Junior Competitions Steering Group meeting.

Both days of the Junior Inter-Regional Championships 2006 will be held on Bordon. The existing map is being extended for the event. AF is in discussion with SOC about the provision of officials. AF is considering opening up the Saturday event to individuals on the Sunday, either before or after the main race.

692 Coaching Report

No Report.

A Level 2 Coaching Course will be held at Longmoor on 4-5 March.

693 Technical Officer's Report

See written report

694 Mapping Officer's Report

See written report.

There is a 2 day mapping course at Longmoor on February 4-5th (*post-meeting note – this course was moved to March 4-5th*). The course is designed for the military but is open to all. The course content will be adapted to the level of the people who attend.

BOF are looking for a location to run a schools mapping course. The venue must have 12 PC's available.

695 Sport England RDO Report

See written report.

SOC & TVOC have both received money from the Development Fund for mapping small areas.

SOC has applied for Clubmark funding.

696 Any Other Business

BOF has pool of equipment from the 2005 World Cup races which is available for loan

AF has an inflatable Start/finish tunnel which is available for hire for a small fee.

681 Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 15th June 2006 at Worthy Down.