

MINUTES OF THE SOUTH CENTRAL ORIENTEERING ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 15th JUNE 2006
AT THE PAVILION, WORTHY DOWN, WINCHESTER.

Present

Allan Farrington	BAOC	Chairman & Club Rep	
Jerry Newcombe	BAOC	Secretary & Treasurer	
Richard Sharp	TVOC	Fixtures Secretary & Club Rep	
Dave Rogers	BKO	Junior Squad Manager	
Terry Smith	SOC	Technical Officer	
Andy MacGregor	BADO	Club Rep	
Alan Yeadon	BKO	Club Rep	
Christine Currie	JOK	Club Rep	
Stephen Granger-Bevan	OUOC	Club Rep	
Mike Bray	SN	Club Rep	(joined meeting at item 7)
Di Smith	SOC	Club Rep	
Denise Harper	BKO	RDO	(joined meeting at item 4)
Bryce Gibson	BKO		
Janet Gibson	BKO		
Eric Harper	BKO		(joined meeting at item 4)
Liz Turbin	BKO		
David Currie	SOC/JOK		

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from:

Phil Brown, BKO, Coaching Officer
Colin Hicks, SOC, Mapping Officer
Caroline Ford, SOFA
Ekaterina Orekhova, OUOC

2. Minutes of Last AGM

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

3. Matters Arising

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

4. Chairman's Report

The committee will continue with the practice of limited meetings and using email for discussions and taking decisions.

SCOA does not have the resources to organise activities – it is the role of the clubs to arrange activities. However, SCOA can help to obtain funding from government for club activities.

The SCOA website has been revamped. It's still not ideal but we will wait to see how the BOF website is redeveloped before we take any further action on our site.

The new BOF membership structure was agreed at the BOF AGM and will be implemented for the 2007 membership year. BOF has a new CEO, Mike Hamilton, and some interesting questions are being asked of the sport in relation to how we should develop.

Clubmark status produces extra funding both for the clubs and the sport in general. SN, BKO and SOC are in the process of applying. BADO has no one to organise an application and it is unlikely that BAOC will apply for it as they are so diverse and have few juniors.

Clubs should feedback to the Secretary on any initiatives that they undertake such as the Greenham Common collaboration between West Berkshire County Council and BKO. By sharing experiences all clubs can learn from practices elsewhere in the Region.

5. Secretary & Treasurer's Report

The Secretary has received various documents from BOF over the year and these have been passed on to clubs as appropriate. SCOA's contact details are gradually being removed from local councils' paper directories in favour of web-based information.

Treasurer – see the attached report and audited accounts.

Our financial results for 2005 were better than expected due to several factors. However, the Junior Squad is facing some heavy expenditure in 2006 & 2007. In addition, Sports Council funding for the English Orienteering Council is uncertain which may result in our contribution rising significantly in 2007. We should remain cautious although there is no need to increase our fees or levies in 2007.

6. Fixtures Secretary's Report

See attached report.

Participation at events in the Region has been flat since the Foot & Mouth outbreak some years ago. Comparison with previous year's statistics is difficult as they do not always include BAOC mid-week events.

7 Junior Squad Manager's Report

See attached report.

The Squad have purchased new O Tops which will be used for the first time at the Junior Inter-Regional Championships being held in SCOA on 24/25 June. Anne Edwards has been selected for the Junior World Championships team in her first year of W18. The SCOA Score Championships last October raised £400 for the Squad and the event will be repeated this year.

8 Other Officer's Reports

Technical Officer

See attached report.

TS has attended all Rules Group meetings since his appointment and actively promotes simplification of the rules. Despite the low entry on M/W21V courses, they will remain part of the guidelines for the moment.

Coaching Officer

AF reported on behalf of Phil Brown that a Level 1 & 2 Coaching course will be held on October 28/29 and a level 3 course will take place on November 25/26. Both courses will be held at Longmoor. Given the problems many people have with completing the follow-up assessment work, Phil is considering holding a second weekend after the Oct course just for assessments.

Mapping Officer

JN reported on behalf of CH. CH had been active in working on the Schools Mapping Specification and in learning to use the newly released Ocad 9.

AF reported that the BOF Mapping Conference will take place at Longmoor on October 21/22. An Army Ocad mapping course is taking place at the same time.

9 Proposals

See attached documentation.

9.1 – Membership Fees and Event Levies for 2007

It was agreed that Membership Fees will remain at £25 per club and Event Levies will remain at 12p per starter at events of level 4 and above which are held in the SCOA Region.

9.2 – Amendment to section 24 of the Constitution

It was agreed that the Fixtures Secretary become one of the bank signatories and consequently section 24, Cheque Signatories, be amended to read:

"All cheques drawn against the Association's funds shall be signed by any two of the Treasurer, the Chairman, the Secretary and the Fixtures Secretary."

10 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

11 Any Other Business

New BOF Membership Scheme

TS asked how clubs like SN should be treated under the new membership proposals. AM asked whether people would have to pay two BOF local member fees (of £6) if they are local members of two clubs. JN will raise these questions with BOF but reminded everyone that BOF had appealed for anyone with questions like this to contact them directly through Nicole at BOF Office.

12 Date of Next AGM

The next AGM will take place on Thursday 14 June 2007.