

**MINUTES OF THE SCOA COMMITTEE MEETING, 12th JUNE 2008
HELD AT THE WINCHESTER RUGBY CLUB.**

Present

Mike Bray	SN	Chairman & Club Rep
Caroline Ford	SOFA	Secretary & Club Rep
Jerry Newcombe	BAOC	Treasurer
Terry Smith	SOC	Technical Officer
Dave Rogers	BKO	Junior Squad & Coaching
Ian Webb	TVOC/OUOC	Development Committee Rep
Denise Harper	BKO	Sports Council RDO
Allan Farrington	BAOC	Club Rep
Gillian Mann	BADO	Club Rep
Alan Yeadon	BKO	Club Rep
Di Smith	SOC	Club Rep
Eric Harper	BKO	
Liz Yeadon	BKO	

748 Apologies

Apologies were received from:

Richard Sharp, Fixtures Secretary
Brian Hart, Sarum
Andy Macgregor, BADO
Lisa Jones, SOC

749 Minutes of the last Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 12th February 2008 were accepted as a true record.

750 Matters Arising

At paragraph 741 an action was placed on Jerry Newcombe (JN) to investigate the broken links between the SCOA website and BOF website. BOF accepted responsibility for the broken links which will be fixed in due course.

There were no other matters arising that were not being covered elsewhere in the Agenda.

751 British Orienteering Championships 2009

One of the original Day 1 Planners and the Day 1 Controller resigned in late February due to concerns about the technical nature of the area. After a thorough review, the original plans were confirmed as workable by BOF Major Events Group in late March. Work has continued on mapping and planning since then. However, in May, BOF received an email from the Forestry Commission expressing concerns about the environmental impact of Day 1. A response has been formulated and it is hoped to arrange a meeting between the FC, BOF and the BOC09 team by the end of June.

JN has updated the Event Registration form.

All clubs in the region need to support this event and we should have a contact in each club who can receive and action BOC09 matters. The following contacts were confirmed:

BKO: Liz Yeadon
SOFA: Caroline Ford
BADO: Andy Macgregor

Other clubs in the region should provide their contact name to JN.

752 Chairman's Report

The outgoing Chairman's Report was presented at the AGM.

753 Secretary's Report

JN had attended the EOC AGM held on 21st March 2008. It was reported that the England teams had enjoyed a 100% success over the past year. EOC have launched a new website at www.orienteeingengland.org.uk. A key issue for the EOC is the probable cut in funding from BOF due to the unavailability of a grant from Sports England. Therefore contributions from the Orienteering associations will rise to cover the shortfall. It is estimated that SCOA will have an additional contribution of £100 to pay.

Sarum is now a member of SCOA as well as SWOA.

754 Treasurer's Report

The current problems besieging the banking system has added to the difficulty of finding a more suitable account. JN will continue the hunt. **Action: JN**

Two grants had been awarded since the last meeting.

It was agreed to continue to support those selected for Home Internationals due to the small numbers involved.

A request for sponsorship of the British Schools event had been received. It was agreed to grant £400 with the proviso that SCOA would be reimbursed if a surplus was subsequently made.

Action: JN.

755 Fixtures Secretary's Report

Due to the absence of the Fixtures Secretary there was no report.

Committee members had been asked for comments regarding the proposal for WIGHTO to host the Yvette Baker Trophy (YBT) competition at one of their events. The general consensus was that the perceived awkwardness of getting to the location and high traveling costs would deter many potential participants. There were other events in the region that could host the YBT.

A new SCOA League organiser is required as John Farren would like to step down having been organiser for many years. JN agreed to approach a likely candidate. **Action: JN.**

756 Junior Squad Manager's Report

See report previously distributed on Junior Squad for the 2008 SCOA AGM.

The Interland competition is due to take place in Northern Ireland next year and so the budget will need to be increased to cover the extra costs. **Action: Dave Rogers (DR) and JN.**

757 Coaching Officer's Report

DR attended the British orienteering Coaching Committee meeting on 7th June 2008. Key points were:

- Lakeside 2008: Currently unfunded by British Orienteering budget. Based on 2007 figures, costs were £100 per junior attending, not including travel to and from Lakeside.
- British Orienteering Club Activity Guide: This guide is available for free from British Orienteering Office and is aimed at encouraging clubs to put on club activities rather than just organising events.
- Licensed/Unlicensed Coaches: Unlicensed coaches should be licensed and reminded that if licensed they can expect full British Orienteering insurance cover.
- Coach Training Courses: There will be Level 3 and 4 coach training courses, run by Hillary and John Palmer, at Lakeside on 26th to 28th September 2008.

Regional Representative Job Description: A job description template has been prepared and will be tailored to SCOA. **Action: DR**

758 Technical Officer's Report

Terry Smith (TS) reported that he has been tasked with writing guidelines on Start Time allocations. He asked members to email him their comments on the subject. **Action: All**

759 Development Officer's Report

The BOF Development Committee last met on 4th June 2008 where it was agreed that the remit of the committee was to increase participation over all age groups. A programme is being established to achieve this under the direction of Ed Nicholas, the Chairman of the committee.

The Multi-day Event development grant is to be renamed as its title may be deterring applications. The grant is not necessarily for multi-day events.

760 RDO's Report

The RDO's report was distributed at the meeting. Key points to note were:

- clubs were continuing to work towards Clubmark accreditation.
- BKO are organizing the British Schools orienteering Championships in November 2008.
- Working with County Sports Partnerships is proving very fruitful.

761 Any Other Business

The November Classic has been chosen to be a selection event for the England Interland team.

A flyer on a Catering Trailer was distributed. The contact is Tom Wilkinson (07799 210 503).

762 Date of Next Meeting

The next SCOA Committee meeting is to take place on **Thursday 25th September 2008** at the Friends Meeting House, Highfield Avenue, Newbury commencing at 7.30 pm.

C E Ford
SCOA Secretary