

**MINUTES OF THE SCOA COMMITTEE MEETING, 25th SEPTEMBER 2008
HELD AT THE FRIENDS MEEING HOUSE, NEWBURY.**

Present

Mike Bray	SN	Chairman & Club Rep
Caroline Ford	SOFA	Secretary & Club Rep
Jerry Newcombe	BAOC	Treasurer
Terry Smith	SOC	Technical Officer
Richard Sharp	TVOC	Fixtures Secretary
Denise Harper	BKO	Sports Council RDO
Colin Duckworth	TVOC	Club Rep
Allan Farrington	BAOC	Club Rep
Andy Macgregor	BADO	Club Rep
Di Smith	SOC	Club Rep
Roger Hargreaves		BOF liaison

763 Apologies

Apologies were received from:

Dave Rogers, Junior Squad and Coaching Officer
Ian Webb, Development Committee Rep
Lisa James, SOC
Liz Yeadon, BKO Club Rep

764 British Orienteering Liaison

- The Chairman introduced Roger Hargreaves, a Director of British Orienteering, who has a remit to give feedback and answer questions that SCOA may have now that a direct feed into Council is past.
- The issue of change management to cater for the revised event structure was raised. In particular clubs need to know how and when the new structure is to be introduced as they plan for events 18 months in advance. In addition SOC will need time to renegotiate their agreement with the Forestry Commission as it refers to the current event structure in detail. These concerns will be fed back to Council. In the meantime clubs are advised to contact Lyn West, Chairman of the Events Committee, who has established a working group to work out the details for this change.

764 Minutes of the last Meeting

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

765 Matters Arising

- Paragraph 751. It was confirmed that John Thompson is the TVOC rep for BOC09 matters.
- Paragraph 753. Roger Hargreaves sought clarification regarding payment of BOF Fees where a club has membership of more than one orienteering association. It was confirmed that there is no impact on BOF Fees as individual members of a club elect to belong to only one association.

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

766 British Orienteering Championships 2009

- All permits have now been acquired and a mapping schedule is in place.
- Arrangements for Day 1 have been agreed.
- The Forestry Commission gorse burning plan gives an end date of 28th February 2009 which influences the decision on course overprinting.
- Ratios of the technical difficulty for some courses are due to change. These need to be agreed by 1 December 2008 if they are to be incorporated.
- Mapping for Day 2 is progressing although not as quickly as hoped due to the lush vegetation.
- The budget remains a challenge.
- BOF Office is searching for sponsors of the prizes.
- Emphasis will be placed on online registration as 97% of JK entries were processed this way.

767 Chairman's Report

The Chairman had no specific matters to raise.

768 Secretary's Report

The Secretary had no specific matters to raise.

769 Treasurer's Report

- Transfer of the SCOA account to the Alliance & Leicester has almost been achieved!
- The bank balance stands at is approx £6,500.
- SCOA awarded a grant to Tamsin Moran (SOC) to attend the Lagganlia summer tour and sponsored a Controller's Course.
- The EOC contribution of £324 has been paid.
- It was confirmed that the cost for the Southern Championships trophies were split amongst the relevant associations.

770 Fixtures Secretary's Report

The Fixtures Secretary's report was distributed together with the latest Fixtures Planner. Clubs were asked to note that:

- There is a SCOA fixtures conference on 9 October 2008 at the Friends Meeting House, Newbury commencing at 7:30 pm.
- The British Sprint Event 2010 is still open for offers of hosting. Offers are to be received by 18 October 2008.

771 Junior Squad Manager's Report

The Junior Squad Manager's Report was distributed. Points to note:

- Squad numbers growing steadily – currently at around 33 mark with 15 or so regular attendees.
- The Junior Inter Regionals were held near Richmond and Warcop. The squad produced solid performances and were 9th overall, despite being half the squad size of other regions.

772 Coaching Officer's Report

The Coaching Officer's Report was distributed. Points to note:

- SCOA website now has a 'Coaching' section which is slowly being populated.
- John Tilsley [WSX] is running old Level 1 and 2 combined coaching courses on 27th September, 4th and 18th October 2008 at Longmoor, Hampshire.

773 Technical Officer's Report

The Technical Officer's Report was distributed. Points to note:

- Neville Baker and Terry Smith of SCOA have been confirmed as Grade 2 Controllers.
- Katy Stubbs is putting on a SCOA planner's course on 25th October in Crowthorne. Details are to be placed on the SCOA website. **Action: Terry Smith**
- Application forms for Grades 2 and 3 Controllers are soon to be uploaded to the SCOA website.
- Terry Smith continues work on Appendix L - Seeding and Selection. This also covers allocation of start times. Clubs are invited to comment. **Action: All**

774 RDO's Report

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

- The main focus has been on promoting the British Schools Orienteering Championships in November 2008.
- British Orienteering has asked RDOs to produce a Coaching Level 1 courses schedule for 2009. Longmoor may be a suitable venue. **Action: RDO, Allan Farrington.**

775 Any Other Business

- **SCOA League Review.** A paper from Ken Ricketts (the new SCOA League Organiser) was distributed. It analyses attendance at SCOA League events and describes possible

format changes to increase participation. The effort put in to producing the paper was appreciated. Following much discussion it was agreed that the purpose of the league needs to be more clearly defined and that a survey of SCOA orienteers would be the best way to start this process. **Action: Ken Ricketts.**

- **SCOA Newsletter.** The issue of communicating SCOA matters to individuals was discussed. Ever since the demise of SCOOP communication to individuals has been poor. It was suggested that an online communication utilising the Yahoo Group facility should be investigated. Terry Smith agreed to contact the developer of SOC Announce for advice. **Action: Terry Smith.**
- **Yvette Baker Trophy (YBT).** Clubs were reminded to contact Eric Harper regarding competing for the YBT on 12th October 2008. **Action: All.**

776 Date of Next Meeting

The next SCOA Committee meeting is to take place on **Thursday 4th December 2008** at the Friends Meeting House, Highfield Avenue, Newbury commencing at 7.30 pm.

C E Ford
SCOA Secretary