

**MINUTES OF THE SCOA COMMITTEE MEETING, 4th DECEMBER 2008
HELD AT THE FRIENDS MEETING HOUSE, HIGHFIELD AVENUE, NEWBURY.**

Present

Mike Bray	SN	Chairman & Club Rep	
Jerry Newcombe	BAOC	Treasurer	Minute Taker
Richard Sharp	TVOC	Fixtures Secretary	
Terry Smith	SOC	Technical Officer	
Dave Rogers	BKO	SCOA Junior Squad	
Liz Yeadon	Sarum	Club Rep	
Alan Yeadon	BKO	Club Rep	
Di Smith	SOC	Club Rep	
Colin Duckworth	TVOC	Club Rep	
Denise Harper	BKO	RDO	

777 Apologies

Apologies were received from:

Caroline Ford, SOFA
Andy MacGregor, BADO
Allan Farrington, BAOB
Ian Webb, OUOC

778 Minutes of Previous Meetings

The minutes of the meeting on 25 September 2008 were agreed.

779 Matters Arising

Paragraph 775 – SCOA League Review: Ken Ricketts is conducting some research.

Paragraph 775 – SCOA Newsletter: The developer of SOC Announce was busy with other orienteering matters so had not been available for consultation. Carried forward.

Action: Terry Smith.

780 British Orienteering Championships 2009

The British Elite Championships will no longer be held at our event so there will be no M/W 18E, 20E and 21E classes. Instead Men's and Women's Future Champions Cup/UK Cup courses will be provided.

A conflict with another leisure activity authorised by the Forestry Commission for 28 February on the Day 1 area came to light in October. We had serious concerns as to whether our event could continue on safety grounds but thanks to careful and lengthy negotiations by Tim Angel and Di Smith, the other activity has moved location.

Online entries should open on 6 December.

781 Chairman's Report

The Chairman presented prizes at the successful British Schools Championship held in the region by BKO in November. He was impressed with the happy and enthusiastic juniors who clearly enjoyed the event.

782 Secretary's Report

No report

783 Treasurer's Report

Report circulated prior to meeting.

The committee agreed to award Jim Prowting a grant to engrave a Southern Nights Championship Trophy.

Regional Toilet Supplier – Clubs are to provide the Treasurer with figures for the number of portable toilets needed in a year so that he can investigate a contract with a central supplier.

Action: All Clubs

To fit in with the new event structure, the committee agreed to change the SCOA levy to apply to all events where the competitor numbers exceed 100 as proposed in the Treasurer's Report. This should exclude all informal or school events but the Treasurer will monitor the effect of the new arrangements.

The committee agreed to exempt Wighton from payment of levy on its recent District events. Both events had less than 90 competitors.

784 Fixtures Secretary's Report

Report circulated prior to meeting.

Clubs were asked to stop using the ER1S forms from 1 January 2009. The online Event Registration system should be available from this date.

The SCOA Championships 2009 will be held at the Chiltern Challenge on 8 February 2009.

785 Junior Squad Manager's Report

Report circulated prior to meeting.

Peter Bray has been selected for the ISF World Schools Championships 2009 and will need to make a £600 contribution to costs. He may organise a sponsored orienteering event at his school to raise funds. Denise Harper will try to find out what other funding may be available.

Action: Denise Harper

786 Coaching Officer's Report

Report circulated prior to meeting.

- There will be a First Aid course in Godalming in early 2009.
- John Tilsey is running a Level 1 Coaching course at Longmoor in March/April 2009.
- Liz Yeadon is now a Level 2 Coach.
- Di Smith advised there is a First Aid Course in Botley on 15/16 December with three spare places.

787 Technical Officer's Report

Report circulated prior to meeting by Terry Smith

The new BOF Rules become effective on 1 January 2009 although 2009 will be a transitional year between the two systems. Work is still ongoing on finalising the documents.

TS gave a very thorough and informative description of how the new rules were likely to define the Event Levels. It had become clear at Rules Group that the early draft of Guideline B that had been released contained serious flaws. In particular, competitors will still need to enter Ranking events by Class and not by Course as suggested in the Draft Guideline B.

Level 1 & 2 Events would be aimed at fair competition and must comply with standards. Level 3 events will be aimed at maximum participation and allow a certain amount of freedom to choose what courses are offered and how they are organised.

788 RDO's Report

Report circulated prior to meeting.

DH highlighted the section of her report detailing the new funding available to clubs through the government's Sport Unlimited scheme.

789 Any Other Business

None

790 Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 12 March 2009, Friends Meeting Place, Newbury

The AGM & Committee Meeting will take place on Thursday 11th June 2008 at a venue to be confirmed.

J M Newcombe