

**MINUTES OF THE SCOA COMMITTEE MEETING, 12th MARCH 2009
HELD AT THE FRIENDS MEEING HOUSE, NEWBURY.**

Present

Mike Bray	SN	Chairman & Club Rep
Caroline Ford	SOFA	Secretary & Club Rep
Jerry Newcombe	BAOC	Treasurer & Club Rep
Dave Rogers	BKO	Junior Squad and Coaching Officer
Richard Sharp	TVOC	Fixtures Secretary
Denise Harper	BKO	Sports Council RDO
Colin Duckworth	TVOC	Club Rep
Alan Yeadon	SARUM	Club Rep
Liz Yeadon	BKO	Club Rep

791 Apologies

Apologies were received from:

Allan Farrington, BAOB
Lisa James, SOC
Andy McGregor, BADO
Di Smith, SOC Club Rep
Terry Smith, Technical Officer
Tim Smith, JOK Club Rep

792 Minutes of the last Meeting

Following correction of the date for the AGM (to be held on 11th June 2009) the minutes of the meeting held on 4th December 2008 were accepted as a true record.

793 Matters Arising

- Paragraph 775 – SCOA league Review. Carried Forward.
- 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.
- Paragraph 790 – Venue for AGM on 11 June 2009 has yet to be confirmed.
Action: Caroline Ford.

794 British Orienteering Championships 2009

- The BOC went very well and positive feedback was almost overwhelming.
- The extended closure date for entries boosted income.
- There was only one formal complaint and this concerned the non competitive status of a shadowed junior. The organisers dismissed the complaint because the status decision was in accordance with BOF rules. The complainant subsequently appealed to BOF officials who asked the organiser to reinstate the competitor. However the organisers refused to do this. A letter from SCOA expressing concern about the lack of coherence of BOF

decisions with BOF rules is to be sent to the BOF Chairman. Jerry agreed to draft the letter.

Action: Jerry Newcombe, Mike Bray.

- A post event report is being produced. **Action: Di Smith**
- Jerry distributed sample control protection labels which are available for purchase at 50p per page.

795 Chairman's Report

The Chairman's report has been distributed. Points to note:

- A sincere vote of thanks was given to all SCOA Clubs for a very well run British Orienteering Championships weekend. SCOA as a region should be very proud to have hosted the weekend to such resounding success.
- The AGM of the English Orienteering Council is to be held on Fri 10th April (JK weekend). All clubs were asked if they had anyone wishing to attend and whether they had any points to submit for discussion. **Action: All.**

796 Secretary's Report

The Secretary had no specific matters to raise.

797 Treasurer's Report

- It was agreed to provide a grant of £200 for Peter Bray SN to attend the World Schools Championships. The total participation fee for Peter to attend the championships is £600.
- Rachael Cooper was given a 50% grant for attending Coaching Level 2 Course.
- Income from BOC: £31,522 has been received already by electronic transfer from Fabian. The final amount, including postal entries, is not yet known.
- SCOA will be handling the funds granted by BOF to the Southampton Schools development project. The money will not form part of SCOA's general funds.
- BKO requested an update on the Regional Toilet Supplier investigation. BKO is the only club to have furnished annual usage figures. Colin agreed to find out TVOC's usage.

Action: Colin Duckworth.

798 Fixtures Secretary's Report

The Fixtures Secretary's report was distributed together with the latest Fixtures Planner. Points to note:

- Southern Championships 2011: BKO and TVOC have expressed interest in hosting this competition. The proposed venues are Star Posts and Hambleden. It was agreed that TVOC could host the event provided that they could give assurances that landowner permission was highly likely to be granted. Colin agreed to confirm the situation after the TVOC Club committee had discussed the issue on 17th March 2009. **Action: Colin Duckworth.**
- SCOA Champs 2009. It was agreed to use the Chiltern Challenge despite its change of date to 31/05/09.
- On-line registration is now in place for all types of event/activity and is working fairly well, with just a few minor bugs. Each club may nominate two members to register events.

- The National Fixtures meeting is taking place on 21/3/09. Richard was asked to raise the following points: **Action: Richard Sharp.**
 - There is no control over the picking of dates for L3 events which could lead to event clashes and reduced club income. This situation needs to be reviewed.
 - The BKO L2 event was moved by BOF from 31 January 2010 to 7 February 2010. This event now clashes with a L2 hosted by GO and as a consequence will affect numbers of participants and income. BOF are to be made aware of BKO's displeasure.
 - There has been concern expressed by a BOF official that clubs are not providing discounts at all events. However clubs were assured earlier by BOF that it would be at the organiser's discretion as to whether a discount is provided; for instance discounts may not be appropriate at very small events.

799 Junior Squad Manager's Report

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

- Congratulations to :
 - British Champions: Tim Morgan [SOC, M12A], Fiona Bunn [TVOC, W10A], Alex Moore [BKO, M18S] and Katherine Bett [SN, W14A]
 - Southern Champions: Megan Bett (SN, W12A) and Mark Salmon (TVOC, M18A), as well as several podiums
- Four current squad helpers are attending UKCC Level 1 Coaching Course at Longmoor in March and April 2009.

800 Coaching Officer's Report

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

- John Tilsley [WSX] is running a UKCC Level 1 coaching course on 21st and 22nd March and 4th April 2009 at Longmoor, Hampshire.
- UKCC Level 1 Bridging course is planned for 25 April and 16 May 2009 at Longmoor. This a two-day course consisting of 1 day training followed by 1 day assessment.
- Dave will be attending a BOF Coaching Committee meeting on 21 March 2009 in Birmingham. The updating of UKCC Level 2 is near completion and progress will be reported at this meeting. **Action: Dave Rogers**

801 Technical Officer's Report

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

Due to conflicting commitments Terry Smith was unable to attend the Rules Group meeting on Sat 7th March. The following comments were sent to the Rules Group for consideration:

- The general dissatisfaction with the Event Re-structuring. This covered lack of clarity in the expected benefits and the additional workload generated for event officials and the confusion created for competitors.

- The issues that arose from the British Orienteering Championships regarding entry eligibility and shadowing. The sport has not adequately made the distinction between participation and competition. Until this has been done, many of the Rules, Appendices and Guidelines cannot be finalised.

802 RDO's Report

The RDO's report has been distributed. Key points to note were:

- British Orienteering recently invited Clubmark clubs to apply for funding to run 5 week school/parks based participation projects. With funding for 11 projects available, it was very pleasing to see all SCOA Clubmark clubs applying for, and being accepted for funding.
- There has been a large demand from schools recently for British Orienteering Teaching Orienteering Courses. Since October 2008 approx 65 teachers and youth workers have been trained to deliver introductory orienteering on site.
- Youth Games to which orienteering has been invited are: Hampshire Youth Games, June 20th Aldershot; Oxford Youth Games June 28th Oxford University Sports Complex. Help will be required from local clubs to man these events. **Action: All**
- Berkshire no longer holds a County Youth Games. This year each sport was invited to organise full county wide competition. This has been quite a challenge, but one which BKO has supported whole heartedly.
- The main message from British Orienteering re funding is that we are now back to Participation being a key factor – as opposed to membership, which was the previous KPI.

803 Any Other Business

- It was confirmed that Jerry Newcombe acts as the SCOA webmaster when Tim Booth is away for prolonged periods.
- It was noted that the way events are presented on the BOF website had changed to cater for the general public. The Events Diary is more relevant to orienteers.

804 Date of Next Meeting

The next SCOA Committee meeting is to take place on **Thursday 11th June 2009** following the AGM. The next meeting after that will be on **24th September 2009** at the Friends Meeting House, Highfield Avenue, Newbury commencing at 7.30 pm.

C E Ford
SCOA Secretary