

MINUTES OF THE SCOA COMMITTEE MEETING, 24th SEPTEMBER 2009
HELD AT THE FRIENDS MEETING HOUSE, NEWBURY.

Present

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

818 Apologies

Apologies were received from:

Katy Stubbs, Technical Officer
Ian Webb, OUOC, Development Committee Rep

819 Minutes of the last Meeting

- The minutes of the last meeting held on 11th June 2009 were accepted as a true record.

820 Matters Arising

- **Paragraph 775.** SCOA League Review. A review of the league had taken place resulting in the removal of the requirement for a Red Course. However it was recognised that another review would be needed once the BOF event restructuring had been finalised. It was agreed to close this item.
- **Paragraph 775.** SCOA Newsletter: Advice is to be sought from Dave Currie, the developer of SOC Announce, on the options for producing an electronic newsletter.
Action: Colin Hicks.
- **Paragraph 794.** BOC post event report has been drafted and will be published on the BOF website and distributed to the SCOA Committee. **Action: Jerry Newcombe**
- **Paragraph 794.** SCOA letter to BOF r.e. coherence of decisions is still required.
Action: Mike Bray, Jerry Newcombe.

821 Chairman's Report

- The Chairman had maintained contact with Roger Hargreaves, a BOF Director with responsibility of liaison with SCOA.
- The Junior Squad, and team organiser Ian Moran, were congratulated on their success in the Junior Inter Regional Championships.

822 Secretary's Report

- The Secretary reminded members of the Conditions of Hire for the Friends Meeting House which had been distributed earlier.

823 Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's report was distributed. Points of particular note were:

- The following grants have been issued since the last meeting:
 - Emily Benham, Sarum £300 Junior & Senior MTBO World Champs
 - Peter Bray, SN £300 Halden tour & European Youth Champs
 - Tamsin Moran, SOC £88 Badaguish Tour
 - Katherine Betts, SN £88 Lagganlia Tour
 - SCOA Junior Squad £2,500 Annual grant
 - EOC £393 Annual grant
 - Colin Dickson, BAOC £40 VHI Entry Fee
 - First Aid Course £247 50% of fee for 4 SCOA coaches
- Bank Balances are approximately: Current £530 and Deposit £22068. However payments of around £3,500 are about to be made and £2,000 is a ring-fenced grant from BOF for SOC development work.
- The surplus from BOC is expected to be around £12,000 of which £4,000 will remain with SCOA.
- The SCOA Grant Form is to be revised to make it clear that one of the usual criteria for a course grant is to be a SCOA BOF member and normally resident in the region.

824 Fixtures Secretary's Report

The Fixtures Secretary's report was distributed with the Agenda. Points of particular note were:

- **British Middle Championships and Sprint Championships.** These events are scheduled to be held in the SCOA region on 12/13 June 2010. Use of urban areas in Winchester and Gosport are being considered.
- **SCOA's junior event commitments:** the British Schools Score Championships in 2011 (08/10/11), the British Schools Championships in 2013 (November) and the Yvette Baker Trophy Final in 2015 (December) are on our schedule.
- BADO's event on 22/11/09 will also be the Yvette Baker Trophy round for SCOA.
- **SHI relay** (6 Nov 2010). It was noted that a venue and host has not been confirmed.
Action: Richard Sharp.
- **SCOA League.** It was noted that there were only 2 events designated as SCOA League events on the fixtures list. Club Reps were asked to remind their fixtures secretaries, who are now responsible for registering events directly, to add the designation into the title of the event on the online registering system. They should also inform Ken Ricketts, the SCOA League organiser.
Action: Club Reps.
- **SCOA Sprint Championships.** It was noted that SWOA had hosted a sprint championships. As this type of event is gaining popularity it was mooted that SCOA should consider hosting such an event.
- There is a SCOA fixtures conference on 29 September 2009 (Newbury, 19:30) and the next national fixtures meeting is on 17 October 2009 (Birmingham).

825 Junior Squad Manager's Report

The Junior Squad Manager's Report was distributed. Points of particular note were:

- **Junior Interregionals in Northern Ireland.** Our young squad of 18 juniors came 9th overall. There were some very good performances from the SCOA team and we should be very proud of the girls team in particular who brought us into equal 5th place in the individual competition and nearly won the relay, only four seconds behind the North West.
- The Army event on Wednesday 28th October 2009 at Bagshot Heath has been designated a Junior Squad fundraiser.
- Dave Rogers will attend the 'Planning and Running' weekend training camp, organised by the World Class Management Team on 17th October 2009 near Sheffield.

826 Coaching Officer's Report

The Coaching Officer's Report was distributed. Points of particular note were:

- Martine de Carvalho ran the Teaching Orienteering Part 1 course at Swindon on 9th July 2009.
- A First Aid Course run in conjunction with SEOA at Marlow on 19th and 20th September 2009 was attended by four SCOA coaches.
- The minutes of the BO Coaching Committee meeting on 13th June 2009 have been placed in the 'Coaching' section of the SCOA website.
- Reminders will be sent out to the relevant coaches for CRB and first aid renewals in the near future as it would appear that the reminder system operated by BO has not been functioning over the last few months. This issue will be raised at the next BO coaching committee meeting.

827 Technical Officer's Report

The Technical Officer's Report was distributed. Points of particular note were:

- **Rules Group.**
 - It seems that the guidelines covering major events – British, JK, Area championships have been finalised. These are now known as Event Rules. Other Event Guidelines such as the old Guidelines for Local and Regional events and new ones for Middle, Sprint etc. are in draft. They were due to go to the Board Meeting on 8th July 2009 but the outcome has not been promulgated.
 - Regional Rules group representatives have been asked to review the current status of all controllers in their region. Specifically, whether they wish to or should remain at their current level, or be down- or up-graded. A SCOA review will start in October.
 - The next Rules group meeting is on 28th November 2009. As this is before the next SCOA meeting an email will be sent to committee members asking for feedback on issues to be raised. **Action: All**
- **Training Courses.** Katy is willing to put on courses and hopes to run a C2 course in the next few months. In order to gauge the requirement for future courses clubs are requested to let her know if they have members wanting further training. **Action: Club Reps.**

- **JK 2013.** Katy has been asked to try to identify potential areas for JK 2013 and will be contacting clubs in the near future.

828 Development Committee Rep Report

The Development Committee Rep's Report was distributed. Points of particular note were:

- The navigation and racing challenges, designed to act as incentive schemes for new and improving orienteers, have been agreed.
- Competition structure: There will soon be calls across the entire membership inviting comments on how the new competition structure should operate and what competitions are necessary for experienced and new orienteers alike. Liz Yeadon mentioned that she had received a Competition Framework Document which has recently been sent around SWOA by Scott Collier, the SWOA Development Officer. It was agreed to distribute this document to committee members. **Action: Liz Yeadon, Caroline Ford.**
- There is an online print portal which clubs can use to generate professional designed, full-colour publicity for events/a series of events. However some members considered that the print portal was rather expensive.
- Nominations for the "Services to Orienteering" Award are now open - these are intended to recognise and acknowledge the huge amount of work done by volunteers in orienteering. Nominations close on the 31st October 2009.
- There are funds available from British Orienteering for development-based projects - recent awards include a mapping project for open spaces in Birmingham, and participation projects across the country. These funds are available to all clubs, and the next deadline is the end of January 2010. Any club interested is to contact Ian.
- Club Reps are reminded that there are coaching bursaries available from British Orienteering for all those thinking of attending a coaching course.

829 RDO's Report

The RDO's report was distributed. Points of particular note were:

- **Schools.**
 - 4 x TOP 1 courses and 1 x TOP 2 course have been delivered.
 - National School Sports Week. TVOC and North Oxfordshire School Sport Partnership hosted an orienteering day for approx 36 students at Horley Scout Camp, Banbury. (TVOC members and Ian Webb assisted).
 - Hampshire Youth Games. Taster/demo sessions were held at Aldershot in July 2009. (Allan Farrington and Tony Ludford assisted).
 - Oxfordshire Youth Games. Demo sessions were held at Oxford University Sports Complex, resulting in approx 200 'runs'. (TVOC members and Ian Webb assisted).
- **Clubs.**
 - Grow Participation Projects. All SCOA Clubmark clubs have successfully applied for funding from this project, and will be running various school or community based clubs of 6 weeks duration this Autumn. The funding covers coaching, mapping and various other associated costs. The grant for this is via Sport England based on the WSP (Whole Sport Plan) and is likely to be offered regularly over the next 2/3 years, so if any clubs wish to run short club series (6 weeks), the next

funding opportunity will probably be in January, to run clubs later in the year.

Action: Club Reps.

- Coaching. It is planned to hold UKCC Level 1 Courses in SCOA in 2010. To assist with planning Club reps are asked to inform Denise or Dave Rogers of likely attendees.

Action: Club Reps.

- **Welfare Officers.** Clubs who have appointed a Welfare Officer (who should have attended a Safeguarding Children workshop) are asked to notify Laura at B.O. so she can keep a record of named club officers.
- **Regional Flyer.** SCOA club details have been supplied to Caroline at B.O. to produce a “Have a go at Orienteering” regional flyer.

Action: Club Reps.

830 Any Other Business

- It was mentioned that participation figures at events could be enhanced by including all the courses that an individual runs.

831 Date of Next Meeting

The next SCOA Committee meeting is to take place on **10th December 2009** at the Friends Meeting House, Highfield Avenue, Newbury commencing at 7.30 pm. The secretary apologised for her absence on that date.

C E Ford
SCOA Secretary