

MINUTES OF THE SCOA COMMITTEE MEETING, 11th MARCH 2010
HELD AT THE FRIENDS MEETING HOUSE, NEWBURY.

Present

Mike Bray	SN	Chairman & Club Rep
Jerry Newcombe	BAOC	Treasurer
Caroline Ford	SOFA	Secretary & Club Rep
Dave Rogers	BKO	Junior Squad and Coaching Officer
Katy Stubbs	BKO	Technical Officer
Alan Yeadon	SARUM	Club Rep
Andy MacGregor	BADO	Club Rep
Allan Farrington	BAOC	Club Rep
Liz Yeadon	BKO	Club Rep

849 Apologies

Apologies were received from:
Colin Duckworth, TVOC
Denise Harper BKO Sports Council RDO
Colin Hicks, SOC
Richard Sharp TVOC, Fixtures Secretary
Ian Webb, OUOC, Development Committee Rep

850 Minutes of the last Meeting

- The minutes of the meeting held on 10th December 2009 were accepted as a true record.

851 Matters Arising

- None.

852 Chairman's Report

- Philip Gristwood, Chairman EOC, had enquired about accommodation for the SHI. As accommodation is being left up to individuals it was suggested that he be put in contact with Colin Hicks if he needed information about Sandy Balls. **Action: Mike Bray.**
- The EOC AGM is due to take place on the Saturday of BOC however the venue has yet to be confirmed. Mike Bray agreed to represent SCOA. **Action: Mike Bray**

853 Secretary's Report

- BKO had promulgated changes to their committee. It was confirmed that Liz Yeadon would continue to be BKO Club Rep.

854 Treasurer's Report

- Draft Accounts for 2009 show a surplus of around £146 (2008 £1,492 Deficit). The bank balances at the year-end totalled £9,761.

- The initial forecast for 2010 shows a deficit of £3,000 after allowing for additional grants and anticipated additional costs for the Lagganlia tour which is no longer BOF funded.
- SCOA Fees. Due to the confusion of collecting SCOA Club fees through BOF it was decided that Clubs will be asked to pay these fees direct to SCOA.
- Emily Benham has requested a grant to help with her preparations for the MTBO World Championships. She has provided a detailed breakdown of her costs to attend the World Cup Events and other foreign events leading up to the World Championships in Portugal. This shows a shortfall on her funding of around £1,300 after allowing for all grants and sponsorship available to her. As she is a special case in terms of her potential and her current student status it was agreed to grant her £500 with the proviso that she assist with some activities of the Junior Squad. **Action: Jerry Newcombe, Dave Rogers.**
- A request from a BAOC member has been received to assist with funding of his Level 2 Coaching Course. The course costs £426 which must be paid in advance although grants should be available from BOF after the course. He has been asked to approach his club for a loan to pay the fee in advance and then to contact us again once he knows what grants he will receive from elsewhere. This level of course fee will cause SCOA to reconsider its grants policy if funding is not available from other sources for these courses.
- SCOA Championships 2010 Trophies. It was agreed that trophies should be purchased in advance of the event in order that a timely prize giving could take place. Trophies for previous years will not be purchased retrospectively.
- SCOA Event Levies. As the event levies had not been reviewed since 2002 and funds were getting tight it was agreed that a proposal should be put to the SCOA AGM to raise the event levy. A suggestion of 15p was made by Katy. **Action: Jerry Newcombe**

The written Treasurer's Report will be distributed with the minutes.

855 Fixtures Secretary's Report

The Fixtures Secretary's report was distributed with the Agenda. Additional points were:

- **British Schools Championships** – The date (08/10/11) may need to change because the proposed venue at Beaulieu may be prohibitively expensive. Colin Hicks is negotiating.
- **JK 2013**
 - Two TVOC members suggested as potential coordinators for JK2013 have been approached. Both were happy to take on individual day roles but did not want to be overall coordinator. It was agreed to advertise this appointment more widely emphasising that the coordinator will receive support and advice from a BOF Major Events manager. **Action: Club Reps.**
 - BKO raised concerns that potential JK areas may be planned to be used for other events during the time bar. Liz Yeadon agreed to contact Colin Dickson to confirm the situation. **Action: Liz Yeadon.**

856 Junior Squad Manager's Report

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

- Dane Blomquist (M14, BAOC) and Jane Morgan (W50, SOC) had won their class at the Interland event. Unfortunately Peter Bray (M18, SN) suffered an injury.
- The Lagganlia tour is no longer included as a BOF talent spotting activity and therefore it is no longer BOF funded. This decision was considered to be puzzling as the tour has proved to be valuable in the past. Dave Rogers agreed to seek further clarification.
Action: Dave Rogers.

857 Coaching Officer's Report

The Coaching Officer's Report was distributed with the Agenda.

- The next BO Coaching Committee meeting is on 13th March 2010. Items for discussion will include the rollout of the new UKCC Level 2 Coaching Orienteering courses and the introduction of a continuing professional development (CPD) scheme for licensed coaches. Dave agreed to provide Jerry with likely costs for the CPD scheme. **Action: Dave Rogers.**

858 Technical Officer's Report

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

- **Grade 3 Controllers** – It was agreed that all Grade 3 controllers should be able to control the equivalent of an old district event, regardless whether it is registered at L3 or L2.
- **Grade 2 Controllers** – It was agreed that Eric Harper be appointed as a Grade 2 Controller.
- **Colour Coded Badges** – The BO Colour Coded scheme had lapsed but the proposed new schemes are unlikely to be implemented before 2011. In the meantime there is still demand for colour coded cloth badges from schools (mainly white, yellow, orange). As SCOA stocks are depleted it was agreed to investigate a potential supplier as the previous manufacturer no longer made them. **Action: Liz Yeadon, Jerry Newcombe.**

(Afternote:

Certificate of Tutoring in Sport –Katy attended a 2 day training course in Birmingham on 16/17 January and also attended a second course on Assessment in Sport the following weekend. She is trying to arrange a suitable time to complete my assessment for the CTS course. She did not incur any significant expenses as course fees were covered by British Orienteering and transport was shared. So no claim to SCOA.)

859 Development Committee Rep Report

The Development Committee Rep Report was not available for the meeting.

Afternote: The following items were reported after the meeting:

- *BOF Development Fund –there were no applications from South Central clubs, or any southern club for that matter.*
- *The Dev Committee Rep would like to know the following:*
 - *Have any clubs implemented projects to increase participation or number of volunteers, and were they successful?*
 - *Do any clubs have a formal "club development plan"?*
 - *Given the lack of applications, is there anything putting clubs off from applying to the development fund?*
 - *What is the general opinion on the new ranking list system?*
 - *What is, if any, the current demand for colour-coded awards and other similar incentives?*
 - *With the new Navigation (participation/completion) and Racing Challenges in the pipeline for newcomers to the sport, do clubs have any other ideas for incentive schemes that would be good for (a) newcomers/developing orienteers and (b) experienced orienteers?*

Action: Club Reps

860 RDO's Report

The RDO's report to follow.

861 Any Other Business

- **Training Courses** – Katy Stubbs announced that the training courses for officials are being redesigned as a series of modules. The first module to be piloted is “Event Safety and Welfare”. As this module is only expected to be of a half day's duration clubs are asked to suggest what other activity could be offered to complete the day; for example a tutorial on the electronic results system.

862 Dates of Next Meeting

24 June 2010 SCOA AGM followed by SCOA Committee, 7:30pm, venue TBD
but Winchester Rugby Club preferred.

Action: Allan Farrington.

C E Ford
SCOA Secretary