

MINUTES OF THE SCOA COMMITTEE MEETING, 6th JANUARY 2011
HELD AT THE FRIENDS MEETING HOUSE, NEWBURY.

Present

Mike Bray	SN	Chairman & Club Rep	
Jerry Newcombe	BAOC	Treasurer	Minute Taker
Richard Sharp	TVOC	Fixtures Secretary	
Dave Rogers	BKO	Coaching Officer	
Katy Stubbs	BKO	Technical Officer & Club Rep	
Alun Jones	TVOC	Club Rep	
Colin Hicks	SOC	Club Rep	
Alan Yeadon	SARUM	Club Rep	
Denise Harper	BKO	Sports Council RDO	
Mike Forrest		British Orienteering Director	

890 Apologies

Apologies were received from:

Caroline Ford, Secretary, SOFA
Allan Farrington, BAOB
Liz Yeadon, Development Office, Sarum
Andy MacGregor, BADO

891 Minutes of the last Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 16th September 2010 were accepted as a true record.

892 Matters Arising

Paragraph 878. Colour Coded Badges. JN displayed a sample of badges obtained by Liz Yeadon from the SWOA supplier. The supplier had offered us the samples at £1.50 each. Further supplies would be £4 per badge. No other supplier had been found despite extensive research by LY and JN. It was agreed to purchase the samples and order 30 further White badges.

Paragraph 868. Club Coaches. Dave Rogers had provided a forecast of future coach training requirements as supplied by most clubs (SOC & WHITEO still to respond). JN will see if BOF Development Grants may be available to fund the training.

Paragraph 885. The Event Safety and Welfare module course was held at Longmoor on 20 November. All clubs except SN were represented and the course was full. Looking forward, we need to find people in the Region who can run the course for us on a regular basis.

893 JK 2013

Event dates: Fri 29 March – Monday 1 April 2013

- KS volunteered to take on the Co-ordinator's job providing the clubs in the Region support her.
- Three areas (RAF Halton, Hambleden and Cold Ash) have been identified and land permissions will be sought. These areas will be embargoed from the end of March.
- Dave Peel (Event Manager) has looked at Cold Ash and agreed that it is suitable for Day 3.
- KS will produce a list of roles needing to be filled and circulate it to the clubs.

894 Communications to SCOA Clubs' Members.

A discussion was held on the need for communication with SCOA Clubs' members and available methods.

- Most of the surrounding regions still provide a printed newsletter to disseminate Regional information such as availability of courses, publicity for Junior Squad activities, requests for help with Regional-run events, etc.
- The Region is a conduit for information between British Orienteering and their members. SCOA has representation on British Orienteering committees and members need to be informed about policy proposals so they may give feedback via their Region.
- Previous attempts to provide SCOA information to clubs for incorporation in their newsletters had not been successful. This may have been because the SCOA news did not tie in with the clubs publication schedule or possibly because there was no available space in the newsletter.
- Various options were discussed about distribution methods: email just with links to a webpage, email containing full newsletter; Distribution via club mailing lists; printed 2-page sheets available at events. It may be that all methods may be required at first in order to establish the newsletter.
- Newsletter Frequency to be confirmed; although possibly quarterly to tie in with SCOA meetings.

Clubs are asked to search for a volunteer to write the newsletter. It would be preferable for someone to attend the SCOA meetings so they may report on discussions first-hand.

Action

All Clubs

895 Chairman's Report

A successful Senior Home International was organised on behalf of Orienteering England in November. BADO, BAOC and SOC can be proud of the two days competition they provided. A complimentary report was published in CompassSport by England Team Manager John Rye.

896 Secretary's Report

JN drew clubs' attention to the recent news item on the British Orienteering website containing details of the final Forestry Commission agreement for 2011.

897 Treasurer's Report

See report distributed prior to meeting.

Further expenses for the SHI had been received which have reduced the surplus to around £100. Further claims are expected which it is anticipated will reduce the final surplus to around £40.

898 Fixtures Secretary's Report

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

- There had been problems with the Fixtures section of the new British Orienteering website. Most had now been corrected but there were still some anomalies.
- The new rules have removed the definitions of what courses are to be provided at events. Courses provided should be appropriate for those expected to attend.
- The CompassSport Cup rules may be changed to require that the order in which clubs start is randomised. No other part of the CS Cup rules will change.
- There has been some discussion on the availability of courses for W65 & above (M70 & above) at events.

899 Junior Squad Manager's Report

The Junior Squad Manager's report was distributed with the agenda.

Since the report was written, three people from the squad have been selected for England's Interland Team: Tim Morgan, Jane Morgan (Squad Coach) and Tamsin Moran.

900 Coaching Officer's Report

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

Coaching activities now fall under the direction of Ed Nicholas at British Orienteering. British Orienteering's Coaching Conference will take place from 4-6 February. It is ideal for existing and aspiring coaches.

901 Technical Rep Report

The new Rules have been agreed by Events Committee and approved by the British Orienteering Board.

The meeting approved the appointment of Mike Bray as a Grade 3 Controller.

902 Development Officer's Report

The Development Officer was unable to attend but has requested that clubs notify her of any developmental activities their Club has done in recent months or have planned for the first few months of the New Year.

AY, on behalf of the Development Officer, distributed the document “Development Programme Update for Associations & Clubs” written by Ed Nicholas, BOF Development Manager. This document advised that the Regional Development Officers would be made redundant at the end of March 2011 and the money saved transferred to a new programme of Community Orienteering Clubs promoted by the Participation Managers. The aim is to provide a weekly orienteering experience for more people using Coaches to deliver the activities in most cases. The Development Officer requested feedback on this document.

903 RDO’s Report

The RDO confirmed the new focus from British Orienteering on Community Clubs in an effort to meet Sports Council targets for participation. There will be targeted areas rather than blanket coverage throughout the country. If clubs want to get involved in the community coaches and clubs they should let Ed Nicholas know.

A government initiative to provide ‘Olympic’ competition in schools is being run in Berkshire. Forty sports were asked to bid to join the activity and orienteering is one of them. The RDO will be involved in organising the orienteering competitions.

904 Any Other Business

CH advised that the British Schools on October 11th is currently going to make a loss. Some funding from Hampshire & IOW Sports may be available to help with trophies. As British Schools restricted the organisers on how much they could charge for entry fees whilst at the same time demanding certain facilities, JN advised CH to go back to British Schools and explain the event needed to cover its costs.

905 Dates of Next Meetings

3 March 2011	SCOA Committee meeting, 7:30pm at Newbury
16 June 2011	SCOA AGM followed by SCOA Committee, 7:30pm, venue TBD

J M Newcombe
SCOA Treasurer