

MINUTES OF THE SCOA COMMITTEE MEETING, 3rd MARCH 2011
HELD AT THE FRIENDS MEETING HOUSE, NEWBURY.

Present

Jerry Newcombe	BAOC	Treasurer	Minute Taker
Dave Rogers	BKO	Coaching Officer	
Katy Stubbs	BKO	Technical Officer & Club Rep	
Liz Yeadon	SARUM	Development Officer	
Alun Jones	TVOC	Club Rep	
Andrew Nash	SOC	Club Rep	
Alan Yeadon	SARUM	Club Rep	
Andy MacGregor	BADO	Club Rep	
Allan Farrington	BAOC	Club Rep	
Mike Forrest		British Orienteering Director	

906 Apologies

Apologies were received from:

Mike Bray, Chairman, SN
Caroline Ford, Secretary, SOFA
Richard Sharp, Fixtures Secretary, TVOC
Denise Harper, RDO
Charles Bromley Gardner, BAOB
Colin Hicks, SOC

907 Minutes of the last Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 6th January 2011 were accepted as a true record.

908 Matters Arising

Paragraph 878. Colour Coded Badges. White, Yellow & Orange badges were urgently required by BKO – JN will provide them. We have another possible supplier who may be cheaper than the SWOA supplier. We have not yet paid for the sample badges.

Paragraph 868. Club Coaches. JN passed on details of the BOF Grants Scheme to Colin Dickson who submitted a claim for the courses he was running. The result was not yet known.

909 Communications to SCOA Clubs' Members.

Clubs identified how they currently distributed their own newsletters:

- BKO – electronic distribution
- BAOC – expect to move to electronic distribution in the future
- TVOC – electronic and paper copies
- SOC – mostly paper, electronic to some
- SARUM – electronic and paper copies

Clubs are asked again 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

910 JK 2013

Event dates: Fri 29 March – Monday 1 April 2013

- a) KS had eliminated some Relay areas. She would welcome suggestions for areas.
- b) KS will produce a list of roles needing to be filled and circulate it to the clubs.
- c) JN will purchase the jk13.org.uk and jk2013.org.uk web domains.

911 Chairman's Report

None received

912 Secretary's Report

None received

913 Treasurer's Report

The treasurer's report was distributed at the meeting. Grants have been paid to T Moran, T Morgan and J Blomquist following their selection for England's team to Interland, and D Blomquist for his selection for the World Schools Championships. A grant has been approved for K Stubbs to attend a Level 1 Coaching course but is awaiting the results of a Development Grant application to BOF which may cover some of the cost.

SCOA mileage rate has been raised to 25p in line with the increase in BOF mileage rates.

A costing of SCOA's Coaching Course costs shows a total cost for all clubs of £8,565 in 2011 and £4,455 in 2012. This is based on the estimates provided by clubs to Dave Rogers in November 2010. These levels far exceed the amount of money available for SCOA grants if maintained at a 50% level and probably exceed available funding from the clubs.

914 Fixtures Secretary's Report

See report distributed prior to meeting.

SCOA Champs 2011 Trophies – we will wait to see how many trophies are needed after the event and present them at a suitable event in the future.

915 Junior Squad Manager's Report

See report distributed prior to meeting.

Points to note:

- Some members of OUOC are now attending Squad sessions.
- The Squad are planning to raise funds through cake stalls at events.

Fixtures Group are looking at the timings of Junior Events. Squad Managers have made representations, particularly about the timing of the Junior Inter-Regional Championships.

916 Coaching Officer's Report

See report distributed prior to meeting.

Six SCOA Coaches attended the recent BOF Coaching Conference.

Ten people have qualified at a recent UKCC Level 1 course.

917 Technical Rep Report

Level C events in SCOA may use 1:10,000 maps. However, survey should be at 1:7,500 so map is still legible at 1:15,000. This is to prevent 'over-mapping'.

The Controller of a Level B event needs to assess the area and write a report on its suitability.

Clubs need to think about the standard they apply to an event and the implications for the requirements. Fixtures Secretaries need to discuss areas and the level of event within their club before they register/publicise the event.

Controllers will now be asked for feedback on events.

Clubs are asked to identify people who could run Event Officials courses. Colin Dickson is running an event safety course in the summer.

KS will look at arranging a Grade 3 Controllers course.

918 Development Officer's Report

LY talked us through the reports from SWOA's February meeting on the presentation by BOF Development Manager, Ed Nicholas. Discussion centred on the Community Orienteering programme and the need for Coaches to run the weekly orienteering activity sessions. The objective is to create 100 Community Clubs at fixed locations over the next three years. The Community Clubs will not necessarily fall within existing club areas.

There is funding available to support the running of the Community Clubs in the first two years although it is expected that participants would be charged a small fee and the meetings would eventually be self-funding. Coaches might cover more than one Community Club location.

919 RDO's Report

No report provided - as explained at the January meeting, the RDO was concentrating on the orienteering section of the Berkshire 'Olympic' competition in schools.

KS proposed a vote of thanks, agreed by all, to Denise Harper for all her work over the last few years as the region's RDO; including promoting links with local schools and councils and assisting clubs with their Clubmark qualification.

920 Any Other Business

1. AN advised that the British Schools Championships had secured some sponsorship but still needs more.
2. JN had received an email suggesting orienteering get involved in the Nestle Get Set Go Free Promotion. The conditions attached did not seem workable and MF suggested forwarding the email to Caroline Povey at BOF office.

921 Date of Next Meeting

An email will be circulated to determine the date of the next Committee meeting which will be preceded by the AGM.

J M Newcombe
SCOA Treasurer