

MINUTES OF THE SCOA COMMITTEE MEETING, 15th MARCH 2012 HELD AT THE
FRIENDS' MEETING HOUSE, NEWBURY

Present

Alun Jones	TVOC	Chairman and Club Rep
Caroline Ford	SOFA	Secretary and Club Rep
Jerry Newcombe	BAOC	Treasurer
Katy Stubbs	BKO	Technical Officer and Club Rep
Dave Rogers	BKO	Coaching Officer
Liz Yeadon	SARUM	Development Committee Rep
Alan Yeadon	SARUM	Club Rep
Colin Hicks	SOC	Club rep
Mike Forrest		British Orienteering

968 Apologies

Apologies were received from:
Charles Bromley Gardner (BAOC Club Rep)
Mike Bray (SN Club Rep)
Gill Mann (BADO Club Rep)
Richard Sharp (TVOC Fixtures Secretary)

969 Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 1st December 2011 were accepted as a true record.

970 Matters arising

- a. Paragraph 949c: Overtaken by events.
- b. Paragraph 949d: On the BO website a drop down menu for further information on clubs presented inconsistent data. **Action: Mike Forrest.**
- c. 956a: Website content on Sprint-O. **Action Colin Hicks.**
- d. 956c. SCOA League Inter club competition – TBD. **Action: Jerry Newcombe.**
- e. 962a: Proposal to add Very Short Green Course to SCOA League – Katy Stubbs confirmed that the BOF Board had approved the addition of Short Green / Very Short Green, as well as Light Green, to the list of recommended courses for level C events. Following discussion about the merits of including a Short Green course for SCOA League events, a decision was deferred to the June meeting to allow club reps to confirm the views of their clubs. **Action All.**
- f. 966: Committee e-mail distribution list – TBD. **Action: Jerry Newcombe.**

971 JK2013 progress report

See report distributed prior to meeting. Points to note:

a. Specific day issues

- ^ Sprint – Permission to use Dalton Barracks for the JK Sprint race is likely to be refused. Alternatives are being investigated.

- ⤴ Day 2, Hambleden – One minor problem is that the preferred assembly area has been ploughed. The day officials are investigating alternatives. The map re-survey is ongoing.
- ⤴ Day 3, Cold Ash – the farmer has agreed that we can use our preferred assembly / parking field for a per car parking fee.
- ⤴ Day 4, Hambleden – The assembly area has been agreed with all officials.

b. **TrailO.** The TrailO committee has requested a TrailO at the event. Clarification of the issues is expected to be sought from the new Events and Competitions Committee.

c. **JK Website.** There are two sites available (JK13.org.uk and JK2013.org.uk). Templates can be obtained from Dave Peel. **Action: Alun Jones.**

972 Chairman's report

See report distributed prior to meeting. Points to note:

a. **SCOA Championships Event.** Sarum are to be congratulated on putting on an excellent event.

b. **SCOA Prize-giving.**

- ⤴ Unfortunately establishing the first three SCOA members in each class, and then printing out the certificates, was a much greater task than anticipated. Following much discussion on how the process could be streamlined, including determining eligibility, it was decided to form a working group to tackle the issue. **Action: Alun Jones, Alan Yeadon, Liz Yeadon and Jerry Newcombe.**
- ⤴ It was agreed that a podium for prize-giving adds to the occasion and one should be used at future championships if possible.

973 Secretary's report

a. Nothing to report.

974 Treasurer's report

See report distributed prior to meeting. Points to note:

a. **Accounts.** Bank balances currently stand at £4,815.

b. **Grant Request.** Jim Prowting (TVOC) – Selected for Interland, athlete's contribution £90, grant requested £45. A grant of £45 was agreed.

c. **Expenses.** The Accounts for 2011 are being finalised. Anyone wishing to claim expenses is to contact Jerry Newcombe. **Action: All.**

975 Fixtures secretary's report

See report distributed prior to meeting. Points to note:

a. **Bids.** Bids to host the British middle and sprint championships weekend are being sought for 2014 onwards. SOC has put in a bid for British middle championships in 2015.

b. **National O Series.** The Events and Competitions Committee will be looking at the proposed 'National O Series' as part of the competitions review.

976 Junior squad manager's report

See report distributed prior to meeting. Points to note:

a. **Treasurer.** SCJS treasurer, Lynne Moore, is standing down. No volunteers have come forward to take over the task. **Action: All**

977 Coaching officer's report

See report distributed prior to meeting.

978 Technical officer's report

See report distributed prior to meeting. Points to note:

a. **ECC appointment.** Katy Stubbs has been appointed to the Events and Competitions Committee (ECC). BO plan to appoint two further committee members, through which they intend to fill some skills gaps.

b. **Event Safety Workshop.** The Workshop was held on the morning of Saturday 11 February 2012. It was oversubscribed, with 29 attendees, and feedback was positive.

c. **Introductory organiser's course.** Two clubs have expressed interest, SN (for their club members) and SARUM have also offered a venue in Salisbury.

979 Development rep's report

See report distributed prior to meeting. Points to note:

a. **SCOA Club publicity representatives meeting.** There was really good support from SCOA Clubs with Club Representatives from BKO, SOC, SN, BAOC, TVOC, & SARUM attending. Useful ideas were exchanged and it was felt that a similar meeting held annually would be useful. **Action: Liz Yeadon.**

b. **Scouts & Guides.** As the result of the publicity meeting the SCOA Development Rep agreed to ask BOF to contact the national Scouts & Guides Organisations regarding bringing some cohesion with current activities. **Action: Liz Yeadon.**

980 Communications

a. **Publicity Material.** Following discussion on the production of SCOA publicity material it was agreed that the material would be too generic. Materials should be club or event based.

b. **Presentation.** SLOW has had some success attracting young adults. Their presentation to the coaching conference is at:

http://www.britishorienteering.org.uk/images/uploaded/downloads/coaching_conference_slow_success_story.pptx

c. **Volunteers.** SOC has used the website <http://www.do-it.org.uk/> to recruit volunteers for a publicity officer. A volunteer via this scheme worked with the club

for 6 months. Colin agreed to email the job spec to committee members. **Action: Colin Hicks.**

981 Updates from British Orienteering

a. **Whole Sport Plan.** The BO office is busy drawing up the Whole Sport Plan (WSP). It is BO's strategic plan for a four year period. Mike Forrest urged club reps to encourage their members to participate in the consultations on the WSP that will be launched soon. He also encouraged members to vote on the membership and levy proposals being made at the AGM. **Action: All.**

b. **BO Representation.** Mike's replacement as BO liaison officer to SCOA will be announced after the BO Board meeting on 25th April.

982 AGM 2012

a. **Deputy Chairman.** It was agreed that as the post of deputy chairman had not been filled for many years, the post could be deleted from the list of committee posts on the SCOA website. **Action: Alun Jones.**

b. **Refreshments.** Liz Yeadon kindly offered to bring coffee and biscuits for the AGM. **Hurrah for Liz.**

983 Any other business

a. **Southern Championships Trophies.** There are a number of obsolete trophies being stored by individuals. As there was no agreed procedure for their redeployment/disposal it was agreed that they remain with those individuals willing to store them.

b. **Insurance for mappers.** Registration of maps has changed. A map takes on the registration number associated with an event. A query was raised regarding insurance for mappers when mapping an area which would not be formally registered until allocated to an event. Advice is to be sought from Mike Hamilton. **Action: Colin Hicks.**

c. **JK 2013 publicity.** Dave Peel is seeking volunteers to hand out postcards in the car park areas of JK 2012. Alun agreed to pass names of volunteers (Katy Stubbs, Liz and Alan Yeadon) to Dave. **Action: Alun Jones.**

d. **Farewell to Mike.** Mike Forrest was thanked for his helpful advice to SCOA as BO Liaison officer.

984 Date of next meeting

Thursday 21 June 2012, Newbury, immediately following the AGM which commences at 7.30 pm.