

**MINUTES OF THE SOUTH CENTRAL ORIENTEERING ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 21st JUNE 2012
AT THE FRIENDS MEETING HOUSE, NEWBURY**

Present

Alun Jones	TVOC	Chairman & Club Rep
Caroline Ford	SOFA	Secretary & Club Rep
Jerry Newcombe	BAOC	Treasurer
Katy Stubbs	BKO	Technical Officer & Club Rep
Dave Rogers	BKO	Coaching Officer
Liz Yeadon	SARUM	Development Committee Rep
Terry Smith	SOC	Club Rep
Alan Yeadon	SARUM	Club Rep
Scott Collier	BO	SCOA Liaison

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from:
Richard Sharp (TVOC) Fixtures Secretary
Ian Webb (JOK)
Mike Bray (SN)

2. Minutes of Last AGM

The minutes of the last AGM held on 16th June 2011 were agreed.

3. Matters Arising

None.

4. Chairman's Report

The Chairman offered a special welcome to Terry Smith, as the new SOC rep, and Scott Collier, as the new BO liaison officer to SCOA. The Chairman's report was distributed prior to the meeting. Points to note:

a. **SCOA Relay.** For the first time, a SCOA Relay Championships was held on 16th June at a SN event which also hosted the SEOA Relay Championships.

b. **JK 2013.** SCOA has the honour of hosting next year's JK. Substantial progress has already been made in planning for the event, under Katy Stubbs' leadership. The delivery of a successful JK is dependent on the full support of all clubs and their members.

c. **SCOA Profile.** Some initiatives have been made to raise the profile of SCOA amongst club members. The website has been revamped and a brief newsletter containing key points from committee meetings is circulated to clubs.

d. The Chairman thanked committee members for their efforts during his first year as Chairman of SCOA.

5. Secretary's Report.

The secretary had nothing of note to report to the AGM.

6. Treasurer's Report

The report and summary of accounts were distributed prior to the meeting. Points to note:

- a. Income in 2011 was within expected levels for SCOA Fees and Event Levies. Overall, income dropped as we did not have the exceptional event income and hire fees present in 2010.
- b. SCOA's grant to the Squad was £1,300 which represents about 46% (2010 37%) of their total income, the remainder coming from personal contributions, fund raising and the Army event.
- c. Grants expenditure decreased slightly in 2011 to £1,182.
- d. The EOC funding increased to £452 (2010 - £370). In 2012 and beyond, there will be a further significant increase in EOC funding as Sports England funding has been withdrawn causing the per capita levy to rise to £1.05 per adult member. This amounts to a near doubling of the per capita levy over 2 years.
- e. Overall the year ended with a deficit of £2,331 which was slightly below the forecast deficit. SCOA will face additional challenges to the budget in future years due to reduced government funding to the sport. We should anticipate that we may receive additional grant requests from British Team members from 2013 onwards.
- f. It was noted that:
 - According to the budget forecast, SCOA funds would run out by 2016.
 - The budget for JK 2013 has yet to be determined.
 - The budget forecast has catered for a reduction in events in 2013 due to the focus on the JK.
- g. The Accounts for 2011 were accepted. (Proposed Caroline Ford, Seconded Katy Stubbs.)

7. Fixtures Secretary's Report

The report was distributed prior to the meeting. Points to note were:

- a. During 2011, approximately 222 events (2010: 249) were registered in the South Central region, attended by a total of at least 21,348 people (2010: 21,563), of whom 16,133 (2010: 16,202) were seniors and 5,215 (2010: 5,361) were juniors.
- b. The number of events and overall participation fell by 11% and 1%, respectively, compared with 2010.
- c. The SCOA League had a full programme of 10 events in 2011. The 2011/2012 season included 6 events in 2011 and 5 events in 2012.

8 Junior Squad Manager's Report

Junior Squad numbers are around the 30 mark, with 15 to 20 regular attendees. See combined report distributed for the SCOA June Committee meeting.

9 Coaching Officer's Report

See combined report distributed for the SCOA June Committee meeting.

10 Technical Officer's Report

The report was distributed prior to the meeting. Points of particular note were:

a. Rules Group.

Rules Group completed a final review of Rules, Appendices, Event Guidelines and Competition Rules by the end of December 2011. The Rules Group were then stood down following the creation of the new Events and Competitions Committee.

There are likely to be some changes for 2013 and Katy agreed to promulgate the changes to relevant JK officials, controllers and club reps, however, most of the changes affecting JK 2013 were already expected. . **Action: Katy Stubbs.**

b. SCOA Officials. No new Grade C or B Controllers have been appointed this year, Tim Sands of SOC has been appointed as a Grade A Controller.

c. Training.

An Event Safety and Welfare Workshop was held at Harwell on 11th February 2012 with 29 attendees. Jon Wheatcroft has since been appointed as a roll-out tutor. Clubs need to identify both mentors for Level D events and roll-out tutors to continue providing this training. **Action: Club Reps.**

A Grade C Controller's course was run on 17th March 2012. Two applications for appointment as Grade C Controller have since been received for consideration.

11. Development Committee Representative's Report

The report was distributed prior to the meeting. Points of particular note were:

a. Schools. Schools now have the opportunity to register for free on the British Orienteering website and they will receive a document that outlines how to set up an orienteering project in the school environment. Liz agreed to find out which schools in the SCOA region had registered. **Action: Liz Yeadon**

b. Junior Regional Orienteering Squads. There has been much discussion about the continuing bids from the Junior Regional Orienteering Squads. The Development committee stressed that they were supportive of the continuing good work being done but

asked that the training camps should focus on the retention & development of young people for life long participation.

c. **SCOA Publicity.** As a direct consequence of the October Development meeting, SCOA held a meeting on 20th February 2012 for SCOA Publicity Officers which was well attended. Many useful ideas were exchanged & the various presentations have been passed amongst the reps.

12 Proposals: Membership Fees and Event Levies for 2013

It was agreed that:

- a. Membership Fees will remain at £25 per club;
- b. Levies on events held in the SCOA Region will rise in 2013 to 19p per starter. Details of the levy scheme will be discussed in the June SCOA committee meeting.

13 Appointment of Officers

The following officials were elected:

Chairman	Alun Jones TVOC
Secretary	Vacant
Treasurer	Vacant
Fixtures Secretary	Richard Sharp TVOC
Junior Squad Manager	Craig Blackford
Technical Officer	Katy Stubbs BKO
Coaching Officer	Dave Rogers BKO
Development Committee Rep	Liz Yeadon SARUM

(Proposed by Terry Smith, Seconded by Jerry Newcombe)

Club reps were asked to seek out a potential secretary and treasurer as failure to fill these appointments will have serious consequences on the continuing existence of SCOA.

Action: Club Reps

14 Any Other Business

- a. Jerry Newcombe and Caroline Ford, the outgoing treasurer and secretary respectively, were thanked by the committee for their contributions over many years to SCOA.
- b. Liz & Alan Yeadon were thanked for providing refreshments thereby adding to the conviviality of the occasion.

15 Date of Next AGM To be decided.

C E Ford
SCOA Secretary