

**MINUTES OF THE SOUTH CENTRAL ORIENTEERING ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 6th JUNE 2013
AT THE FRIENDS MEETING HOUSE, NEWBURY**

Present

Alun Jones	TVOC	Chairman & 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
Mike Bray	SN	Club Rep
Allan Farrington	BAOC	Club Rep
Richard Sharp	TVOC	Fixtures Secretary

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from:
Scott Collier(BO – SCOA Liaison)
Ian Webb (JOK)
Caroline Ford (SOFA)
Gill Mann (BADO)

2. Minutes of last AGM

The minutes of the last AGM held on 21st June 2012 were agreed.

3. Matters Arising

None.

4. Chairman's Report

The Chairman's report was distributed prior to the meeting. Points to note:

a. **JK 2013.** This turned out to be a very successful event with over 3000 competitors. The Chairman gave special thanks to Katy Stubbs as the Co-ordinator for all of her hard work and also thanked all of the Day Organisers & Planners for their efforts. The Report will be covered at the Committee meeting following the AGM..

b. **SCOA League:** This has again operated successfully over the past twelve months but there were only nine events in the league this season – possibly due to the weather & the involvement with the JK.

c. **SCOA Team event.** The second SCOA Relay/ Team Championships will be held at Sarum's Moonraker relay event at Fonthill on Sunday 7th July 2013.

d. **SCOA Long Distance Championships.** These are being held at SOC's November Classic at Round Hill West on Sunday 3rd November 2013.

e. **Middle Distance & Sprint Championships.** These are being trialled in 2013. The Middle Distance Championships were held at Oxshott Heath on Sunday 7th April; the date & location of the Sprint Championships has yet to be agreed.

f. **World Schools O Champs.** There were excellent results from two SCOA members – Dane Blomquist (BAOC) won his Middle Distance race & Fiona Bunn (TVOC) won her Long Distance race.

g. **SCOA Profile.** The Chairman noted that SCOA is still a mystery to many members; however there were no suggestions as to what else can be done to raise the profile.

5. Secretary's Report.

The post is vacant

6. Treasurer's Report

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

a. The year ended above budget despite a reduction in income due to event cancellation due to poor weather as expenditure was also below budget.

b. SCOA's grant to the Squad was reduced to £650, representing about 36% of their total income (46% 2011) because of a shift in funding times; they also raised money elsewhere from personal contributions and fund raising. They did not organise an Army event in 2012 as they swapped half terms with SWOA.

c. Grants expenditure decreased in 2012 to £897.

d. The EOC funding increased to £676 (2011- £452) largely due to the loss of funding from British Orienteering. The costs in 2013 will be similar but the EOC are looking for Sponsorship from 2014 which should reduce costs again.

e. Overall the year ended with a deficit of £1,448 which was better than projected. However, there are difficult times ahead. JK 2013 had additional costs due to bussing and our next major Major Event is scheduled for JK 2019 which is a larger gap than normal. There is likely to be a small amount raised from holding the Sprint & Middle Distance championships in the near future but this will be insufficient thus we will have to raise income elsewhere

f. There is an underlying deficit of around £2,500 pa which cannot be sustained;

g. Club & Levy rates 2014 Proposal – there was much discussion on the various possibilities for raising levies/ fees and the outcome was unanimously accepted as follows:

- the 2014 Club membership fee will remain at £25;
- a £2 Affiliation Fee for all Senior members of Clubs will be introduced;
- there will also be an increase in the event levy to 18p in 2014, rising to 24p by 2017.

- these increases are regretted but the proposals ensure a steady given income which is useful if Orienteering events cannot be held for any reason (eg Foot & Mouth)
- Note: the Membership charges remain competitive – SWOA has no affiliation fee but charges 60p event levy; SEOA has a £3 affiliation fee and a 50p event levy on level A,B & C events.

h. The Accounts for 2012 were accepted. (Proposed Katy Stubbs, Seconded Terry Smith.)

i. The Auditor, Alan Kersley (BADO), was thanked.

7. **Fixtures Secretary's Report**

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

a. During 2012, approximately 316 events (2011: 222) were registered in the South Central region, attended by a total of at least 20,516 people (2011 - 21,348) , of whom 16,815 (2011: 16,133) were seniors and 3,701 (2011: 5,215) were juniors.

b. The number of events levels A - C fell by 15% but the number of activities & level D events rose by 50% continuing the trend from 2009 & 2010.

c. Participation fell by 4% overall compared with 2011; however, there was a 30% fall in junior runs which may reflect various school and junior activities falling in different counting periods (eg. SOC hosted the BSSC in 2011; the Berkshire Youth games moved out of the 2012 counting period) Also this may reflect the changes in the Schools structure and finance available.

d. The SCOA League had a smaller programme of 9 events in 2012.

8 **Junior Squad Manager's Report**

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

9 **Coaching Officer's Report**

See report distributed for the SCOA June Committee meeting.

10 **Technical Officer's Report**

Katy wished to point out that she is commenting on Technical issues related to SCOA, not as her BOF role

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

a. **SCOA Officials.** Two new Grade C Controllers have been appointed this year, Craig Blackford (BADO) & Kieran Devine (SOC). No new Grade A or B Controllers have been appointed this year.

c. **Training.** Due to JK commitments there have not been any Training courses in 2012 but Katy hopes to put on courses for Level C Controllers and also Level C Planners & Organisers in 2013. **Action: KS**

Two Event Safety and Welfare Workshop were held. One in October mainly for SARUM but also included people from BKO, SOC, RAFO, NWO & WIM. The second was in January over 2 Club nights for BKO .

Katy has done a review of Qualifications of SCOA members. She expressed concern about how many Controllers and Organisers of all Grades have not yet attended the Event Safety and Welfare Workshop. Clubs need to encourage their tutors to put on more workshops. She pointed out whilst it is not mandatory to have done the course it will become so because of the insurers. **Action: Club Reps.**

Terry Smith offered to consider becoming a roll-out tutor for the southern area.

Action: TS/KS

11. Development Committee Representative's Report

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

a. **BOF's Development Fund** - at the last Development Committee meeting in October 2012, it was announced that the multi-day levy fund will now be included in the main budgeting process thus, from January 2013, the Development Fund will no longer be available for allocation by the Development Committee as grants to Clubs & Associations. Thus, no more bids can be accepted.

b. **The Development Committee** – Since the Development Fund is being absorbed into the main Budget and the overview of the Development Programme being taken on by the Board in future, the main requirement for the committee was the sharing of good practice – it was felt that this should involve a wider audience. Thus, the Development Committee as such has been disbanded.

As a consequence of this, two short term Task Groups were formed in the New Year – covering Coaching activities & Volunteering – these are to be reported on at the June Board meeting.

The SCOA Chair suggested the post was renamed as the SCOA Development Officer – all agreed.

c. **British Orienteering Development Team:** The Development Team now consists of 3 full time members of staff (the Development Manager and two Participation Managers). The two participation managers are based in the North & the East with the Development Manager attempting to cover everywhere else, including SCOA. Key priorities are listed in the report – they are mainly to offer support to Clubs in various activities and continue to increase participation. There are two new initiatives, Xplorer and RunChallenge, which would be useful in

SCOA Clubs but the initial funding & support is being targeted in the North & East.

d. **University/ College Orienteering:** The recent British Orienteering Board meeting reported that it appears that University Orienteering Clubs may suffer reductions in their funding from their Universities as Orienteering may not be recognised as a sport in future as it may not fulfill a new set of criteria being produced.

12 Proposals: Membership Fees and Event Levies for 2013

See Section 6 above.

13 Appointment of Officers

The following officials were elected:

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

(Proposed by Terry Smith (SOC), Seconded by Allan Farrington (BAOC))

Club reps were asked to continue to seek out a potential secretary.

Action: Club Reps

14 Any Other Business

a. Liz & Alan Yeadon were thanked for providing refreshments thereby adding to the conviviality of the occasion.

15 Date of Next AGM To be decided.

Liz Yeadon
SCOA Development Officer