

**MINUTES OF THE SCOA COMMITTEE MEETING, 5th SEPTEMBER 2013 HELD AT
THE FRIENDS' MEETING HOUSE, NEWBURY**

Present

Alun Jones	TVOC	Chairman & Club Rep
Gill Mann	BADO	Club Rep
Allan Farrington	BAOC	Club Rep
Katy Stubbs	BKO	Club Rep & Technical Officer
Alan Yeadon	SARUM	Club Rep
Mike Bray	SN	Club Rep
Terry Smith	SOC	Club Rep
Jerry Newcombe	BAOC	Treasurer (Minute Taker)
Dave Rogers	BKO	Coaching Officer
Liz Yeadon	SARUM	Development Officer
Nick Bosbury	SOC	

1064. Apologies

Apologies were received from:
Scott Collier (British Orienteering – SCOA Liaison)
Richard Sharp (TVOC), Fixtures Secretary

1065 Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 6th June 2013 were accepted as a true record.

1066 Matters arising

a. Paragraph 1016c: Proposals to fill vacant officials' roles. Club Reps to continue canvassing for candidates for the position of Secretary.

Action: Club Reps

b. Paragraph 1041b: 2014 JIRC – no clubs have offered to organise this event. As it is not allocated to SCOA, the item is closed.

c. Paragraph 1053d: SCOA Long Distance Champs – TS will identify SCOA winners and AJ/LY/JN will arrange the prize-giving. Once entries have closed, TS will provide LY with the numbers entered in each class so the appropriate number of medals may be prepared. It was agreed that LY may order an appropriate number of medals to cover the 2013 Long Championships and all 2014 Championships.

d. Paragraph 1055b: SN Events & Levies – JN had contacted the SN Treasurer over outstanding levies. MB still has to speak to the SN Fixtures Secretary over registering events in SCOA.

Action: MB

e. Paragraph 1056: Delegation by Chairman of task to sit on selection of British Orienteering Independent Directors – the current British Orienteering Articles state that it must be the Association Chairs who sit on the selection panel. However, British Orienteering will consider changing this requirement in the future.

f. Paragraph 1057a: British Sprints & Middle Distance Championships 2016 – this item delegated to the SCOA Fixtures Secretaries' meeting on 8 October.

g. Paragraph 1062a: Limits of British Orienteering Insurance – TS has had some feedback from SC stating that British Orienteering were looking at having cover of £5m for members and £10m for Officials. There was no definitive answer on what exposure club members and officials of unincorporated clubs could have. JN had looked at insurance provided by other sports. In no case had he found that insurance cover was dependent on following the rules of the sport, as it is with orienteering. JN suggested British Orienteering should be asked to go back to the insurers and tell them this condition was too restrictive. TS reminded the committee that requests to vary the rules for an event should be considered in the light of the effect on British Orienteering insurance cover. TS was asked to forward the British Orienteering responses to the rest of the committee.

Action: TS

h. Paragraph 1062d: Use of Dropbox for SCOA documents – an instruction document has been produced. It does still cause issues depending on the web browser in use on the computer.

1067 Chairman

AJ had distributed his report prior to the meeting (see Appendix A).

a. **SCOA Team Championships:** It was agreed to continue with the Team Championships but it should be a Relay rather than a Harris event.

b. **British Orienteering Club & Association Conference:** The SCOA representatives should seek club views once the papers are published.

Action: JN/LY

c. **World MTBO Championships:** The Chairman congratulated Emily Benham (Sarum) on her success at the recent World Championships in Estonia. Emily was 2nd in the Middle Distance, 4th in the Long Distance and would have been 5th in the Sprint Distance had she not been disqualified along with about 50 other competitors. Emily has been nominated again for the Wiltshire Sports Personality Award.

1068 Secretary

With no appointed Secretary, there was nothing to report.

1069 Treasurer

JN had distributed his report prior to the meeting (see Appendix B).

a. **Grant Request:** it was agreed to award Tamsin Moran (SOC) a grant of £100 for attending JWOC.

b. **Levies:** JN would discuss the BAOC levies with AF after the meeting.

Action JN/AF

c. The JK2013 monies were received from British Orienteering on 4 September. This will enable us to pay the SCJS annual grant.

d. JN clarified that the membership statistics in his report were BOF members who joined through SCOA.

1070 British Orienteering Update

An email update was received from SC (see Appendix C). Points to note are:

- a. British Orienteering is appointing a “Commercial Manager” on a one year contract with the aim of securing sponsorship funding. Interviews are now taking place.
- b. There have been five applicants for the two Independent Director posts. All are non-orienteers but several have other outdoor/adventure sport experience. Interviews should be taking place soon.
- c. Participation in first quarter 2013 was down but this is thought to be due to the weather.

1071 Fixtures Secretary

RS had distributed his report prior to the meeting (see Appendix D).

a. **British Sprints/ Middle Distance Championships 2016:** This needs to be decided and we expect this to be picked up in the October Fixtures Secretaries Meeting

Action: Club Reps / RS

b. **Southern Nights 2014** – KS asked if any club would like to hold this event the night before the Southern Championships in January. The meeting delegated this to the Fixtures Secretaries Meeting in October.

Action: Club Reps / RS

c. **SCOA Championships 2014:** - KS is happy for the SCOA Championships to be held at the Southern Championships providing someone will organise the SCOA prize giving. The meeting agreed to use the Southern Championships event.

1072 Junior Squad Manager

The Squad Manager’s report was distributed prior to the meeting (see Appendix E).

The Squad particularly wished to thank the committee for the financial support given to the four members who attended training camps over the summer.

1073 Coaching Officer

DR had distributed his report prior to meeting (see Appendix F).

DR again highlighted that the British Orienteering Coaching Needs Task Group had not yet reported to the British Orienteering Board. It had been due to do so in March and then again in June.

1074 Technical Officer

KS had distributed her report prior to meeting (see Appendix G).

KS emphasised that if clubs wanted technical courses, they should let her know.

1075 Development

LY had distributed her report prior to meeting (see Appendix H).

LY asked if it was helpful to collate and share development practices from the clubs. AJ stated that one of SCOA's objectives should be to share good practice amongst the clubs.

TS asked if the Club Leaders website information could be shared with the clubs. LY will forward the British Orienteering email to the committee.

Action: LY

1076 Any Other Business

a. **Constitution** – AJ, GM and NB agreed to be part of a working group to discuss the issues regarding SCOA's structure, constitution, and the preferred method for funding it. They will report their progress to the next meeting.

Action: AJ/GM/NB

b. **SCOA League Prize-Giving** – this is traditionally held at the first league event of the new season but this clashes with the Junior Inter-Regional Championships at which a number of our prize-winners will be present. It will therefore be deferred until the second event of the new season.

(Post-Meeting note: the Prize-giving has now reverted to the first league event of the new season)

c. **Headcam Videos** – a competitor at the recent TVOC Urban event had a headcam and posted the resultant video on the internet. Part of the area used for the event is private property and no permission had been sought for videoing or photographs in the private areas. Although this was not stated in the event details, the individual has been asked to remove the video from the internet but has so far refused. AJ advised clubs that if they hold events on private property, they should state that cameras are not allowed.

1077 Dates of next meetings

Thursday 5 December 2013 – 7.30 pm, Newbury (Committee meeting)

Thursday 6 March 2014 – 7.30 pm, Newbury (Committee meeting)

Thursday 19 June 2014 – 7.30 pm, Newbury (AGM & Committee meeting)

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – SCOA MEETING 5 SEPTEMBER 2013

This report is mostly for noting. A decision is required at the end of point 1. Comments / views are sought at the end of point 2.

1. SCOA CHAMPIONSHIPS

Since the last meeting, the SCOA Team Championships were held at SARUM's Moonraker event on 7th July, and the Sprint Championships at TVOC's event at Rutherford Appleton Laboratory on 26th August. The Long Distance Championships will take place at the November Classic.

The number of SCOA members competing at this year's events are as follows:

Middle Distance Championships	86
Team Championships	18 (6 teams)
Sprint Championships	100

It seems clear that the Middle Distance and Sprint Championships are well supported and should be continued. Numbers attending the Team Championships are clearly disappointing. By comparison, 45 (15 teams) competed at the Relay Championships in 2012. Should we continue with a relay / team event?

2. BRITISH ORIENTEERING'S CLUB AND ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE

British Orienteering's annual Club and Association Conference is taking place on 19th October. As well as myself, I am aware that Katy Stibbs, Liz Yeadon and Jerry Newcombe will be attending.

The theme of this year's conference will be 'volunteers and volunteering', with the following Conference outcome:

- To receive a summary of the Volunteer Needs Group Report, recommendations and action plan.
- To review the different trends in orienteering participation and volunteering and discuss their impacts on the sport. Consider what clubs can do to manage this in terms of volunteering.
- To consider succession planning in respect to club volunteers.

Other than the [Volunteer Needs Group Report](#), there is no other material available for the conference at the time of writing. We can discuss at the meeting any views that clubs wish to have conveyed.

Alun Jones
Chairman
2nd September 2013

TREASURER's REPORT – SCOA Meeting 5 September 2013

The committee are asked to approve item 2b and to note item 4.

1. Bank balances currently stand at £1,340.
2. Grants
 - a. I have paid all grants agreed at the June meeting.
 - b. Tamsin Moran (SOC) was called up to represent GB at the Junior World Champs (JWOC) following an injury to another team member. I recommend we award her the same grant of £100 (50% of £200 fee) that we provided to Peter Bray.
3. SCOA's contribution to the England Orienteering Council (EOC) has been paid. The final amount was £657 which is calculated as a flat fee of £20 plus 670 Senior members at 95p. The membership figures in mid-June were used to calculate the fee.
4. Most clubs are keeping up to date with the new levy payments. BAOC and SN have not made any SCOA levy payments so far this year and I have contacted their Treasurers to request payment. The SN Treasurer has advised that a cheque has been raised.
5. No monies have been received from British Orienteering for our share of the JK2013 surplus. The SCOA account details were provided on 29 July in response to a request from the BOF Accounts Manager.
6. Club Membership statistics at 25 August 2013 were:

Club	Junior	Senior	Total	
BADO	11	41	52	
BAOC	12	80	92	
BKO	32	130	162	
JOK		5	5	
NGOC		2	2	BOF Error
OUOC	1	1	2	
RAFO		5	5	
SARUM	2	8	10	
SN	51	103	154	
SOC	42	125	167	
SOFA		5	5	
TVOC	39	154	193	
WIGHTO	2	18	20	
Total	192	677	869	

Jerry Newcombe, Treasurer
31 August 2013

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Email update from British Orienteering Director, Scott Collier

From: Scott Collier

Sent: Tuesday, September 03, 2013 10:35 PM

Subject: Re: SCOA Committee meeting - Thursday 5th September

Looking at my outstanding actions from previous meetings:

- Missing Events & Competitions Subgroup minutes - I haven't managed to get to the bottom of what has happened with these, but there is a big meeting on 14 Sept for Events & Competitions Committee plus all the subgroup chairs, and I'm hoping that we may be able to sort it out there, as well as getting the Committee functioning a bit more smoothly than it has so far.

- Association Chairs on the ID appointments panel - As I think I said by email at the time, the current wording in the Articles requires a serving Chair, but the point SCOA has raised is a good one, and we can look at whether we should add "or other nominated association representative" (or similar wording) in a future revision.

As is often the case over the June-Sept period, there is not much to report from the Board. The most exciting decision from the June Board meeting was the agreement to appoint a full-time "Commercial Manager" on a one-year contract, with the aim of securing some more substantial independent funding (i.e. sponsorship) for British Orienteering. The post will be funded from reserves for this first year, with the aim that it should more than pay for itself in future years. This job has now been advertised and I believe interviews are taking place this week.

There have been five (I think) applicants for the two Independent Director positions, all non-orienteers but several with other outdoor/adventure sports experience. I haven't seen the applications myself but I understand that there are some very strong candidates. Interviews have been delayed longer than we would have liked as it has proved difficult to set a date with various people being away at various points in August, but these should now be happening imminently, so expect to see some appointments announced soon!

Some bad news is that participation in the first quarter of 2013 was significantly down on previous years. We think this is likely to be weather-related - apparently several outdoor other sports suffered similar drops in this quarter, with the notable exception of winter mountaineering.

The next Board meeting is on 18 September; the major issue will be the setting of the 2014 budget.

Scott Collier

SOUTH CENTRAL ORIENTEERING ASSOCIATION

FIXTURES SECRETARY REPORT

SEPTEMBER 2013

A decision is required for point 5) at the end. All other items are for noting, especially item 3).

Forthcoming major events in the region:

Date	Event	Comment
03/11/13	SCOA Championships	At Nov Classic
26/01/14	Southern Championships (BKO)	TBC
16/02/14	CspCup round (SOC)	
08/11/14	CompassSport Cup final (SN)	Long Valley

SCOA league:

The 2012/2013 season finished with 9 events being completed plus one that was cancelled.

The 2013/2014 season currently has 6 events scheduled (5 in 2013 and 1 in 2014).

Other matters:

- 1) I am hosting a SCOA fixtures conference for club fixtures' secretaries in Newbury at 19:30 on 8 October.
- 2) The next ESG meeting is in Birmingham on 19 October. Bids for level B and UKOL events through to the middle of 2015 will be taken.
- 3) 2016 is SCOA's turn for the British middle and sprint championships. Provisional dates are June or October. This commitment remains in place and we urgently need to identify host club(s) and areas. A move to 2017 is possible (but note we are due to have the JK again in 2019).
- 4) According to the rota, 2014 will be SCOA's turn for the Southern Night Championships – volunteers invited.
- 5) It is time to consider to which events to allocate the SCOA championships for 2014. Following the meeting at 1) above, I will propose a list of events for the December committee meeting to decide upon. However, given the timescale, I propose that the main 2014 SCOA Championships be held at BKO's Southern Championships event on 26 January 2014 (decision required).

Richard Sharp

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SOUTH CENTRAL ORIENTEERING ASSOCIATION JUNIOR SQUAD

REPORT TO SCOA COMMITTEE MEETING, SEPTEMBER 2013

Highlights

- Squad had a weekend trip to Swansea Bay.
- The squad is sending 19 juniors to this years JIRCS.
- Squad numbers around 30 mark, with 15 regular attendees.
- 4 squad members attended summer training camps. Thanks to SCOA for providing funding.
 - Fiona Bunn – Lagganlia
 - Katie Blackford – Deeside
 - Dane Blomquist – Stockholm
 - Tim Morgan – Stockholm

Junior Squad Activities, June 2013 to August 2013

Date	Location	Coach/Comments
20 th June	Swansea Bay Weekend	Squad trip

Planned Junior Squad Activities

Date	Location	Coach/Comments
14 th September	JIRCS Relay Training – Acres Down (TBC)	Pre-JIRCS Training
28 th /29 th September	JIRCS – SWOA – New Forest	
12 th October	SN – Pyestock (TBC)	
October	BAOC/SCJS fund raising event?	
9 th November	BKO – Cold Ash	Checking to see if SCJS can use Cold Ash for training at the same time as the BKO event.
30 th November	Night event training	Joint training with BADO
14 th December	SN or SOC training TBC	

Other:

Craig Blackford, SCOA Junior Squad Manager

4th September 2013

SOUTH CENTRAL ORIENTEERING ASSOCIATION COACHING OFFICER

REPORT TO SCOA COMMITTEE MEETING, 5TH SEPTEMBER 2013

FOR INFORMATION

Junior Squad Activities:

- Squad had a weekend trip to Swansea Bay (weekend of 20th June 2013).
- The squad is sending 19 juniors to this year's JIRCS (weekend of 28th September 2013).
- Squad numbers around 30 mark, with 15 regular attendees.
- 4 squad members attended summer training camps. Thanks to SCOA for providing funding.
 - Fiona Bunn – Lagganlia
 - Katie Blackford – Deeside
 - Dane Blomquist – Stockholm
 - Tim Morgan – Stockholm
- Autumn and winter 2013 training is being programmed – refer squad manager's report.

Club Coaching Updates:

SOFA:

- SOFA held 2 introductory orienteering sessions for Beavers and Cubs in May; followed by 3 sessions in June for Beavers, Venture Scouts and a Young Farmers club. Approximately 60 people participated in total.

TVOC:

[No update since June 2013]

- TVOC Saturday series continues with coaching available for beginners at all events. The series this covers the full 12 months, to address the 'blank' period over the summer when newcomers often want to come along. We have continued to attract good numbers of beginners despite increased entry fees, several have joined as new members.
- TVOC Schools league continues its 3rd season alongside the Saturday series.
- TVOC have been approached by several schools over the past few months with regard to mapping, volunteers for this are being found.
- TVOC's Roger Thetford planned urban courses for the SCOA junior squad training at Didcot (9th March).

BADO:

- Ran an introductory event for local people and orienteers at Charlton Lakes in Andover in July, Normal courses and Maze O available along with instruction and coaching. A good turnout on a new area.
- Also ran an event in June for Basingstoke Scouts in Basing Wood offering coaching and tips for youngsters on a forest course as well as Maze O for fun.
- Also in June a series of introductory events for North Waltham Youth Club in the War Memorial Park in Basingstoke. Included Grid type exercises, 'O'Linator game and a score event.

BKO:

- Wednesday Club Nights will be continuing in the autumn at Birch Hill Primary School, Leppington, Birch Hill, Bracknell, RG12 7WW.
- Katy Stubbs has been organising some introductory sessions for the 1st Burghfield Scouts with about 30 participants.
- Berkshire School Games 2013: BKO has been involved in running the regional qualifying competitions for 3 of the competing school sport partnerships. We held the annual West Berks competition at Park House School, Newbury in April (8 schools), followed by the usual Bracknell competition in June at South Hill Park, a new venue for this event (7 schools). Then just 2 days later we held our first ever Slough schools competition at Langley Grammar School and the adjoining park with 4 schools participating. Reading and Windsor ran their own selection competitions. The final was held at Wellington College as an integral part of the Berkshire School Games on 2nd July, with 6 winning qualifying teams each comprising 6 pairs of year 5/6 pupils competing.

BAOC:

[No update since June 2013]

- Run a coaching session most Wednesdays at Military League South. Each week its a different subject to allow the orienteer to practice new skills. In most cases 80% of those coached are new or fairly new to the sport.

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- We also run a number of Saturday afternoon sessions local to Deepcut and get numbers ranging from 10 to 40+.
- We have run a number of Performance weekend for orienteers of Light Green standard and above, and these are well attended.
- We have run three 3 Back to Basics 2 days sessions where we have gone back to pre race, through starting the race, process, the flow, compass and pacing and relocation process ending up at the race

SN:

Fleet Community Orienteers (run by Sue Bett, Dawn Williamson, Megan Bett):

- Season 2 – 10 sessions (Sep-Nov 2012) all based at Velmead Junior School with use of inside facilities; Total 30 participants; Max attendance 17, Average attendance 10
- Season 3 – 10 sessions (Apr-Jul 2013) based at a different school or park each week; Total 47 participants; Max attendance 26, Average attendance 16

Other SN activities:

- 2 sessions for Outdoor Club at Heatherside Junior School, Fleet
- 1 session for Fleet Youth Group
- Information provided to Scout/Guide groups
- 3 CATI's at Alice Holt

Development work carried out by Linda Cairns:

- Working with Guildford Schools Confederations to offer an orienteering package for primary schools to buy into with new Primary Sport Premium funding. (includes mapping, course planning, teacher training).
- Permanent orienteering course installed at George Abbot Secondary School and scheme of work set up for PE lessons in Year 7-9. Group of Young Orienteering Leaders trained.
- Surrey School Games Orienteering festival organised and delivered in July at Surrey Sports Park - 12 schools.

SOC:

- Colin Hicks as Schools Liaison Officer has been teaching/coaching orienteering in Southampton LEA schools this term. Teaching 300 children approx 200 in Infants Schools (year 1 and 2) and 100 children in Junior Schools (year 4 and 5). These lessons consist of a half term introductory block of work, with the expectation that the teacher will subsequently continue with the activities.
- May 20th and 21st is the Southampton Schools year 6 Orienteering Festival - 500+ children expected over the 2 days.
- Also coaching groups of senior school students (approx.8 in each group years 7 to 11) at our club group member independent school.
- We have also run several Club Activities on Thursday evenings. These have included Fitness, warm up and Fartlek and map memory exercises for club members.
- SOC is providing coaching/tuition at all our Summer Series events - average fortnightly.
- SOC hosted one SCJS coaching day at Acres Down.
- Christine Currie has renewed her coaching qualification.

SARUM

- ✧ Sarum has held the final School Forest League event of the season where years 5 and 6 children are coached in orientation and basic map reading to White and Yellow standard in woodland conditions. 4 schools attended & we are now looking at ways to continue this series next year with the huge change in Sports funding, which is complicated as it is not the same across the County.
- ✧ The second of the summer woodland events was held in July for years 3 and 4 school children involving a simple map walk followed by a couple of White courses to introduce them to Orienteering. About 75 children + parents & teachers attended.
- ✧ Three Tea time coaching sessions were held with increasing success with the final one involving a very successful Maze! The sessions contained some basic coaching to both children & adults along with some basic courses.
- ✧ Sarum also helped out with the Wiltshire Games at Marlborough College using a Maze format provoking a lot of interest with each group (yrs 5/6 through to 18yr olds), requiring basic coaching before trying out progressively more challenging courses. Orienteering will be an actual event for yrs 5/6 within these games next year which will require some Schools introduction & coaching sessions during next year.
- ✧ A third U3A Orienteering series is planned for the Autumn months, hoping to build on the progress made in the past two years plus introducing the sport to more Beginners.

WIGHTO:

- No response (to initial and reminder emails).

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OUOC:

- OUOC do not do a lot of active coaching, but here is what OUOC does do:
 - Weekly club run, mainly aimed at newcomers or people who are not members of the cross-country club, as a way of building up running fitness.
 - Introductory event at the start of the academic year in University Parks for university students. Club members are available to explain what to do.
 - Cuppers (inter-college) competition in May in University Parks where Club members are available to explain what to do.
 - Joint training tour with Cambridge to the Lake District in December. This allowed freshers to train intensively on some technical areas.

Other:

No additional information to add from the June 2013 report, due to the summer period.

Dave Rogers, SCOA Coaching Officer

3rd September 2013

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Technical Officer Report to SCOA 5 September 2013

Controllers

I have had one resignation as a controller from John Spence of TVOC.

I have had one application to be appointed as a controller from Geoff Ellis of RAFO. However he has not planned at Level C so I have advised him to get the required experience

Courses

As said in my last report to the AGM I am happy to run courses in controlling, planning, organising and event safety workshops for club or for the region.

Clubs are requested to get back to me if they want a club based course. Alternatively I will set up regional ones.

JK report to SCOA 5 September 2013-08-29

Only one item to report, JK made a final surplus of £39,191.77 with a profit share to SCOA of £13,063.92.

SCOA Development Officer Report

SCOA meeting - 6th December 2012

Decisions/ Information required from the Committee meeting:

1. Views regarding Volunteering for BOF meeting on 18th October 2013

Report:

1. **Volunteering in Orienteering:** The Voluntary Needs Work group met in January 2013 and their report went to the Board on 22nd June 2013. The report is now available on the BOF website.

Summary : They covered a lot of ground via their meeting and the various on-line and phone/ Email surveys with members of all ages, which was carried out during the Spring.

They found that they had an interesting challenge compared to many other sports as many older orienteers wish to continue competing, whereas, in many other sports, older folk are likely to become the volunteers as they can no longer compete. Thus, in Orienteering, the pool of likely older volunteers is possibly reduced as they don't want to volunteer as it ' gets in the way' of competing! On the other hand, some volunteer jobs can enhance technical skills.

The analysis of the surveys produced several key themes:

- ⤴ Recruitment
- ⤴ Expectations& ethos
- ⤴ Training & membership
- ⤴ Volunteer Coordinator
- ⤴ Motivations
- ⤴ Reward & recognition
- ⤴ Burdens & barriers
- ⤴ Promotion of volunteering

The report expands on each theme and also gives recommendations from the group as to how these themes might be met in the short, medium & longer term.

I suggest that more comment will be made at the Association Conference in October - notes from this will be brought to the next meeting when we can assess what further action SCOA wishes to take concerning Volunteering via the Club Reps.

2. Club Leaders: Site recommended by Ed Nicholas. It offers materials, mentoring, seminars for a range of topics including Marketing, Business & Financial Planning, Facilities management & Good Governance. I have joined the site to investigate further & have asked Ed for any feedback from any O Clubs who have used their materials, had mentoring or had a seminar.

Club Feedback:

BKO: BKO Club Nights moved out into the forests for the summer season, with club coaches Jason Edwards, Mark Foxwell and Katy Stubbs planning sessions based on different techniques at each. Attendance ranged from 16 to 31, we had some juniors and novices at all of these, not always the same people. These stopped in July and Club Nights are starting again on 11 September in Bracknell.

Two training sessions have been done for a group of around 30 scouts and some of this

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group intend to attend our winter Saturday series (starting 7 September) to obtain their orienteering badges.

SARUM: Sarum & NWO worked together to show Orienteering as an exhibition sport at the Wiltshire Games in July at Marlborough College to age groups from yrs 5/6 up to year 13 with much take-up of the activity in the form of a Maze. It is pleasing to note that Ed Nicholas has been assisting with the format of the Wiltshire games in 2014. These will be held at Marlborough College in July 2014 in several sports for Yrs 5/6 upwards. Orienteering was an exhibition sport this year but it is going to be one of the competitive Sports for the Years 5/6 pupils which is great! However, there is nothing being included for the 14 - 18 age group, which is a pity given the Sport England emphasis on this age group. We are also doing some work with the Salisbury area Scout groups.

TVOC: Mike Shires' publicity work which has brought a good number of newcomers to our Saturday Series events for beginners. He has used Facebook, local council, local papers and local shops to reach his targeted audience.

Over December, January, February, we are holding three events in Oxford Parks, again to try to build a flow of newcomers.

There were no reports from anybody else

Liz Yeadon
SCOA Development Officer
September 2013