

Minutes of the SCOA Committee Meeting, Thursday 4th December 2014 held at the Friends' Meeting House, Newbury

Present

Alun Jones	TVOC	Acting Chair and Club Rep
Jerry Newcombe	BADO	Treasurer & Club Rep
Richard Sharp	TVOC	Fixtures Secretary
Mike Bray	SN	Club Rep
Allan Farrington	BAOC	Club Rep & British Sprints Organiser
Bob Dredge	British Orienteering	
Terry Smith	SOC	Club Rep
Fiona Clough	BKO	Secretary & Club Rep

1137 Apologies

Apologies were received from:

Gillian Mann	BADO	
Charles Bromley-Gardner	BAOC	
Caroline Ford	SOFA	
Ian Moran	SOC	Club Rep
Liz Yeadon	SARUM	Development Officer
Alan Yeadon	SARUM	Club Rep
Dave Rogers	BKO	Coaching Officer
Katy Stubbs	BKO	Technical Officer & Club Rep

1138 Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 18th September 2014 were accepted as a true record.

1139 Matters arising

- 1097 – Changing banks **Action: JN ongoing**
- 1126 – Clubs supporting British Sprints/Middle Distance Champs - SARUM to help with children's activities at Sprints.
BADO parking
Ken Ricketts (BKO) appointed as assistant controller for Middle Distance Champs – Closed.
- 1128 – EGM to be held - Completed – Closed.
- 1131 – KS not present, to update at next meeting **Action: KS**
- 1132 – Course being held shortly – Closed.
- 1135 – AJ circulated role descriptions for Secretary/Treasurer and drafted one for Chair. All now on the SCOA Website. RS will draft and circulate a role description for SCOA Fixtures Secretary **Action: RS**
AJ asked that other committee members complete role descriptions (Technical Officer – KS, Development Officer – LY, Junior Squad Manager – CB). TS will send FC copies of SOC Job Descriptions and CC RS for Fixtures Secretary – **Action: KS/LY/CB/TS**
'What does SCOA do for us?' has been re-circulated by AJ.
In relation to the issue of public liability insurance only covering 3 events for non-members BD explained that it was recognized as an impractical

clause and informally is not considered an issue. A discussion followed regarding BOF and members Insurance cover.

1140 British Sprint and Middle Distance Championships 2015

Both Allan Farrington and Neville Baker had provided progress reports to committee members prior to the meeting. A number of points were raised.

Due to increased Security at Army premises the venue for the British Sprints have been changed to Aldershot Garrison Sports Centre. This will provide competitors with good facilities.

Only other issue at this time is the poor condition of the BOF Podia and efforts are being made to locate alternative podia.

A discussion followed around helper's discounts/incentives being offered (buffs/food tokens).

Both British Sprints and Middle Distance Champs have been allocated website pages by BOF. AF plans to get the Sprints page set up professionally.

1141 Chairman's Report

Nothing to report.

1142 Secretary's Report

Nothing to report.

1143 Treasurer's report

At the previous meeting there had been some discussion around the fee being charged by BOF for Junior's to attend the JEC. JN had asked for an update on the cost and why it was so expensive compared to the event entry fee and accommodation charge but had not yet received a response. BD undertook to chase Jackie Newton at BOF for the answers. **Action: BD**

Several grant requests had been received:

1. It was agreed to support Dane Blomquist (BAOC);
2. Thomas Howell (SN) applied for a grant to assist in paying for him to attend the World Schools Championships in Turkey but the payments are phased with the final total not known at this time. It was agreed to pay a third of the £600 due now and then a third of the balance once the final figure was confirmed (payment divided between the individual, their club and SCOA).

JN mentioned that during the Southern Night Championships hosted by BADO that issues had arisen regarding the trophies. There were some trophies missing and others damaged, requiring repair. Additionally some had not been engraved with details of previous winners. A discussion ensued regarding the role of 'Keeper of the Trophies' and whether it was perhaps a better idea to award new ones (together with a list of previous winners) to be kept by the winner after

each event rather than handed back. JN undertook to liaise with SWOA and SEOA regarding this suggestion.

Action: JN

1144 Update from British Orienteering

BD provided updates on a number of matters:

1. BOF has recently changed premises to a smaller building as there has been a reduction in the staff and this move will save around £12 - £15K per annum. The new premises are in a good location. BOF are now in discussion with Sport England regarding the next funding cycle in 2017 as there are concerns that current funding to BOF may cease;
2. There have been a number of staff changes within BOF recently and interviews are still ongoing for some posts. It is very positive that all candidates are orienteers;
3. The selection policy for the WOC in Scotland in 2015 will be out in the next few days;
4. WOC is very expensive to run with only around 400 competitors and although Event Scotland has given a £250K grant towards the event there is still financial risk around the whole event that is being shared by a consortium of BOF and Scottish 6 Day;
5. Regarding BOF finances – a small surplus may be made from the British Championships in 2015. The 2014 British Championships made a loss of £100, which had not been unexpected. In 2015 it is hoped the JK and the British Sprints/Middle Distance Championships will make a bigger surplus;
6. A discussion followed around how BOF raise funds considering whether it is better to take a share of the surplus or just to impose a ‘super-levy’.
7. BD asked that clubs consider possible nominations for Club of the Year and for Mapper of the Year;
8. The question of Insurance was raised. The question being ‘How strongly does BOF think clubs should have Employers liability on their insurance?’ BD responded that Mike Hamilton’s view is volunteers are covered by BOF insurance as long as they are not paid over £6K per annum for orienteering activities, are acting in a volunteer capacity and in accordance with usual practices.

BD reiterated that his role is to act as a conduit between BOF – SCOA – Clubs and also in the other direction.

There followed a discussion around how clubs could capitalize from the increase of publicity around the sport as a result of the WOC. Whether it would be productive to set up additional ‘come and try’ events in the weeks shortly after the end of the WOC.

1145 Fixtures Secretary’s report

Forthcoming major events in the region:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Comment</u>
14/12/14	CompassSport Cup Final (SN)	Long Valley
09/05/15	British Sprint Champs	Aldershot

10/05/15	British Middle Champs	Naphill & Park Wood
2019	JK	
2020	British Night Champs	TVOC
2020	Southern Champs	TVOC

SCOA league:

Five events are scheduled in 2014 and a further two in 2015. Additional dates are available in 2015.

Other matters:

1. There will be no SCOA round for the 2015 CSC/Trophy;
2. There will be no SCOA heat for the 2015 Yvette Baker Trophy;
3. A SCOA fixtures conference was held on 14th October 2014;
4. SN have offered the SE Score Champs autumn 2015 in Long Valley North to SCOA if we wish to run a similar competition but we decided not to accept this offer;
5. Bids for World Ranking Events for 2016 will open early 2015 (3 x forest, 3 x sprint). High quality level B events are eligible;
6. Safe-O ref. photography at events. It was noted that the Safe-O document on the BOF website is a draft dated September 2007; it was not clear who was demanding that these details be included in final details. It was raised at a recent meeting as part of Safeguarding Children. BD was asked to establish the BOF policy/advice re photography at events;
Action: BD
7. The CSC Cup final in 2016 remains desperate for a host, as does the PPJTR on 10th September 2017. All SCOA Club fixtures secretaries are aware;
8. Day 2 of the JK can now be reduced to a middle distance event i.e. sprint, middle, long and relay across the 4 days.

AJ mentioned the plan to use Hambledon for the 2020 British Nights Championships and Southern Championships suggesting that area would not be available for the JK 2019.

1146 Junior Squad Manager's report

CB was not present and a brief note of the Junior Squad activities had been included in the Coaching Officers Report.

1147 Coaching Officer's Report

DR had sent his apologies and sent a report for the meeting:

Junior Squad Activities:

Nothing major to report this time, apart from:

- 1) 5th at the JIRCS – included in SCJS September 2014 report
- 2) 3 juniors going to Hawkshead this weekend with Roger Thetford;
- 3) SCJS to plan and organise the BAOC army event during the February half term.

The meeting reviewed the update produced by DR and noted his final point:

SCOA has organised a coach education course (UKCC Level 2) for aspiring coaches. The course has a full complement of attendees and is being held over two days (6th December 2014 and 17th January 2015) near High Wycombe. The course was over-subscribed. It is hoped that another course will be able to be organised in spring 2015.

1148 Technical Officer's Report

KS had sent her apologies and had nothing to report.

1149 Development Rep's Report

LY sent her apologies and had nothing to report to the meeting.

1150 Any other business

1. Ken Ricketts from BKO had asked that the matter of colour-coded badges be brought up at the meeting. It was discussed and agreed that there will be a check done of what stocks are held within SCOA. Those stocks may be moved around (as the designs have changed over the years) and further stock of all badges will be ordered. **Action: JN**
2. KS had emailed requesting that Carol Edwards be considered for appointment to be a Level C Controller. This was discussed and agreed.
3. AJ mentioned again that Jon Wheatcroft from TVOC is raising a team to help at the WOC in 2015. It was agreed that this would be included in the SCOA Bulletin and that Club Reps should publicise it at club level. **Action: AJ/Club Reps**
4. TS and AF initiated a discussion on using skype for meetings. No conclusion was reached.

1151 Dates of next meetings

Thursday 19th March 2015 – 7.30pm - Newbury

Thursday 18th June 2015 – 7.30pm – Newbury (AGM)

Thursday 17th September 2015 – 7.30pm - Newbury

Fiona Clough

Secretary – SCOA

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