

Minutes of the SCOA Committee Meeting – Thursday 19th March 2015 held at the Friends' Meeting House, Newbury

Present

Jerry Newcombe	BADO	Treasurer (A/Chair)
Richard Sharp	TVOC	Fixtures Secretary & Club Rep
Katy Stubbs	BKO	Technical Officer
Bob Dredge	British Orienteering	Representative
Mike Bray	SN	Club Rep
Allan Farrington	BAOC	Club Rep & British Sprints Org
Alan Yeadon	SARUM	Club Rep
Ian Moran	SOC	Club Rep
Liz Yeadon	SARUM	Development Officer
Gillian Mann	BADO	Club Rep
Fiona Clough	BKO	Secretary & Club Rep

1152 Apologies

Apologies were received from:

Charles Bromley-Gardner	BAOC
Dave Rogers	BKO
Alun Jones	TVOC
Jamie Parkinson	OUOC

1153 Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 4th December 2014 were accepted as a true record.

1154 Matters arising

- 1097 - see treasurers report – Closed
- 1131 – matter resolved – Closed
- 1135 – RS has circulated a suggested role description for SCOA Fixtures Secretary. KS will produce the same for the role of Technical Officer. DR to be asked to produce the same for Coaching Officer (Review Role Descriptions to be Agenda item for the next meeting). **Action: KS/DR**
- 1143 –BOF has provided a copy of the budget for the JEC – Closed
- 1143 – Trophies – JN has liaised with SEOA & SWOA and awaits a reply
Action: JN
- 1145 - An updated draft policy on photography at events has been circulated to members of the committee. The draft is to

be reviewed by British Orienteering and comments are welcome – Closed

- 1150 – 50 new Colour coded badges have been ordered – Closed

The item regarding volunteers for the WOC has been circulated – Closed

1155 British Sprint and Middle Distance Championships 2015

AF attended the meeting and provided a verbal update for the British Sprints.

The website is up and running and the rugby stadium has been confirmed for the children's activities. AF has been able to reduce the budget by arranging use of the sports centre, hall, toilets and mobile catering plus Tom's wagon.

The Park Run is being moved to a different venue for the day of the event although some competitors plan to run the Park Run on the day as a 'warm up'.

All other facilities have been confirmed and the only security implication on the day will be that only competitors who have entered and are on the start list will be able to go through the gate to the start. This has implications for parents who would normally walk their children to the start (who are not running themselves). This will need to be detailed on the website well in advance.

The map has been updated and the final planners meeting will be next Sunday to agree the final courses. 130 touch free controls will be used in the competition.

The Assembly area is good; there will be room for club tents. There is currently a question regarding commentary because the touch free system links in to a website but this is in hand.

SARUM are organising the children's events; SOC are helping at Download and SN are running a training event on the Friday evening on the Buller Area (the old Buller Barracks). This event provides a fall back position if for any reason the main area becomes unavailable we would hold a single event on this course instead.

BML have provided a quote for the printing and Fabian4 is already taking entries.

Neville Baker had provided a short update by email for the Middle Distance champs:

‘The British Middle Champs organisation and course planning is proceeding smoothly; BKO have kindly offered to operate the Near Start and help with Download and Results. Volunteers from other clubs would be very welcome’.

1156 Chairman’s Report

The Acting Chair was unable to attend the meeting but provided a report prior to the meeting. The two points requiring action were:

- The English Orienteering Council AGM is scheduled to take place after the British Championships on Saturday 18th April. A volunteer to attend on behalf of SCOA – it was suggested that CB-G may attend this as he is understood to be going to the event – **Action: FC to check with CB-G – emailed 26/3**
- SCOA will require a new Chair at the AGM in June.

1157 Secretary’s Report

Nothing to report

1158 Treasurers Report

JN provided a report prior to the meeting with a number of points for information only.

A short discussion followed regarding payment for coaching courses and the value of keeping trophies for juniors.

A lengthy discussion then followed about how to encourage clubs to pay their annual SCOA fees. Alternatives being to increase regional levies for non-member clubs by 50% or that the SCOA Fixtures Secretary would not upgrade their events to level C.

Discussions then progressed on to Clubs from other regions holding events on areas within the SCOA area but not paying SCOA levies (but paying them to their own region instead). RS stated that all clubs had been reminded 12 months ago to register events in the correct regions.

The conclusion reached following this discussion was:

Clubs should be paying event levy to the region in which the event is held. The levy charged by SCOA for events held within the SCOA region would remain at the current level but the situation shall be monitored to ensure that events within SCOA are registered as such and to see whether there is an increase in the income to SCOA.

Action: JN to liaise with SWOA/SEOA Chairs to discuss

1159 British Orienteering Update

BD updated the meeting on a number of issues:

- A Strategic Review is being completed around future funding from Sport England. There is increased pressure on minority sports as less funding is likely to be available. A Draft Strategy will be circulated in the next few months for consultation.
- Regarding Major Events, the issue has come to a head again around the management and finance arrangements. There needs to be more partnership working in the future therefore Mike Hamilton and the Board of Directors are reviewing whether the current Major Event concept is working in its current form or whether to change it totally.

Action: Club Reps to encourage completion of consultation

- WOC – is taking a lot of time to finalise however it is currently all going well. Contractual negotiations are on going; squads have their final training camps coming up and will select the final squad at the World Cup Races in Scandinavia in June. The final selection for the races in Scotland will be made in the second week in July.
- It has been decided not to take under 16's to the European Junior Orienteering Championships. This is the first major international competition that under 16's can attend and it was decided that it was not in their interests. A lengthy discussion ensued regarding at what age young athletes should be exposed to a big competition where there was a risk that they have a very bad experience such as happened in Macedonia. It was accepted that this age was a critical time for young orienteers.

1160 Fixtures Secretary's Report

i) Southern Championships 2017 (Level A event) are to be hosted by SOC – key officials need to be on the BOF website **Action: IM to ensure BOF website updated by SOC Fixtures Sec.**

ii) Clubs are to be reminded that it is a BOF Rule that if the Controller for a Level C event comes from the same club as the club holding the event it needs approval of SCOA. **Action: Club Reps to remind respective committees.**

iii) SCOA will be hosting the JK 2019 and the only long distance area within the SCOA region is Cold Ash (BKO). The options are to either use Cold Ash or use a long distance area from another region bearing in mind it will need to be embargoed for 2 years prior to the event. **Action: FC to take to the BKO Committee meeting on 26th March**

1161 Junior Squad Managers Report

No report received.

1162 Coaching Officer's Report

DR apologised for not being able to attend the meeting but had circulated a written report to the committee members.

Points of note were that the next National Coaching Conference is to be held 14th and 15th January 2017 in the Lancaster / Manchester / Crewe area. The exact location to be announced at the end of January 2016 and the conference co-ordinator will be Vicky Thornton.

Lastly DR announced (in his report) that due to pressures of work he was going to stand down from the role of SCOA Coaching Officer at the June 2015 AGM.

JN thanked DR for all his hard work and expressed the views of the entire committee that they would be sorry to see him go.

1163 Technical Officer's Report

Chris Huthwaite is now a level B Controller and BOF have been notified that Carole Edwards has been appointed a level C Controller. Other than that there was nothing to report.

1164 Development Officer's Report

LY and AY had attended the Clubs and Association Conference in October 2014 but as they were away for the last meeting had been unable give the update. The presentations given at the conference had been circulated prior to the meeting to committee members. LY stated that a number of the presentations had been interesting and valuable.

Craig Anthony had expressed an interest in attending the SCOA Committee meeting to meet members and discuss orienteering participation trends and Sport England Programmes (Xplorer and Run Challenge). LY will ask him to the next meeting but asked that members consider what they wanted from him. LY stated that in her view Xplorer was good but as it is solely Sport England funded it was likely to be of limited value.

1165 Any Other Business

FC mentioned that she was unable to attend and take minutes for the AGM/next meeting. After a short discussion it was decided that AJ could decide that question at the start of the AGM. **Action: AJ**

AY mentioned that the SCOA Championships had gone well and that the next SCOA league event was organised by SARUM and was on 12th April 2015.

AJ had sent a message to the meeting that he would not be persuaded to fill in as Acting Chair of SCOA for a second year and another candidate must be identified for the AGM. Additionally a new SCOA Coaching Officer needs to be found.

1166 Dates of next meetings

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

Thursday 17th September 2015 – 7.30pm Newbury

Fiona Clough
Secretary – SCOA
23rd April 2015