

Chairman's report for SCOA 1/12/16

Club & Association conference

The EGM decided future BO levy of £1.50, and membership fees of £10 Sen, £3.30 Jun.

The conference that followed was both interesting and informative.

- Role of regions –co-ordination, economy of scale, and maintaining standards - through fixtures, training, monitoring event officials, junior squad, sharing best practice and kit: we do most of this already but could do more pro-active training and sharing of good practice eg putting useful documents on the website eg the TVOC 'search and rescue' docs.
- Rewarding and encouraging juniors – colour badges are used by some clubs – should we promote them region-wide, especially to juniors? If so, we need to make them more visible on the website and easy to get via clubs or SCOA. What worked before?
- Promoting more participation – research shows that juniors in particular are more likely to run for a club than themselves. Although there seemed little interest in an inter-club competition the SCOA league questionnaire, I have asked Ken Ricketts to take another look at an inter-club scoring process. It may encourage more attendance at SCOA League events. Ken has reworked results from last year in a number of ways for consideration and comment – in separate document.

Access to areas

- Talking to other clubs, it is apparent that some are having difficulty getting access to areas, in particular DIO and NT and are getting inconsistent treatment from the FC. The region provides a useful forum to share experiences and possible solutions. I believe there may also be a role here for BO at a high level. I am also aware that some members have already written to their MPs about the difficulty of getting permission from DIO.