

SCOA AGM 2017 Chairman's report

EGM.

An EGM was held on 15 Sept 2016 at which three paragraphs were voted to be added to the Constitution confirming SCOA's adherence to BO rules, guidelines and procedures.

Treasurer.

Jerry Newcombe acted as book-keeper after the 2016 AGM and was replaced by Peter Entwistle (BKO) who was appointed by the committee at the Dec 1st meeting. The SCOA treasurer also now acts as treasurer for the SC Junior Squad with a separate bank account.

Competitions and major events

The Southern Championships were hosted by SOC within their November Classic event. All the trophies were given a health check. This involved adding 27 years of engraving to the M35 trophy – with cost shared between SW, SE and SC – updating the photo-record of the trophies, adding a new base, mending a few and accepting a donated cup replacement. The top 3 in each age class were also awarded medals.

The SCOA Championship was hosted in December by SN and the top 3 in each age class awarded medals. Clarification and details of eligibility are now stored on the SCOA website.

The SCOA League: as a result of the survey, branding has been strengthened with all events carrying the SCOA Logo and named in a series SCOL 1, 2, 3... The Logo is available to logged in members under Resources.

JK2019 is being hosted by SCOA. Four areas have been identified and applications sought. Officials have been proposed for most roles. Peter Entwistle has volunteered as Treasurer and (in early 2017) Di and Terry Smith as joint Co-ordinators.

Supporting members

The region has implemented new rules on experience required for Level B planners and organisers and updated records of past event officials, controllers and coaches. In keeping with our aim of sharing resources and good practice, the quarterly coaching summary sheet is distributed to all SCOA coaches and the shared resource page on the website is proving useful. Our Development and Coaching Officer has been involved in a new group aimed at sharing good practice to recruit juniors and help them transition to club members.

The Junior Squad has been well run with regular training events and new squad tops to attract the juniors. Activity and travel has been financially supported by fund raising, grants from SCOA and donations from a BADO event. Although the size of the squad is small, we have some exceptional juniors who receive grant funding for international competition but also put something back into the sport and inspire others.