

Chair's Report – Sep 2018

SCOA League

Ken Ricketts has produced an update to the set of rules which are now on the web-site. Please can you see if your clubs can host some events as the numbers planned to be held this year are currently on the low side.

Club and Association Conference

This year's conference will be held on 20th October in Birmingham. All clubs should have received notification of this event from BO. I will be attending. If any club is not sending a representative and want anything raising please let me know.

MOD Access Charges.

Peter Hart, the new BO CEO, is in negotiation with the DIO (Defence Infrastructure Organisation) to try and obtain a more favourable access and cost arrangement for the use of Army Land. SCOA has a significant amount of MOD land and the current costs being imposed on Orienteering are making it difficult for us to hold anything other than large events. Peter sent an e-mail around to the clubs and associations asking for input. I have talked with several clubs about this and know that several members have contacted their MPs about the situation. I have been in communication with Peter about this and have forwarded to him the input I have received.

BSOC 2019

SCOA are committed to holding this event in November 2019. We need to firm up on an area. There is the possibility of Greenham Common but this is not ideal in terms of having the path network needed to easily support the multiple junior courses required. BADO have obtained agreement in principle from the landowners, subject to Natural England agreement, but would require help in putting the event on

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