

Development Officer – report to SCOA Committee – 21st March 2019

Junior Development Group meeting: met on 15th March 2019

1. Yvette Baker Trophy/ Shield – a website is being developed for this competition. Clubs are being invited to host the Yvette Baker Trophy Final and the Peter Palmer Relays in 2022

2. Peter Palmer Relays – 7th/8th September 2019, near East Grinstead - SCOA clubs are invited to raise teams, including younger smaller teams of 4 runners at TD2-3 level for the Daybreak relay. Juniors must be M/W12 or above (no M/W10s allowed) . This last is a new category, designed to attract some younger competitors – they won't have to run in the dark!

Action: Clubs are being invited to host the Yvette Baker Trophy Final and the Peter Palmer Relays in 2022

3. Annual M/W12 Youth Camp – there is a move to provide activities for the age group pre- JROS/ Lagganlia etc. Thus Phil Conway would like to invite SCOA to work with BOF, SEOA and SWOA on a new annual youth camp concept for M/W12 age group. This would be a stepping stone from club to regional squad level orienteering, targeting those juniors aiming for Orange level. I would like to pull together a small working team with a rep from each region to create a proposal.

4. M/W 14 – 16 ranking points – there has been much discussion regarding giving ranking points to groups under M/W 16s; also concern has been expressed about the jump in distance& course to be run from M/W 14 to M/W 16 – given the difference in ages, physical development between these age groups.

5. Association Development plans - Phil Conway, BOF Development Officer (South) has completed a Development plan with SEOA – a copy of their report is attached.

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