

I'm afraid I have to send my apologies that I will not be able to attend the SCOA meeting on Thursday due to travelling with work. I have however put together an update on critical areas of board business for the committee below, and as always, welcome any questions.

1. New chair – at the most recent board meeting (May 2019) we were delighted to welcome the new chair of the board [Drew Van Beck](#) who was recently elected at the AGM at the JK. Drew is already up and running and working very well with Peter Hart the Chief Executive and the rest of the board. Drew can be contacted on; Drew.Vanbeck@britishorienteering.org.uk
2. JK – At the May meeting, the Board reviewed and discussed the JK. We recorded our thanks to many volunteers who put in hundreds of hours of work during the weekend and in the months and years prior to the JK2019. The volunteers delivered an excellent event. The Board recognised that there were issues with the timing and results, and discussed the reports which were presented. Outcomes are that a major events handbook will be delivered to ensure know-how is preserved between events and contractors as well as additional support to check and challenge event organisers to provide help in the build up to major competitions.
3. Competitions review – the board will be commissioning a review of the competitions and events delivery within British Orienteering, and discussed the scope and requirements of this review. It was agreed that the review should include how major events are awarded and should produce a set of standards and specification, production of a Major Event Handbook and production of Event checklists.
4. Talent and performance review – the talent and performance steering group have established an independent working group led by Mark Saunders (BOK) to review the talent and performance pathway. The purpose of the group is to ensure that the Talent and Performance Programme is sustainable post 2021 when Sport England funding is likely to end. A draft of the aims of the programme has been issued and a wide consultation with membership is ongoing.

Many thanks,

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