

Chair Report – Sept 2019

The final share of the JK surplus due to SCOA is £22,133. Prior to the JK SCOA had a balance of over £13k.

I have sent out a couple of e-mails to all the SCOA clubs and committee members asking for suggestions as to what we should do with this surplus and have also talked with several people at events. I have had very few written responses but in those that I have had there is no real appetite for handing the money back to the clubs either through a cash sum or by reducing levies or membership fees. There is general agreement that we should give some money to support the Senior Squad and the Junior Regional Squads. But for the bulk of the surplus there is a feeling that the money should go to some form to develop the sport within the region or throughout BO. I would like further input. It should be possible to agree on the money given to the Squad and JROS and at the next committee meeting but it will require further discussion for the rest of the money.

Peter Hart, the BO CEO, has sent a further update as to his discussions with the DIO over the use of MOD land. There has been no progress in reducing the £5.50 per person charge other than the DIO have agreed that Juniors (under 16) will now be charged £3.00. Peter feels that we have exhausted our approach direct to the Brigadier at the DIO and that we need to take any further approaches direct to politicians. Peter is still waiting for a final agreement for a new agreement with the Forestry Commission.

The SCOA League will restart with the BKO event at Bucklebury on Oct 6th. The prize giving will take place at the 2nd event which is being held by SOC at Fritham on Saturday Oct 12th.

The British Schools Championships are being hosted at Black Park on Sunday 17th November. This is an event that is being put on by SCOA so although this is registered as a BKO event help would be appreciated from all clubs within SCOA. I am organising the event and Robin Bishop and Jim Prowting of TVOC are planning and controlling respectively. I will be sending out an email about the event shortly.

BO have sent notification that the Club and Association Conference held annually in the past is to have its potential attendance widened to include any individual member and will now be called the Club and Members Forum. It is to be held in Leeds on Saturday 16th November. I won't be able to attend as it is the day before the British Schools Champs. Further details are on the BO website. If anyone from within SCOA can go that would be appreciated and it would be good to get a brief report back. If anyone can go can you please let me know.

Eric Harper