

**Minutes of the SCOA Committee Meeting held on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2020**  
**at the Friends Meeting House, Newbury**

**Present**

Eric Harper	BKO	Chair
Peter Entwistle	BKO	Treasurer
Fiona Clough	BKO	Secretary
Richard Sharp	TVOC	Fixtures
Jon Wheatcroft	TVOC	Club Rep
Liz Yeadon	SARUM	Development and Coaching Rep
Simon Moore	BKO	Club Rep
Simon Kippin	TVOC	SCJS
Ian Moran	SOC	Club Rep

EH welcomed Jon Wheatcroft to the committee as the new Club Rep for TVOC (after a long absence).

**1449 Apologies for absence**

Bernie Fowler	BADO
Caroline Ford	SOFA
Stefan Stasiuk	BKO
Ruth Beale	British Orienteering
Alan Wallis	SN

**1450 Minutes of the committee meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> December 2019**

The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed and PE pointed out that para 1424 (in matters arising) should read **Action: EH to send £100 to BSOA and £100 to BKO** the action being for EH rather than PE. Other than this correction the minutes were accepted as a true record.

**1451 Matters arising**

- Paragraph 1388 SCOA GDPR Policy. All actions now complete and the GDPR policy is now on the website.
- Paragraph 1397 VHI 2021. IM confirmed that this has all been confirmed with SOC. The individual competition will be held with the November Classic however the relay needs to be hosted by another club. It was suggested that it might run best with a level D event the day before the November Classic (6<sup>th</sup> November 2020). **Action: Club Reps to discuss the possibility of scheduling a level D for that date and to hold the VHI Relays at the same time.** RS attending the ESG meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> March and will inform them regarding the VHI Individual event.
- Paragraph 1400 – YBT Final 2022 (July) and Peter Palmer Relays 2022 (2<sup>nd</sup> week in Sept and require accommodation) – RS stated that there have been no volunteers to host either event but it is not on the rota for SCOA therefore this action can be closed.
- Paragraph 1424 BSOC surplus. EH stated that the surplus has been distributed as agreed and this action can be closed.
- Paragraph 1426 – Tax situation for the JK2019 surplus. PE stated that he has been in contact with Bob Dredge who told him that a surplus would

be considered money reused on the sport. The income has come from members of BOF. Apparently WMOA did not pay tax on the JK2018 surplus and no other association has paid tax before. A discussion followed with regards to the status of CASC who would have an exemption although SCOA is not a CASC. **Action: PE to contact Peter Hart at British Orienteering to confirm the situation.**

- Paragraph 1442 – BOC/BRC 2023. JW informed the meeting that TVOC are happy to use Hambledon for the BRC. RS said the suggestion would be to use Cold Ash for the BOC therefore the two events would work well as a combination. The dates are flexible but need to be confirmed for the forthcoming meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> March. **Action: SM to email BKO committee to confirm the dates (either 6/7<sup>th</sup> May 2023 or the following weekend).**
- Paragraph 1447 – Use of the JK Surplus. EH stated that he had sent out an email to clubs but the only response he had received with a specific request for funding was from LY with regards to the proposed Youth Camp in November 2020. BADO had reiterated their views on how they felt the surplus should be used but had not volunteered to champion one of the options. This was discussed and it was agreed that EH would send out the email again. It was decided to discuss the bid for funding support for the Youth Camp. LY explained how the 2019 Youth Camp linked to the November Classic had come about. British Orienteering had underwritten it for the first year. There had been various issues but the lessons had been learnt. The event was expected to be self-funding however a deposit of £270 is required to book the Youth Hostel by 10<sup>th</sup> March. This is for Youth Hostel accommodation for one night and full board. This is aimed at 11 to 13 year olds. Phil Conway has suggested delaying making the booking until Easter time due to the corona virus. A second payment would be needed June/July time with a final payment just before the actual date. It was discussed and agreed to pay the deposit immediately. **Action: PE to arrange payment of the deposit to the YHA. Regarding the use of the JK surplus - EH to email clubs asking for champions to research and cost options.**

### **1452 Chairs Report**

EH had circulated a report to committee members prior to the meeting and mentioned several points.

#### SCOA Colour Coded Awards Scheme

Details of the SCOA awards scheme are on the SCOA website. The website explains the scheme with reference to an out of date event structure. As far as he knew EH stated that the only group that were keen on the scheme were St Andrews school in Pangbourne. The website does not now correspond with the current practice and EH asked what the committee thought we should do, should we carry on with the scheme and if so in what format?

The committee discussed this at length. SK pointed out that there needs to be some guidance for juniors as to which courses they should be running. Some are progressing to courses that are inappropriate for their age. LY said that SARUM

were going to set up a similar scheme for juniors but there were issues with some juniors going around courses in pairs, being shadowed by their parents and other similar issues. It needs to be clear that they need to have completed the course on their own, independently.

EH suggested that SCOA keep the scheme, the website be updated to fit with the current event structure and has some guidance. Awards would be for any event (of whatever level) that has colour-coded courses. A green badge would be earned for green, short green and light green, a blue badge for short blue and blue. Clubs need to be reminded to include badge times in the results and also to ensure that level D results are posted to the BOF website. RS suggested that it might serve to encourage white/yellow/orange runners who perhaps were not yet members of British Orienteering.

EH stated that Glyn Thomas from BKO has volunteered to take over running the scheme.

The committee were supportive of keeping the scheme and agreed to these suggestions. **Action: EH to contact Glyn Thomas and arrange for the SCOA website to be updated.**

#### Recent BO rule change regarding Controllers for Level B events

EH informed the committee that there had been a recent change to the BO rules that now states that the controller for Level B events must (unless exemption obtained) be from outside the hosting region. EH has talked to both Katy Stubbs and Terry Smith about this, as it will be particularly onerous for Controllers forcing them to travel great distances. Apparently the reason for the change was that complaints had been received that clubs were holding level B events that should really be level C's because of the standard, number of courses and the facilities provided did not fulfil level B requirements. This would have an impact on a number of smaller events that are level B's because of what they are rather than the numbers attending, for example British Schools, JIRCS, VHI. The committee discussed this at some length and it was agreed to contact Chris Phillips. **Action: EH to write to Chris Phillips expressing the committees unhappiness with the changes.**

#### **1453 Treasurers Report**

PE had circulated the unaudited accounts for last year, a standard summary and the Treasurers Report and explained that last years the JK Surplus has dominated finances. Normally the region runs at a deficit. This year total receipts are £22,304 combined with the usual deficit (this year is -£1,718) leaves a total surplus for the year of £20,586 (this figure includes the junior squad funds). There was a grant of £1,000 scheduled to go to JROS in 2019 but that had actually been paid in 2020.

PE stated he has listed the major items of expenditure in his report and has asked SK for a SCJS budget together with an idea of who is likely to be applying for grants. SK indicated that they expect up to 7 juniors to be attending camps.

For the current year, all membership fees have been received except BADO (and SOFA who have apparently already posted the cheque) and all event levies have been received except the BADO SCOL5 event at Pamber Forest.

#### **1454 Updates from British Orienteering**

EH informed the meeting that Ruth Holmes had sent her apologies but no update.

#### **1455 Fixtures**

RS circulated a report to the committee prior to the meeting.

SM confirmed that BKO were hoping to host the Southern Night Champs the night before the Southern Champs and asked whether RS could discuss this with Mike Cope. **Action: RS to discuss the proposal that BKO host the Southern Night Champs on the same weekend as the Southern Champs at LVN.**

RS pointed out that several events were still missing officials on the BO website – one hosted by SOC (IM confirmed that this had already been resolved) and the forthcoming event to be hosted by BADO in Butter Wood. **Action: FC to email BF regarding officials for this event.**

JW said that TVOC were willing to host the 2021 CSC Round and they were checking availability of Hambledon.

#### SCOA Champs

RS questioned where to have the 2020 SCOA Champs, he suggested that we use the Southern Champs and SM said that would be fine. LY commented that it might be difficult to get the results in time to have the ceremony on the same day. It was decided to hold the SCOA Champs at the Southern Champs but then to have the awards ceremony at BKO's Concorde Chase in January 2021.

RS then mentioned that at the moment the Concorde Chase 2021 is currently shown a level 'C' as it has not been declared 18 months in advance. He also needs to know the proposed date of the Concorde Chase 2022 by the October Meeting. **Action: FC to inform the BKO Fixtures secretary and arrange for the future Concorde Chase dates to be put into the British Orienteering calendar.**

#### **1456 SCJS**

SK circulated a report to the committee prior to the meeting and also mentioned that Adam Methven (BKO) ran at Interland on Sunday for England and is now working hard on the next stage. There have been 2 SCJS training sessions both of which were well attended. These have been tagged on to the end of other regional events.

In the future, there are a number of JROS camps coming up and JIRC's 2020 is to be hosted by BAOC. There have been some enquiries already from other squads about JIRCS 2020 asking about the proposed locations of the events and the

potential costs. They need to be referred to Allan Farrington who has taken on the coordinator role.

SK mentioned that the profile of the squad, as expected has been changing as some members are no longer juniors however they have added some new members primarily from St Andrews School, Pangbourne (BKO).

### **1457 Coaching**

LY circulated a report to the committee prior to the report in addition to a draft flyer for the proposed Junior Development Autumn Camp in the New Forest – 31<sup>st</sup> October to 1<sup>st</sup> November.

SK said that he and Roger Thetford on behalf of TVOC had organised two coaching sessions aimed at both adult and junior newcomers. He also mentioned the email request for additional help needed for the summer camps.

### **1458 Development**

LY circulated a general report on Development covering the proposed Junior Forest Camp that had already been discussed. In addition although unable to attend the 2020 Development Conference LY also circulated brief details about the subjects covered that had been on the British Orienteering website.

LY suggested that with the current push for more juniors that they are increasing in numbers in the sport. IM commented that SOC appeared to have a reduced level of junior membership. The final comment made and agreed by all of the committee was that coaching provision for adult competitors is also really important.

### **1459 Technical Officer**

There had been no update provided by KS.

### **1460 AOB**

EH mentioned that the next meeting in June would follow the AGM and that 2020 to 2021 would be his last year as Chair. FC stated she was happy to remain Secretary, RS agreed he was happy to stay with Fixtures. PE also said he would rather not stand again and asked that Club Reps look for a possible candidate to replace him so that they can do a thorough handover (PE did say that he would remain in post for another year if no replacement was identified). **Action: Club Reps to identify and recruit potential SCOA Treasurer volunteer.**

### **1461 Dates of next meetings**

18th June 2020 (AGM followed immediately by Committee meeting)

17<sup>th</sup> September 2020

3<sup>rd</sup> December 2020