

## Minutes of the SCOA Annual General Meeting held on Thursday 18th June 2020 via Zoom

### **Present**

Eric Harper	BKO	Chair
Peter Entwistle	BKO	Treasurer
Richard Sharp	TVOC	Fixtures Secretary
Alan Yeadon	SARUM	
Liz Yeadon	SARUM	Coaching/Development Officer
Peter Hart	BO	Chief Executive
Bernie Fowler	BADO	Club Rep
Ian Moran	SOC	Club Rep
Jon Wheatcroft	TVOC	Club Rep
Stefan Stasiuk	BKO	
Caroline Ford	SOFA	Club Rep
Alan Wallis	SN	Club Rep
Jon Steed	BADO	
Simon Kippin	TVOC	SCJS
Anne Edwards	JOK	Club Rep
Simon Moore	BKO	Club Rep
Charles Bromley Gardner	BAOC	Club Rep (arrived late)
Fiona Clough	BKO	Secretary

### **1. Apologies for absence**

Katy Stubbs	BKO	Technical Officer
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### **2. Minutes of the last AGM held on 20th June 2019**

It was pointed out that the year should show 2019, not 2020 and Alan Wallis omitted from the list of persons present when he had been there. Once those changes had been made they were otherwise accepted as a true record of the proceedings - proposed by BF and seconded by LY.

### **3. Matters arising**

There were no matters arising.

### **4. Chairman's report**

EH had circulated a report prior to the meeting covering a number of subjects. The main event that had taken place over the last year was JK2019 which apart from issues with the results had been a success and all clubs should be congratulated for their involvement in the delivery of this weekend. The main and ongoing result was the large surplus that had resulted and discussions were still ongoing at both committee and club level into how best to utilise it. EH explained that there was no requirement to spend it. The only major idea agreed was that it should be used for the benefit of orienteering in the region.

The other major event in the last year was the British Schools Championships held at Black Park that had also gone very well.

Issues with land access in particular onto MOD land with DIO continue. PH explained that he had been liaising with Chris Huthwaite and a Brigadier with overall control over DIO towards the end of 2019 that seemed promising however nothing had come of it.

EH said he was grateful to Allan Farrington and Colin Dickson for their help in this area. Due to the lockdown DIO has cancelled all bookings up to the beginning of July and the office had closed. It is believed they are back at work and the MLS is scheduled to restart on 22nd July but it is not known at this time what restrictions DIO will put on future orienteering events on DIO land.

BF stated that there is an AOA Committee meeting scheduled for 19th June 2020 that should be informative on this subject. Military training has restarted and clearly that will have priority in any booking schedule.

EH commented that after the problem of insufficient events in the SCOA league 2018/19 season there had been an encouraging return to the previous event numbers in the early part of the 2019/20. 6 events had taken place prior to lockdown and there were 10 events in the calendar.

The final point made by EH was that JIRC's had been cancelled due to land permission problems.

### **5. Treasurer's report**

PE had circulated a report and the annual accounts for review prior to the AGM. PE said that the financed for 2019 were dominated by the receipt of the surplus from JK2019 (£22,304). £1,000 has already been paid as a grant to JROS. Other than the JK2019 surplus the SCOA accounts had a deficit of £723. Normally SCOA accounts run an annual deficit of between £1K and £1,500. SCOA has a final bank balance of £34,841.

After review the accounts for 2019 were accepted (proposed by CF and seconded by IM).

PE had asked to stand down from the position of Treasurer after 3 years. EH said that on behalf of the rest of the committee he would like to offer PE a vote of thanks. PE also took on the role of Treasurer for JK2019 which is not easy.

### **6. Fixtures**

2RS circulated a report prior to the meeting but made the following comments. Obviously there are no events scheduled due to government restrictions. The SCOA website has been updated and once we have permission to restart events the picture will change. ESG will move quickly once we are permitted to hold events.

RS made one point that around 25% of activities and events are missing participation data. This is pretty even across the clubs, perhaps JOK have a few more.

### **7. Coaching/Development Officer's report**

LY had circulated reports covering coaching and development within SCOA. Coaching has stopped for the time being. LY received reports from most clubs. It would appear that the region appears a little short of coaches but TVOC have a plan to train up some more.

The next Coaching Conference is scheduled for January 2021 but exact dates and location have not been established yet.

LY did mention that British Orienteering had run a number of interesting 'webinars' on a variety of subjects, all accessible via the BOF home page.

### **8. SCJS**

SK had circulated a report prior to the meeting. He explained that the SCJS now have a healthy number of athletes with a number of M/W12s. They are also still catering for some of the GB Junior Squad. Last night they had their first zoom training session which was very good. Unfortunately 5 could not join the meeting due to technical issues.

Selections for 2020 camps have continued through COVID19 and where camps have been cancelled leaders are considering alternative ways to provide the physical and technical training.

Lagganlia will not be taking place in Scotland but will be held 'virtually'. O Ringen 2020 has been cancelled however the Swedish orienteering clubs are still training.

### **9. Technical Officer's report**

Katy Stubbs had sent her apologies and provided a report prior to the meeting. The primary point in the report was that several Grade A Controllers are either dropping down a level or reducing the range of events they will control (due to physical capabilities). Clubs need to persuade some Grade B Controllers to step up to Grade A.

KS also suggested holding some more Event Safety Workshops once social distancing measures have been lifted.

## **10. Proposals**

There were no proposals. PE stated levies should remain the same.

## **11. Election of officers**

Two officers need to be elected at the AGM, those being the Chair and the Treasurer.

Chair - No one had been nominated to replace the Chair and EH stated he was willing to stay for a final year. He was proposed by FC and seconded by LY.

Treasurer - PE had resigned. Jon Steed (currently BADO Treasurer) volunteered to take on the role. He was proposed by FC and seconded by BF. Both were elected unopposed.

All the remaining committee officials agreed to continue in their current roles.

## **12. AOB**

PH stated that he wanted to thank everyone in the region who volunteered to help deliver JK2019 and in particular Di and Terry Smith and Peter Entwistle. PH said he was hoping to be able to explain at this meeting what returning to Orienteering would look like but was still waiting for Government Guidelines to be issued. However PH stated he expected that it would initially be restricted to 30 people per event, pre-booking and pre-entry would be required in addition to booking a start time so as to reduce exposure of the volunteer team and competitors to each other.

As things progressed PH expected that there would be no use of cash, pre-payment or BAC's payments only. Initial events will probably be members only.

British Orienteering is currently working with some providers of entry systems.

Regarding Event Safety Training, British Orienteering are working on an e-learning package that is still undergoing testing. Once that has been done they expect that it will be available online by the end of June. If this has been completed by club volunteers then they would be qualified for the purpose of event delivery and approved by the insurers.

There being no further matters for discussion the AGM closed

Fiona Clough  
Secretary SCOA  
22nd June 2020