

## Chair Report – June 2020

The changes agreed, at the last meeting, to the SCOA Colour coded award scheme have been added to the web-site.

I resent out a summary of the proposals received by the clubs and individuals on how we would propose to spend the surplus from last years JK and asked for more detailed proposals to be submitted by anyone who wanted to progress any of these proposals. To date we have not received any proposals for any major projects. I have had suggestions from individuals which include - giving money to BO and/or the NEOA to alleviate the shortfall from not holding this years JK. There is a also a proposal to offer grants to clubs to help them with new / extra equipment that they may need to purchase in order that O can restart and meet the any social distancing requirements.

At the last meeting we discussed the new BO rule change – 17.10 which mandated that Level B events must have a controller from outside the region. The feeling was that SCOA did not support this rule change. I wrote to Chris Phillips, the Chair of the EC&C committee and also talked with Terry Smith. This was discussed at the last meeting of the EC&C and Terry reports that the rule is going to be changed from MUST to Strongly Recommending that the controller should be from another region.

I attended the Virtual AGM of the English Orienteering Council. The EOC supports the English Teams at the Home Internationals and the Interland Competition. Interland took place at Burnham Beeches just before the shutdown. There is obviously great uncertainty as to whether any of the Home Internationals will take place in the autumn this year. There are 3 different Home International age groups, Juniors, Seniors and Veterans. Each of these is a separate event. These are currently spread around the 4 home nations which means that each country hosts an event 3 years out of 4. Wales and Northern Ireland have stated that it is too much of a strain on their resources to carry on with the current scheduling arrangements. There is no easy answer to solve this. Combining age groups has problems in that in some country's individuals compete in more than one age group. A combined event would also put a big strain on the host as they have to provide accommodation for the visiting teams.

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