

Technical Officer Report to SCOA AGM, 18 June 2020

Controllers

SCOA currently have 4 Grade A, 12 Grade B and 12 Grade C active controllers. There have been drops at all levels since last year. Two of the current Grade A controllers are reducing the range of events that they control (myself and one other) due to physical capabilities. A third has suggested he may drop down a level due to age. One Grade B (fitter and younger) controller is still likely to apply to move up to Level A in the next year, he has been awaiting additional experience, however the Level A event he was working on has obviously been cancelled. There are also two inactive controllers who have not attended an Event Safety workshop.

The region is therefore getting very short of Level A controllers and I would urge all clubs to think about who in their club has the experience to move up a level, either to Level B or A.

The current Rules now state that Level B events should be controlled by a Level A controller, although the wording of that is being looked at again.

Event Safety workshop

I ran two workshops for a total of 7 members in August/September 2019, 4 BKO, 1 TVOC and 2 BAOC/SN members. I am not aware of other Event Safety workshops running during the last year in SCOA but I am not necessarily informed when they happen.

SCOA currently have 171 members who have attended the Event Safety workshop and 5 Event Safety tutors (1 TVOC, 1 BKO, 1 BAOC/SN and 2 SOC). The number of SCOA members who have attended a workshop has again dropped by 2 from 2019 and the continuing trend suggests it may be appropriate to consider holding some Event Safety workshops when social distancing measures have been lifted.