

**Minutes of the SCOA Committee Meeting held on Thursday 17th September 2020 via  
'GoToMeeting'**

**Present**

Eric Harper	BKO	Chair
Simon Moore	BKO	
Stefan Stasiuk	BKO	
Ian Moran	SOC	
Anne Edwards	JOK	
Alan Wallis	SN	
Jon Wheatcroft	TVOC	
Simon Kippin	TVOC	SCJS
Caroline Ford	SOFA	
Liz Yeadon	SARUM	Development/Coaching
Fiona Clough	BKO	Secretary

**1475 Apologies for absence**

Jon Steed	BADO	Treasurer
Richard Sharp	TVOC	Fixtures Secretary
Bernie Fowler	BADO	

**1476 Minutes of the AGM held on 18th June 2020 (for review)**

The minutes of the AGM were reviewed for accuracy and agreed they were a good record (to be confirmed at the AGM 2021).

**1477 Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on 18th June 2020 (after the AGM)**

A correction was requested by JW to his comment made in page 4, paragraph 3 - this was corrected. CF proposed that they be accepted as a true record of the meeting, LY seconded this and it was agreed by the committee.

**1478 Matters Arising**

- Paragraph 1397 - VHI 2021. This action related to identifying/scheduling a level D event for 6th November 2021 to host the VHI Relays. The VHI Relays are a small event with only 30 - 40 participants held in the afternoon therefore the suggestion was that it be held after a morning club event. The committee decided that it was too early (and the situation still too uncertain) for any club to commit to it therefore it would be 'parked' at this time and to be reconsidered early in 2021. Ongoing.
- Paragraph 1473 - TVOC Funding bid. A lengthy discussion followed and the final conclusion of the committee was that although the bid was sound in principle (and a useful framework for other clubs to follow) and there were no other bids, that in view of the uncertain future of orienteering with potential unforeseen financial demands it was decided to freeze the surplus funds for 6 months until the exact nature of any future demands become known.

**1479 Chair's Report**

EH had circulated a report to committee members prior to the meeting and made several points:

The Orienteering Foundation had been in contact several times to publicise a couple of initiatives they were keen to support and also to ask again whether anyone in SCOA was prepared to take on the role of 'Ambassador' for the Orienteering Foundation.

EH commented that Orienteering events are slowly reappearing but only to a limited extent. EH had hoped that Peter Hart (British Orienteering) might be present at this meeting as apparently he has sent several emails/letters to various major landowners regarding how Government Guidelines can be adhered to and social distancing can still be maintained during orienteering events. Some landowners have reduced the numbers they would permit at any organised event from 30 to 6. How best to follow Government guidelines was then discussed at length.

**1480 Secretary's Report**

Nothing to report.

### **1481 Treasurer's Report**

JS had sent his apologies and stated that there had been no financial transactions since he took over the role.

### **1482 Fixtures**

RS had circulated a report prior to the meeting and also sent his apologies.

Points of note:

JIRC's 2020 has been cancelled.

Southern Nights Champs are being hosted by the Army at Long Valley North as part of the Inter Corps Champs and there may be scope for some civilian entries. The second event has been moved to the following Wednesday so the event scheduled for 29th November has been cancelled.

The first SCOA League event is scheduled for 27th September (TVOC at Penn Wood) but it is not known at this time whether there will be any more SCOA League events this season. This may only happen if we can use privately owned land.

A discussion followed around the SCOA Champs. The Concorde Chase that should have hosted them has been cancelled, the November Classic 2020 has also been cancelled. The ability to hold a SCOA Champs 2020 is dependant on a suitable event being held and also on how many entries are permitted (under landowners rules and Government Guidelines).

EH mentioned that he had noticed on 'Nopesport' that there is an event planned for Winterfold that might be suitable. It is outside the SCOA Region but might be okay. EH stated he would discuss it with RS. IM pointed out that it needs to be open to all SCOA members and there might be issues if entry numbers are limited. EH said he would include this in his discussions with RS.

### **1483 SCJS**

SK had circulated a report prior to the meeting. He mentioned that three athletes had taken part in a 'virtual' Lagganlia.

SK mentioned that Government Guidelines do permit supervised sporting activities for under 18's however they states they should be undertaken whilst adhering to guidelines produced by the sport governing body

**[Post meeting note: BO issued Coaching Guidelines on the night of this meeting  
[https://www.britishorienteering.org.uk/COVID19\\_Safe\\_orienteering](https://www.britishorienteering.org.uk/COVID19_Safe_orienteering) 1484 Coaching ]**

### **1484 Coaching**

LY stated she had a few points to make. Last week was UK Coaching Week and a new tool kit has been produced where you can complete online training and get a certificate.

SK stated that he had had an email with a question regarding the Safeguarding Training. LY explained that it is on the BOF website under news (14-15/9/20) and there is also lots of coaching guidance. There are also new e-learning courses for teachers and staff at outdoor centres. LY stated she would send details out to her list of club coaching reps.

### **1485 Development**

LY explained that the New Forest Junior Camp has now been put over to the 2021 November Classic Weekend. They needed to make the decision early otherwise they would have lost the deposit. The November Classic has only just been cancelled.

### **1486 Technical Officer**

Nothing to report.

### **1487 Reports from SCOA Clubs on their plans to return to Orienteering**

**SOC** - IM stated that SOC had held one events recently and a second is scheduled for next weekend. The first was on Hants County Council land and was limited to 30 people and next

weekend is at Hinchelsea (Forestry Commission land) and is again limited to 30 people. IM stated they have not tried any of their private landowners to date.

**SN** - AW stated that they had an event scheduled for the first Sunday in October for 60 SN members only on local council land but when the 'Rule of 6' was introduced the permission was withdrawn. The council also cancelled all football club bookings. Approaches had been made to other landowners but it is clear that it is unlikely they can hold any events before the end of the year. Anything they do get permission for will be limited to 30 or 60 people. AW said they are currently negotiating with the Forestry Commission to hold a junior event at Alice Holt with only limited numbers but that is still pending.

**TVOC** - JW stated that TVOC have a level C scheduled for 10 days time at Penn Woods with 240 starters (under the old rules) and they have planned another event in November but are struggling with permission with both the National Trust and Forestry Commission.

**BKO** - SS stated that BKO (in conjunction with BADO) hope to hold an event at Greenham Common but that there were problems getting a response from BBWOT. Bucks CC have said nothing for the foreseeable future, Crown Estates say they cannot foresee allowing an organised event as there is too high a public footfall at the moment. BKO Fixtures are working on something November/December with our private landowners. The Concorde Chase normally held the last Sunday in January has been rescheduled for April 2021.

**SARUM** - LY said that one of the forthcoming SCOA League events will be a SARUM event on 22nd November. The Wessex Night League is carrying on with the next event on 9th October at Martin Down. It is not possible to use any of their usual army camps.

#### **1488 Any other business**

Nil

#### **1489 Dates of next meeting**

3rd December 2020

4th March 2021

3rd June 2021 (AGM and Committee Meeting)

There being no more matters to discuss the meeting closed.

Fiona Clough  
Secretary SCOA  
8th October 2020