

Chair Report – March 2021

Hopefully we will be able to start Orienteering soon but at the moment it is unclear as what will be permitted in the near future and how long it will be until we are allowed to hold large events. I suspect that the large landowners and public bodies will not permit large events in the short term.

I have had, yet another, request from Andrew Evans of the Orienteering federation asking for SCOA to nominate someone to be the point of contact between SCOA and the federation. There are currently 4 regions that do not have ambassadors.

This is my last year as Chairman so I will be standing down at the meeting in June. The SCOA constitution limits the Chairman's period of office to 3 years

We will also need another Treasurer. Peter Entwistle stood down last year and Jon Steed of BADO agreed to take over. Unfortunately due to pressure of work Jon has stated that he will not be able to continue, Due to the Covid restrictions Jon and Peter did not managed to have a proper handover of responsibilities and information. In the meantime, whilst he awaited a time to be able to handover, Peter has been keeping the accounts up to date and has also produced some summary reports. I spoke with Peter this week and he is willing to carry on updating the accounts and producing the reports until the end of the year. The bank authorisations had not been changed over so will continue until new people are in place.

BO have sent out an email stating that they have been advised by their solicitors to change their constitution to clarify the relationships between members, clubs and associations. I believe what they are proposing is acceptable but it will mean that SCOA and probably some clubs will have to change their constitutions as well.

At the meeting last September we decided to put on hold, for 6 months, any decision about what to do with any applications from clubs for grants and any further thoughts as what to do with the JK 2019 surplus until the situation regarding when Orienteering would restart became clearer. We can revisit all this at the meeting.

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