

## Technical Officer Report to meeting 4 March 2021

Apologies for the late report to tonight's meeting. I had nothing to report until this morning. I don't believe the committee needs to take any action, however you should be aware of the following.

I have been contacted by Dave Chapman of SN regarding re-instatement as a Level B controller.

In actual fact he has remained as a registered Grade B controller with BOF and has never formally been removed. A number of years I asked him when he was going to attend an Event Safety Workshop and he said that he would not do so and would withdraw from controlling events. I later asked his club, SN, to confirm whether or not he should be recorded as an active controller but I didn't get any response. I therefore regretfully (considering his extensive previous experience) considered him an inactive controller. Before Xmas he contacted me and said that he had been asked to control a Level C BAOC event. He had done the new online Event Safety Workshop. I subsequently did the online workshop myself and don't think it covers a quarter of the actual workshop, especially all the interactive aspects. I then contacted Events and Competitions Committee who are responsible for appointments of controllers to Grades B and A and was told that they agreed with me and that they were going to raise this at BOF Board level. I haven't heard anything from them since and, considering we were in lockdown, was waiting for some sort of guidance.

However the recent BOF Newsletter states that the online course is equivalent to the full workshop.

With the expected resumption of orienteering in the near future I don't believe I have any justification to oppose Dave controlling events.

It is unfortunate that completing the online workshop doesn't seem to get recorded in members qualifications. I am certainly not willing to ask BOF to amend another person's membership details on the basis of someone claiming to have successfully completed an online workshop.

Regarding the actual event. I understand it is Level C and Dave is from a different club to BAOC so no approval is required from SCOA.