

Minutes of the SCOA Committee meeting held on

Thursday 2nd December 2021 via 'GoToMeeting'

Present

Jon Wheatcroft	TVOC	Chair
Martin Ricketts	TVOC	Treasurer
Caroline Ford	SOFA	
Richard Sharp	TVOC	Fixtures Sec
Simon Kippin	TVOC	SCJS
Ryan Elliot	OUOC	
Ian Moran	SOC	Acting Secretary

1529 Apologies for absence

Alan Wallis	SN	
Liz Yeadon	SARUM	Coaching and Development
Charles Bromley Gardner	BAOC	
Fiona Clough	BKO	Secretary
Lawrence Townley	SN	SCJS
Alan Kersley	BADO	

1530 Minutes of Committee Meeting held on 7th September 2021

JW proposed that the minutes be accepted as a true record of the meeting. IM seconded and it was agreed by the committee.

1531 Matters arising

- (post meeting note) Paragraph 1513 JK Review – Di and Terry have suggested that a small working party should be established to consider some of the recommendations. For example, given land access concerns, should the date of the JK be changed. It is currently felt the Easter period is probably the right time. Should the event continue to be a four day event, as this causes additional strain on organisers? Where regions suffer from lack of resources, other regions and clubs should be encouraged to assist. Further feedback awaited.

1532 Chair's Report

- Andrew Evans from the Orienteering Foundation has approached Jon once again to point out that SCOA remains one of the few regions without an OF 'ambassador'. It is noted that SCOA juniors do benefit through JROS which receives funding and SN has also enjoyed financial support. **Action: Club Reps**
- Jon commented that as the British Championships weekend in 2023 is an event which is the responsibility of the Region, all clubs and individual members are encouraged to get involved in some way. All clubs should consider whether they can offer a candidate who can assist, for example, arena manager, start team leader and, in particular, roles which are weekend ones, such as; weekend coordinator, entries secretary, results team, prizes and medal coordinator, website, publicity etc.

1533 Secretary's Report

Nothing to report.

1534 Treasurer's Report

MR reported a net reduction in funds of £3053.31 with a significant element covering junior squad costs. The decision not to charge a club affiliation fee for 2020 amounts to £1,300, plus a reduction in levies, means income is down by about £2,000. *Due to an error, an amended set of accounts have been forwarded to the committee subsequent to the meeting.*

The Chair is still not a signatory of the account and MR is endeavouring to resolve this. Need to confirm who are the current account signatories. **Action: Martin**

First aid course grants continue to be made available with the region covering 50% of the costs and it is expected that Clubs will reimburse the remaining 50%, unless the participant is acting in a SCOA capacity, in which case the region will cover 100% of costs. The cost allocation to this area needs to be reviewed, so it reflects the current first aid course fee structure. **Action: Martin**

Need to notify Clubs of the 2022 SCOA affiliation fees. **Action: Martin**

1535 Fixtures Secretary's Report

- Four confirmed events for the SCOA League
- Senior Home Internationals are to be hosted by SCOA in 2022, originally allocated to SEOA, who hosted the 2021 event instead of SCOA. Individual to be held in conjunction with the November Classic. There is a debate within SOC whether the Classic should be held on the Saturday or Sunday next year as it is hoped that WSX will hold an urban event in Lymington. Given that Lymington is quite busy on Saturdays due to the market, it was felt that Sunday would be a better day for an urban event. This arrangement would then mean the SHI relays would be on the Sunday which is the preferred option. Would SOC be happy for the relay to be held on the same area as the Classic, or somewhere close by? **Action: Ian** SCOA notes that other SCOA clubs would need to provide resources for the relays, possibly including prime officials. Martin Wilson was suggested as a possible option as he has good relay experience. A co-ordinator will be required for the SHI's. The provision of meals and accommodation is expected for SHI competitors, but not essential. **Action: Club Reps.**
- A host for the Yvette Baker Trophy round in spring 2022 is sought. **Action: Club Reps**
- 2022 SCOA Championships; agreed to hold at either the Chiltern Challenge or Concorde Chase; organisers will be contacted to agree a plan. **Action: Richard**
- The BOC/BRC weekend has been rescheduled for 25-26/03/2023 and venues agreed. It was noted that as SN is involved with the BC in 2020, it is unlikely it will be able to assume a major role other than providing general manpower. Although the key day officials have been appointed, an overall co-ordinator is still required. Officials with experience are to be approached.

1536 SCOA Junior Squad

SK circulated a report prior to the meeting detailing the recent activities of the Junior Squad, the highlights include:

- The Squad had their best performance since 2014 at the Junior Inter Regional Championships (JIRCS) held close to Redcar.
- The 2022 JIRCS will be held in Northern Ireland, so the squad will be looking for additional funding given the higher travel costs.
- M/W 16s attended the annual Hawkshead weekend
- The Talent Squad has been divided into three – Scotland, North and South and three juniors from SCOA have been selected to attend the South Squad sessions.
- Two SCOA juniors have represented England and two have represented Wales.

- OUOC suggested that the Squad might consider taking part in their own training sessions which could be reciprocated.

1537 Coaching Officer's Report

A report has been tabled by Liz.

- At least two more people are required to make a level 2 coaching course viable. **Action: Club Reps**
- Feedback on coaching activity from Clubs would be appreciated. **Action: Club Reps**

1538 Development

No report to hand.

1539 Technical Officer's Report

- BKO Concorde Chase (level B) Martin Wilson - planner and John Methven - organiser approved. The Controller Kieran Devine is also approved on the basis that Tim Pugh will assist. The latter is a requirement, as level B events should have controllers from outside the region and Kieran is a SCOA controller. It is recommended that the Assistant Organiser should attend an event safety workshop. (*Post meeting note: Chris Huthwaite (SARUM) has agreed to take on the role of Controller.*)
- Compass Sport Cup Round (level B) – Officials noted as Fiona Clough - Organiser, Stefan Stasiuk – Planner, David Frampton (HH) – Controller (TBC) all of whom meet the appropriate criteria. Once the formal request is received, Katy can approve on behalf of the Committee. **Action: Katy**
- TVOC Chiltern Challenge – Other than the Controller, the officials have yet to be appointed.
- British Championships (level A) – Jane Courtier – Organiser, Fiona Clough – Assistant organiser, Mark Foxwell – Planner, Simon Moore – Assistant Planner approved. British Relays – officials have already been approved. The areas have yet to be embargoed which is overdue, so the respective organisers need to be reminded to post the relevant announcements. **Action: Jon**
- Finding controllers from SEOA has been extremely difficult, as the vast majority are tied up with BOC/BRC March 2022.
- It would seem that SEOA is ignoring the rule change which requires level B events to be controlled by officials from outside the region holding the event. Katy has sent a message to the Chair of Event and Competitions Committee again asking what the reason for this rule change is and why it was implemented. The change has been poorly implemented, reference to the Rules and Appendices - (missing from the table in 17.10 and Appendix C).
- Katy has announced that she is stepping down from being a grade A controller to a grade B controller and she will restrict herself to urban events. The Committee thanked Katy for her huge commitment to controlling major events over the years.
- Clubs are reminded to send in their approvals in a timely manner. **Action: Club Reps**

1540 Any Other Business

- Caroline announced that after 25 years, SOFA was to revert back to being a social club. Two members are likely to remain members of British Orienteering. Caroline was thanked for her services to the SCOA committee over the years, which includes periods when she was Secretary and Treasurer of the Association.

1541 Dates of next meetings

Agreed dates for 2022:

Thursday 3rd March 2022 - committee meeting

Thursday 2nd June 2022 - AGM and committee meeting

Ian Moran
Acting Secretary SCOA
7th December 2021