

**Minutes of the SCOA Committee meeting held on Thursday 3rd March 2022 virtually on
'Teams'**

Present

Jon Wheatcroft	TVOC	Chair/Club Rep
Alan Wallis	SN	Club Rep
Martin Ricketts	TVOC	Treasurer
Richard Sharp	TVOC	Fixtures Sec
Liz Yeadon	SARUM	Coaching & Development
Charles Bromley Gardner	BAOC	Club Rep
Ian Moran	SOC	Club Rep
Fiona Clough	BKO	Secretary/Club Rep

1542 Apologies for absence

Simon Kippin	TVOC	SCJS
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1543 Minutes of Committee Meeting held on 2nd December 2021

JW proposed that the minutes be accepted as a true record of the meeting. Seconded by LY and agreed by the committee.

1544 Matters arising

- Paragraph 1531 JK Review – awaits further feedback – ongoing.
- Paragraph 1532 Orienteering Foundation Ambassador – no volunteers currently – ongoing.
- Paragraph 1534 SCOA accounts signatories – this is in progress; RS has not had time to go into Santander however MR may be able to do this on his behalf – ongoing.
- Paragraph 1534 Review of cost allocation for First Aid Course Grants – MR has reviewed this and confirmed this is 100% for SCOA coaches or people using the qualification for SCOA purposes and 50% for club members – closed.
- Paragraph 1534 SCOA Affiliation fees – complete.
- Paragraph 1535 – SHI's to be covered in Chair and Fixtures section.
- Paragraph 1537 – proposal to run Coaching course – covered in Coaching section.
- Paragraph 1539 – CSC officials – complete.
- Paragraph 1539 – BOC/BRC embargo's – complete.

1545 Chairs report

JW had circulated a report prior to the meeting that focussed on the SHI 2022 and BOC/BRC 2023.

JW updated the committee that in respect of the SHI a small advance had been made in that Jane Morgan from SOC had agreed to take the role of Co-ordinator temporarily however she is moving out of the area in the summer. The individual event is being held on the Sunday with the November Classic. There are concerns as the mapping has not been started yet but a professional mapper is being employed. Accommodation should be possible in the New Forest for that weekend.

Regarding the Relays, TVOC had an experiences Relay planner however he is not now a regular orienteer and is therefore not available. The event will be on the Saturday afternoon before the November Classic and needs to be located within the M3/Heathrow corridor and within an hour's drive of Southampton. It should be in the afternoon to allow the various competitors to travel to the region although in November consideration needs to be given to the hours of daylight available therefore starts should be no later than 12noon. JW suggested Hawley as a possible location but stated that he sees the main problem is finding a planner.

AW suggested Steve McKinley (SN) but that weekend is only a week before the SN Trophy therefore he needed to check how involved Steve was in that event and whether he would be available **Action: AW to see whether Steve McKinley or other similarly experiences members would be prepared to plan**

JW pointed out that the other important requirement is to have someone competent to do the results. Organisationally you can deliver it with 4 – 5 people.

A discussion followed whether the Relay race needed to be stand-alone or whether it could be held with another event. It was concluded that it had to be a stand-alone event. AW suggested that using MOD would make it expensive for competitors, but JW said that SCOA may need to subsidise the event. JW pointed out that if we cannot recruit a suitable planner then we will have to decline again.

JW said that his second point (Co-ordinator for BRC/BOC2023) would be fully discussed in Fixtures.

1546 Treasurer's report

MR stated that there had not been much activity in the last quarter. He pointed out that the JK2019 surplus should benefit SCOA orienteering for a period of 7 to 10 years so an annual deficit of £2,500 would be expected however the last few years have been exceptional. If we do not propose to spend at least some of the surplus, then we must consider reducing the membership fees at the next AGM.

MR suggested that a change of banks might be a good idea. Setting up payments is very time consuming with Santander and his experience with Lloyds with this sort of account is much better. IM supported this having had positive experience with the Scouts bank account.

JW thanked MR for producing such a clear and concise report.

1547 Fixtures

- RS offered his apologies for issues with his first report – since corrected – but explained he had been busy at work.
- The SCOA CSC Heat was coming up on 13th March (BKO) and the Yvette Baker Trophy heat was to be hosted by SN on 14th May 2022 at Hogmoor.
- The Chiltern Challenge has been postponed due to a clash with a cycle event in the area. It will hopefully be rescheduled to the autumn and the SCOA champs will

move with it. If the event does not take place in the end then the SCOA champs can be moved to the November Classic with very little impact on the event.

- There are two events scheduled with out officials; 19th March – SOC relays – IM stated they will probably be cancelled due to lack of interest and the fact that the areas are not great; 16th July SN Hawley Urban (AW confirmed that it was the northern half of Farnborough) **Action: AW to ensure officials registered on BOF site**

1548 SCJS

ST had sent his apologies for absence but had circulated a report detailing the activities of the SCJS in the last quarter prior to the meeting.

JW gave his thanks to Simon and Laurence for all their hard work with the squad and for the report.

The report included a request for approval in principle for the SCOA subsidy towards the costs of the SCJS attending JIRCS 2022 to held in Northern Ireland. This was discussed by the committee and the figure of up to £1,500 was agreed without further recourse to the committee. MR would expect the applications.

1549 Coaching

LY provided an update on the proposed coaching course. There are currently 5 possible candidates. The date has not been set yet as both a common and convenient date needs to be established and the costs need to be confirmed.

There are two parts to the costs – the first part being tutor fees and other charges (hall hire/admin fees). The second part is a fixed sum of £275 required by BOF for other resources, '1st4Sport' registration, fees for the final assessor and verification (quality assurance).

If there are more than 4 people on the course, there is a need for an assistant with associated costs.

This was discussed by the committee and agreed to completely fund any SCOA members attending. Any non-SCOA members attending will be required to pay £275 (i.e. the BOF fees).

LY had circulated the usual update on coaching activities within the SCOA region.

1550 Development

LY explained that there was not much to say as Development is very much currently in the hands of British Orienteering and that further updates would be forthcoming through the BOF Members e-newsletter.

1551 Technical Officers Report

KS did not attend this meeting but had provided a report that had been circulated prior to the meeting in addition to applications for approval of Level B event officials.

Officials for the BKO CSC Heat scheduled for 13th March had already been reviewed and approved.

The Chiltern Challenge (TVOC) has been postponed due to a clash with another event on the area but it is hoped to reschedule this later in the year and KS indicated that all the officials fulfilled the required experience. This was discussed and approved by the committee.

KS mentioned the SHI's due to be hosted by SCOA clubs. The individual race is to be held with the November Classic however the Relays are still pending a venue and officials.

The November Classic (SOC), details of the officials have been submitted and KS recommended approval. They were discussed and approved by the committee.

The SCOA committee also needs to support proposed officials for Level A events before going to E&CC for final approval. Officials for the British Individual Championships 2023 have already been agreed by SCOA and have been passed to E&CC in December 2021 but they have not responded to date.

1552 BOC/BRC 2023 Update

JW informed the committee that although all the club officials have now been confirmed there is a big gap as a Co-ordinator is needed. Di Smith has said she will be happy to mentor any possible candidates. JW asked whether any of the committee could think of any likely candidates.

Action: FC to obtain the job specification for Co-ordinator from Helen Errington and then circulate to committee members.

It was also identified that Officials for the Individual Event although identified and agreed were not yet on the BOF website. **Action: FC to update the BOF site with BOC officials.**

1553 AOB

MR asked for the SCOA league rules to be reviewed regarding mappers. His point being that although some clubs hire professional mappers to map/update a map for a SCOA league event other clubs use club members. Planners and Organisers score 100 points towards the SCOA league for their event. MR suggested it would also be fair if club mappers who have created/updated the map for the event could also be awarded 100 points as they are shown non-competitive if they run.

This was discussed at length and agreed that it would seem fair. This would not apply if a mapper completed the map several years ago but has done nothing since. It would only apply if they have done such mapping as they must be shown non-competitive if they were to run.

RS explained that Ken Ricketts calculates the scores and retains the rules. CBG pointed out that the rules on the SCOA website were not very detailed. **Action: FC to draft change to wording of rules, send it to JW before sending it to Ken Ricketts for the rules to be updated.**

AW raised that the SCOA website did not have a link to the local fixture list. RS agreed and stated that it looked a bit dated. JW/FC agreed to have a look at it. Tim Booth who is the webmaster now lives in the US.

LY informed the committee that the SARUM committee had decided to offer members a choice, when they join/renew their membership of whether to affiliate to BOF with SWOA or SCOA.

JW asked whether any of the committee officials planned to stand down at the AGM which would be the next meeting. None of the officials present indicated an intention to stand down.

1554 Dates of next meetings

Thursday 9th June 2022 – AGM and committee meeting

Thursday 15th September 2022

Thursday 1st December 2022

Fiona Clough
Secretary SCOA
3rd April 2022
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