

## **SCOA Chair's Report/SHI update**

We have responsibility, on behalf of the EOC, for hosting SHI 2022. We were due to host the VHI last year, but were unable to do so and SEOA did so instead at short notice.

SOC are hosting the individual races before the November Classic on the Sunday, instead of the preferred Saturday. The relays on the Saturday have proved to be somewhat more problematic! Relatively early on, Seamus Cunnane (TVOC) offered to plan. The original choice of area, Hawley, fell by the wayside as a result of greatly expanded SSSI areas. Allan Farrington (BAOC/EMIT) has recently offered not only to gain permission for Hogmoor but also, generously, to provide emitags, touch-free controls, timing & results f.o.c. This week Alan Rosen (HH) has offered to be Controller. In the absence, to date, of anybody with appropriate experience coming forward, I will act as organiser.

With Jane Morgan's departure from the region, Ian Moran (SOC) has taken over not only seeking an alternative to the (unwelcomely expensive) hotel accommodation, but also liaising with the home nations and receiving entries.

As a matter of urgency, we need a costing drawn up to give us a global per capita entry fee to be paid to SCOA by the four nations as well as a 'hotel manager' to liaise with the hotel & teams on arrival. Can we make a decision to waive SCOA levies? (BO levies remain payable)

In the absence of a more experienced relay organiser coming forward (being an optimist, I live in hope) I would appreciate advice/help with changeover layout and bib design & print, as well as on the day support (eg set up, map issue, finish judging etc.)

At last we have a volunteer for the role of SCOA Ambassador for the Orienteering Foundation. I am grateful to Alun Jones (TVOC) for taking this on.

Following this meeting, I will produce a brief report for club reps in the hope that they might feel able to circulate it to all of their members.

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