

**Minutes of the SCOA Committee Meeting held on Thursday 1st December 2022 virtually on
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Present

Jon Wheatcroft	TVOC	Chair
Martin Ricketts	TVOC	Treasurer
Richard Sharp	TVOC	Fixtures
Peter Brooke		British Orienteering
Ian Moran	SOC	Club Rep
Alan Wallis	SN	Club Rep
Liz Yeadon	SARUM	Development/Coaching/Club Rep
Fiona Clough	BKO	Secretary/Club Rep

1583 Apologies

Charles Bromley Gardner	BAOC	
Simon Kippin	TVOC	SCJS
Paul Fox	SN	BOC/BRC Coordinator

1584 Update from British Orienteering

JW suggested that PB gave his update out of agenda order as he had domestic obligations that would call him away shortly.

- The next British Orienteering board meeting would take place the following week. There are currently two jobs at British Orienteering being advertised: Development Officer and Communications Officer.
- The Member newsletter went out today and included some statistics. There have been approximately 130,000 events nationally this year (normal years 160K) down on a normal year but recovering well. Discussions are ongoing with Howard and Nat on how to support clubs and on what they need.
- Activities were down for the first 6 months of the year, but they are coming back. Clubs are slower to input activities than events. Schools are having less activities. Data regarding use of the POC's shows their use going well, then there was a spike and it is now returning to normal unsurprisingly.

LY mentioned that Howard was going to mention the forthcoming Coaching Conference 2023 in the BO E-newsletter but that it had not been included. PF promised to follow that up. LY said the proposed programme would come out next week.

JW thanked PB for his update and PB left the meeting.

1585 Minutes of the committee meeting held on 15th September 2022

The minutes were reviewed by those members who had been present and accepted to be an accurate record. Proposed by JW and seconded by IM.

1586 Matters arising

Paragraph 1532 – TOF report to be circulated to committees and club members – complete.

Paragraph 1577 – BADO to be reminded to update the BO website with officials for the level C event at Micheldever – complete.

Paragraph 1577 – RS to contact Ken Ricketts re updating SCOA league page on SCOA website – complete.

Paragraph 1582 – Event Safety Workshop dates to be circulated – complete.

1587 Chair's Report

JW had circulated a report to the committee prior to the meeting detailing SCOA having hosted the SHI relays and individual events at Hogmoor and at the November Classic with special thanks to SOC for taking the individual event, putting on an additional course and starting the event early. Thanks also went to IM who coordinated the whole weekend and Allan Farrington for providing touch free equipment, results (aided by Terry and Di Smith), additionally sorting out land access and arranging accommodation and finally to Seamus Cunnane (TVOC) who planned the relays.

JW asked that the Club Reps ensure that the SCOA news is circulated to members.

JW also mentioned the impending BOC/BRC 2023 weekend in particular the number of volunteers that would be needed. This will be further discussed at the BOC/BRC update.

1588 Treasurer's Report

MR had circulated a report to the committee members prior to the meeting.

MR stated that hopefully there will be a new TVOC Treasurer soon.

In summary the main expenditure since the last meeting has been payments made for the Coaching Course. Additionally, a few large grants have been made to Juniors to attend events and training camps therefore we have spent £5,400 more than income. The £3K grant to the juniors was for 2021 and 2022. The main event was JIRC's with a net cost of £2,500 although juniors pay 50% of the other fees.

MR had circulated V2 of his summary to include Club Affiliation fees for 2023 which are based on BOF member numbers on 31st May 2022.

LY pointed out that although SARUM are currently only shown with 2 members affiliated through SCOA that this will increase in the new year as the BOF site currently defaults to SCOA for new members. Anyone new joining would have to specifically elect SWOA.

AW asked that as affiliation fees are based on seniors does that include those shown as 'family' members? MR did not know. AW stated that when he downloads member details from BO it shows 'Senior', 'Junior' and 'Family'. IM suggested that it was based on BOF numbers, each member will have their own BOF number and therefore be counted.

FC and LY questioned whether there is still such a thing as a 'Family' membership.

Post meeting note – there appears to still be a family membership that must contain at least 2 members of which 1 must be a senior member with a maximum of 2 senior members all of which should reside at the same address.

MR said that we are up to date on levy income and asked about the SHI, will it break even? IM said that it would break even and JW said that the relays might even make a surplus although they are still waiting for the invoice from the Army.

LY said she would be sending MR the latest invoice for medals for payment.

JW asked whether there were any further questions regarding the financial summary produced by MR and there were no more questions.

1589 Fixtures

RS had circulated a report detailing forthcoming major events and made the following points:

- SCOL6 – Wellington College SN – no officials shown on the BO website **Action: AW to ensure BO website updated;**
- SOC – no officials for the event on 19/02/23 – IM said they have confirmed the officials and the website needs to be updated with their details.
- SOC – no controller for event on 04/03/23
- BKO – no officials Bloom Wood YBT qualifier 21/05/23
- SCOA is the next scheduled to host the Southern Night Championships in 2024 with an autumn date being traditional.

There are several major events with no hosts in particular the British Schools Championships 2023. This event is not on a rota of regions and is voluntary.

There is only one regional event scheduled in the first half of 2023 but this is probably due to the work required to deliver the BOC/BRC weekend.

RS confirmed that the Concorde Chase is a National Event but not on the UKOL list – he asked whether the officials had been approved. No one could remember **Action: FC to check whether Concorde Chase officials have been approved and if not to submit the form as matter of urgency.**

Post Meeting Note: Proposed Officials for the 2023 Concorde Chase on 29th January circulated to the committee and approved unanimously.

JW asked whether there were any National events with officials needing approval and RS said that there were not. JW asked whether the Southern Nights were Regional or National. RS said that if the hosts wanted it to be National then they need to apply by the next E&CC meeting in March 2023.

LY asked who needs the results of Sundays SCOL Event and RS said that Ken Ricketts already has them and will update the SCOA website.

1590 Technical Officer

KS no longer attended SCOA meetings and had no update.

1591 Coaching/Development

LY stated that there were not many coaching activities taking place at this time. The Coaching Course has dropped to 6 as the SO member has dropped out.

The planning for the Coaching Conference 14th/15th January 2023 is proceeding well and LY expects to release the draft programme next week.

LY asked about the SCOA Championships Medals. She has some and is waiting for the new batch to prepare but asked how we plan to distribute them? Dishing them out in envelopes with names to Club Reps is not easy now most meetings are held virtually. It was agreed that they would be passed to Club Reps in event car parks.

1592 South Central Junior Squad

Although SK had been unable to attend this meeting, he had circulated a report detailing the Junior Squad activities since the last meeting and the planned activities for the next few months.

Additionally reports from several of the juniors had been sent out namely Frank Townley (SN) – Gothenberg, Aidan & Jake Hilton (SN) – JIRC's Northern Ireland and Adam Methven (BKO) – Stockholm.

JW stated that it is a tribute to the squad that we are receiving the claims and that the juniors are attending these various events and training camps. JW asked that the committee's thanks be sent to the various juniors and that they be told how much we appreciate them.

One final point made by SK in his report is that JIRC's 2023 will be in South Wales and that they will not have any W14's in the squad to make a competitive team. SCJS have several M14's but no W/M12's to fill places in 2024. SK asked that Club Reps be asked to review their membership for any possible juniors in that age group to join the squad.

1593 BOC/BRC 2023 Update

Paul Fox (SN), the weekend coordinator had circulated a detailed update by email as he was unable to attend.

The budget had recently been confirmed and entries opened (Alun Jones TVOC – entries Sec). The primary need now was to arrange volunteers.

JW asked that each club nominate a volunteer coordinator to recruit and rally club members.

For the Relays it is not possible to help and run therefore several colour coded courses are to be planned so that helpers can help and then get a run.

JW stated that all the volunteer details, courses and start times need to be sorted out by the end of February as start times cannot be changed after 12th March therefore the club volunteer coordinators need to get cracking immediately after Xmas. JW said he would

include it in the SCoA News and mention that anyone from SCoA entered on the Saturday would be expected to help on Saturday.

AW asked whether there would be discount on entries or vouchers and was told that there would be vouchers provided to volunteers.

LY said that SARUM would be happy to help on the Start (NOT car parking please). JW said that there is a question on the entry form asking for help from anyone entering.

Action: Club Reps to identify a Volunteer Coordinator for every club to recruit helpers in the club – details of the coordinator to be passed to Paul Fox.

1594 AOB

AW informed the committee that he has stepped down as Chair of SN after 6 years but is remaining the SN representative at both SCoA and SEOA meetings.

AW initiated a discussion around the medals and prizes awarded for the Southern Championships. The last time SCoA hosted the Southern Champs there were medals however when hosted by SEOA in 2022 there were no medals. The impact is mainly on the Juniors who are encouraged by receiving awards. AW asked whether the three regional Chairs could have a discussion and decide standardisation in awarding medals/trophies. RS stated that para 2.3.1 of the Rules state that for Area Championships that Trophies and Medals will be awarded for the Highest category in each age class. If all three Southern regions agree then they are permitted to dispense with Trophies and perhaps only give medals to juniors.

AW asked whether the regional champs are major or national events? RS said that the no longer HAVE to be a major event, they can be national (level B) but that does not change the Trophy/Medal rule. JW explained that it was an aberrant year where no medals were awarded.

A discussion then followed around the Southern champs being held in conjunction with the BOC2023 and how medals/trophies would be awarded, funding of the medals and the logistics of adding to a drawn-out award ceremony.

Post Minute Note: It has been agreed with E&CC and SOC that the Southern Champs will be hosted by the November Classic instead.

1595 Proposed dates of future meetings

Thursday 2nd March 2023

Thursday 1st June 2023 AGM and Committee Meeting

Thursday 7th September 2023

Fiona Clough
Secretary SCoA
10th December 2022