

**Minutes of the SCOA Committee Meeting held on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2023 virtually on GoToMeeting**

**Present**

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| Jon Wheatcroft | TVOC  | Chair/Club Rep                |
| Richard Sharp  | TVOC  | Fixtures                      |
| Ian Moran      | SOC   | Club Rep                      |
| Alan Wallis    | SN    | Club Rep                      |
| Liz Yeadon     | SARUM | Development/Coaching/Club Rep |
| Katy Stubbs    | BKO   | Technical Officer             |
| Simon Kippin   | TVOC  | SCJS                          |
| Fiona Clough   | BKO   | Secretary/Club Rep            |

**1596 Apologies**

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| Charles Bromley Gardner | BAOC | Club Rep  |
| Martin Ricketts         | TVOC | Treasurer |

**1597 Minutes of the committee meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2022**

The minutes were reviewed by those members who had been present. LY pointed out one error in paragraph 1591 – the club of the coach that has dropped out being SO and not SOC. With that change the minutes were then accepted to be an accurate record. Proposed by JW and seconded by LY.

**1598 Matters arising**

Paragraph 1589 – Officials for SCOL6 on 29/12/22 need updating on BOF website – complete.

Paragraph 1589 – BKO Concorde Chase level B event Officials to be submitted to committee for approval asap – complete. {KS apologised for missing this however details of proposed officials were circulated to the committee and approval obtained shortly after this meeting}

Paragraph 1593 – Club Reps to identify club volunteer coordinator for BOC/BRC and pass details to Paul Fox (BOC/BRC coordinator) – complete.

**1599 Chair's Report**

JW had circulated a brief report to the committee prior to the meeting reviewing the fact that notwithstanding the fact that the SCOA region will be hosting the BOC/BRC weekend at the end of March, (a not inconsiderable feat in itself) that other business continues to carry on as normal. JW stated that he wanted to acknowledge the hard work of the regions volunteer army who make it possible. JW wished everyone involved in the delivery of the BOC/BRC a successful weekend in whatever capacity they were involved.

**1600 Treasurer's Report**

MR had sent his apologies for absence. JW indicated that he was snowed under with emails and that if there were any outstanding payments due to alert JW and he will ensure MR is informed.

### **1601 Secretary's Report**

Nothing to report.

### **1602 Technical Officer's Report**

KS had circulated a report to the committee prior to the meeting and also attended.

KS informed the meeting that an appropriately qualified Controller has been identified for the November Classic 2023 – Chris Huthwaite (SARUM). Following the change of BOF Rules at the beginning of the year, there is no issue with the controller being from another SCOA club and KS recommended that the committee approve his appointment. The committee voted and agreed unanimously.

Following on from an email sent recently by British Orienteering KS has contacted all the SCOA Controllers to establish their status and confirm their willingness (or not) to performing the role.

At the current time SCOA have the following active controllers:

2 Grade A

12 Grade B

8 Grade C

One Grade A is only available for Trail-O, one Grade A has downgraded to Level B and is only available for urban races, two Grade B and two Grade C's have resigned. One Grade B has asked to move to Grade C and will only act in an armchair capacity. One Grade C is only willing to act in an armchair capacity and one appears to be inactive.

KS pointed out that SCOA is very short of Controllers however of the active ones, three Grade B's may be interested in moving to Grade A and four of the Grade C's may move to B but not immediately.

Additionally, KS identified that James Cunnane, a member of TVOC, not currently a licensed controller, is happy to be put forward to the committee as a prospective Grade C Controller. An application form detailing his experience and qualifications had been circulated for review prior to the meeting. Both TVOC and KS endorsed his nomination – a vote was taken, and James Cunnane was unanimously approved as a Grade C Controller. **Action: KS to notify British Orienteering of his appointment.**

KS mentioned that in the previous meetings minutes the Southern Night Champs 2024 had been discussed. KS asked whether this would be a 'National' event because if so then SCOA would need to approve officials. RS replied that he had possible offer from AF (BAOC) but was waiting until after the BOC/BRC. The event would probably be a Level C event.

### **1603 Coaching/Development**

LY said that she had not circulated a report for this meeting as she had not received any replies from her email regarding coaching activities however, she appreciated that many people are busy with upcoming major events. She had three points to bring up:

1. Following the Coaching Course run in June 2022, of the 6 people who took part, 2 have started their 5 linked sessions however the others are having difficulties organising them. The 2 BKO Coaches have tried to organise some sessions with St Andrews School, but they have been reluctant to engage at this time. SK said that John Methven and Heidi have both been engaging with the Junior Squad to deliver coaching sessions that fulfil the linked sessions requirement, and that John has already done 1 session with them.

2. LY informed the committee that the Coaching Conference had taken place with thanks in part to FC for her assistance. 34 people attended (including the presenters) and there were a good mix of activities. LY is working on a feedback questionnaire to be sent to delegates by British Orienteering. LY expressed surprise that there were so few attendees as she had expected there to be around 50 but there was still lots of varied discussions between delegates and presenters.

3. The SCOA Championship Medals had been handed out. She had put them all in named envelopes and AF had given them out. LY said that she now has the medals ready for the 2023 SCOA Champs.

IM said that the Southern Champs 2023 are being held with the November Classic and asked who would normally sort out the medals? LY said that they should be provided by the organising club but that she would consider organising it on behalf of SOC if need be.

**Action: IM to contact the November classic Organiser (Alastair Moir) to see whether he wants LY to sort out the medals.**

#### **1604 SCJS**

SK had circulated a report detailing the activities of the Junior Squad during the last 3 months and the proposed activities for the rest of the year. There were also some photographs of the coaching sessions held jointly with SWJOS at Studland prior to the CSC Heat in January.

SK further repeated that John Methven (BKO) has started his linked sessions with the Junior Squad and although SK was not present at the session that Roger had given some very positive feedback.

SK said that SCJS was reviewing the introduction of Electronic Medical Forms. Testing their use to see whether they are useful and fulfil the requirements.

Amelia Wing (BKO) has been selected as W18 reserve for Interland and David Bunn (TVOC) is running M21.

Finally, although they have some new M14's in the squad that they still need some W14's and asked Club Reps to review their club juniors for possible W14's for the squad.

### **1605 BOC/BRC Update**

No update had been sent however FC explained that the Final Details are currently in draft. Over 1,200 entries to date but a further surge is expected before entries close on 12<sup>th</sup> March.

### **1606 British Orienteering**

There was no update from British Orienteering for this meeting.

### **1607 Fixtures (omitted from the agenda in error)**

RS had circulated a report to committee members prior to the meeting and made one point. SCOA does not have a host for the CSC Heat 2024 (18<sup>th</sup> February 2024). SWOA are planning to hold theirs at Moors Valley Country Park therefore if SCOA does have a heat then it needs to be in the north of the region. **Action: Club Reps to go back to their committees to see whether the club can host the 2024 CSC Heat**

RS said that the next ESG meeting is scheduled for 13/03/23 and that he needs to register any Level B or National events in the region at that meeting. FC asked that he register the BKO Concorde Chase – 28/01/24 at Barossa and JW asked that the TVOC Chiltern Challenge be registered on 24/03/24 at Penn Wood. KS asked that details the officials for those events be sent to her as soon as possible.

**Post meeting note: TVOC have agreed to host the 2023 SCOA Champs at the Chiltern Challenge on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2023 at Naphill and Bradenham.**

### **1608 Any other business**

JW stated that SCOA Treasurer would be standing down at the AGM and asked the committee to try to recruit a replacement from their clubs.

### **1609 Proposed dates of future meetings**

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2023 AGM and Committee Meeting

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Fiona Clough  
Secretary SCOA  
9<sup>th</sup> March 2023