

Minutes of the SCOA Committee meeting held on 1st June 2023 (following AGM)

Present

Jon Wheatcroft	TVOC	Chair
Fiona Clough	BKO	Secretary
Richard Sharp	TVOC	Fixtures Secretary
Paul Fox	SN	BOC/BRC 2023 Co-ordinator
Ian Moran	SOC	Club Rep
Charles Bromley Gardner	BAOC	Club Rep

1610 Apologies for absence

Liz Yeadon	SARUM	Coaching/Development
Simon Kippin	TVOC	Junior Squad
Di Smith	SOC	Chair

1611 Minutes of committee meeting held on 2nd March 2023

IM pointed out an error in paragraph 1603 – November Classic organiser is Alastair Moir not Adrian Moir. With that change the minutes were then accepted to be an accurate record. Proposed by JW and seconded by IM.

1612 Matters arising

Paragraph 1601 – KS to notify BO of appointment of James Cunnane to Grade C controller – Done.

Paragraph 1603 – IM to confirm with Nov Classic organiser whether he wants LY to organise Southern Champs Medals – IM states not confirmed, will chase it – ongoing.

Paragraph 1607 – Host for 2024 CSC Heat – none identified, and deadline now gone – complete.

1613 Chair's report

JW highlighted that both Adam Methven and Tommy Rollins had been selected for the GB Squad European Youth Orienteering Champs (EYOC) and Adam had also been selected for the GB Squad for the Junior World Orienteering Champs (JWOC) and the Junior European Cup (JEC). Additionally, 4 adults from SCOA have been selected for senior international competitions including CBG - well done and congratulations to all.

1614 Treasurer's report

As previously discussed in the AGM the current Treasurer has had to stand down and the committee are actively seeking a replacement. No report was available.

1615 Secretary's report

FC informed the committee that she would be representing the association at the EOC AGM on 14th June 2023. If anyone had any matters, they wished raising them please email details.

1616 Fixtures

RS informed the meeting that the 2022 to 2023 SCOA league season has now finished, and we are waiting for the final results from Ken Ricketts pending publication of the results from the final event that had been BKO's at Bloom Wood.

There are several events on the British Orienteering website that do not have the required officials registered. This includes the BADO Urban scheduled for 17th June – **Action: RS to chase BADO rep to ensure BO website updated with officials prior to the event.**

RS stated that more SCOA league events are needed for the 2023 to 2024 season and a suitable event is needed to host an YBT heat for 2024.

1617 Technical Officer's report

KS no longer attended these meetings but had sent a report.

KS reminded Club Reps that Officials for their level B events planned for 2024 need to be approved by the SCOA committee as early as possible. The approval process must be started by clubs completing the form and sending it to KS for review before it comes to the committee for review. KS will make her recommendations.

Details of the proposed officials for the November Classic 2024 have been submitted via KS to the committee and were circulated prior to the meeting. The nominees were discussed, and approval given. KS had approved change of controller out of the meeting from Chris Huthwaite to Charles Daniel (a Grade A controller from BOK). KS stated that Charles is highly (over)qualified for the position and approval given to SOC so they did not have to wait until the meeting in June. KS also pointed out that SOC have appointed assistants to both Organiser and Planner. **Action: FC to email KS that officials approved.**

KS informed the meeting that BKO has held 3 training courses since the last meeting all attended by BKO members, an Event Safety Workshop (4), Introductory Organisers (3) and Introductory Planners (5).

A question raised whether the Event Safety Workshop was required to be on a face-to-face or whether it could be completed online. The BO website was consulted, and it was confirmed that either method was acceptable (although the committee felt that face-to-face was preferable).

1618 Coaching/Development

LY had sent her apologies but had provided a report that the committee reviewed. LY gave an update on the progression of the 4 SCOA Trainee Coaches in achieving the next stage of their qualification.

One of the Trainee Coaches from TVOC is struggling to find a First Aid Course on a weekend and LY asked that if any club is thinking of arranging a First Aid course at the weekend soon to inform LY and she will pass the details on to the TVOC trainee Coach.

LY stated she had had no reply from any club regarding club coaching activities since the last meeting but is aware of some regular activities held by BKO on Wednesday/Thursday evenings. Additionally, SARUM has held a school's session recently where around 120 children received basic orienteering training. SARUM hope to deliver some more coaching sessions for SARUM juniors. A couple of groups of teachers have received some basic orienteering skills training with a view to pass those skills on to pupils.

There was no Development update.

1619 Junior Squad

SK had sent his apologies for absence but had provided a report detailing the SCJS's activities since the last meeting.

The highlights of the report were firstly that three newcomers had attended their first coaching session in April including a W14. The selections for the Training Camps and Competitions have been announced with a good selection of SCOA juniors having been selected.

A training weekend took place at Puttenham in April in conjunction with SEJS where 10 athletes attended including the three newcomers.

There is one expenses claim for Duncan Currie and as there is no current Treasurer this has been passed to JW (looking in to how to set up the payment). JW made the point that the weekend trips involve a huge amount of effort for volunteers.

1620 BOC/BRC update

PF apologised for not providing a report prior to the meeting but promised to send one out shortly.

The accounts for the BOC/BRC weekend have not yet been finalised however it is clear that the surplus is likely to exceed that budgeted for and may be as much as £9K (SCOA receive one third therefore potentially £3K). The reasons for this were that more juniors entered than expected, more relay teams entered, and we did not need the expensive contingencies (access road repairs at Cold Ash) this resulted in a positive outcome.

PF said that there were over 200 helper shifts done over the weekend and that it had opened his eyes to the amount of effort it takes to undertake such an event. Most of the hard work of the co-ordinator was post event.

JW thanked PF for all his hard work.

1621 British Orienteering Update

There was no update from British Orienteering, but FC mentioned that the British Orienteering June Newsletter had been sent out early today.

1622 AOB

- The Orienteering Foundation (TOF) – a report had been circulated to committee members prior to the meeting by Alun Jones (SCOA Ambassador for TOF) covering TOF activities in the last 6 months. One point made and discussed was that TOF are keen to support a coaching day in the south of England if SCOA or one of its clubs were to put it on. TOF would be prepared to underwrite any losses if insufficient people attended. FC said that there had been some discussion at the Coaching Conference about providing more coaching for adults.
- Steve Waite (BKO) had submitted a bid for funding to install a POC at Rushall Farm with an estimate of costs. This had been circulated prior to the meeting. It was discussed at length and was agreed unanimously by the committee to fund this project. The total cost was not confirmed but it was agreed to fund up to £800 and if the cost was going to be any more that BKO should return to the committee. Agreement would need to be confirmed with Rushall Farm prior to installing as to who would hold responsibility to maintain the course. **Action: FC to inform BKO committee that funding up to £800 had been approved and to ensure agreement regarding maintenance established.**
- IM asked who keeps the SCOA website up to date. FC stated that she was aware of the need to update the committee meeting minutes. RS stated that Ken Ricketts does update the section on the SCOA league. RS stated that Tim Booth is still the webmaster.
- IM asked whether the badge system we still operating. It was thought that LY was the administrator, but that Glyn Thomas (BKO) may be the person to ask. **Action: FC to establish whether the SCOA Badge system still in operation.**

1623 Proposed dates of future meetings:

Thursday 7th September 2023

Thursday 7th December 2023

Thursday 7th March 2024