

SCOA Chair's Report December 2023

We are now into the awards season. I had the pleasure of presenting the Southern Championship trophies at SOC's excellent November Classic and soon after the bespoke mugs to the SCOA league winners at BKO's Black Park event. I'm expecting to present the SCOA Championship medals (thanks to Liz Yeadon for organising these) at TVOC's forthcoming Chiltern Challenge.

This was Ken Rickett's last season at the helm of the SCOA league. We owe him a debt of gratitude for his quiet, efficient work on this over the years. (We also need a successor!)

We do need to decide what our priorities are for using our depreciating reserves earned from JK19 & BOC23. Hitherto we have considered only development bids (from SOC, BKO & TVOC). Do we want to return the money (how much in total?) to SCOA clubs? Perhaps based on levies and/or affiliation fees paid. Do we want to consider bids for funding for the 'general good' eg for a defibrillator for every club that wants one. (BOF recently circulated details of an offer on these.)

I am aware that we still have a vacancy for a Treasurer. Fiona is doing a first-class job as acting treasurer, but I don't think it is sustainable for her to continue in the dual role (as well as her 'duties' with BKO). June will be upon us all too soon. Can we all give some serious thought to suitable willing candidates for Secretary or Treasurer?

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