

**Minutes of the SCOA Committee Meeting – Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2015  
held at the Friends' Meeting House, Newbury**

**Present**

Di Smith	SOC	Chair
Jerry Newcombe	BADO	Treasurer
Katy Stubbs	BKO	Technical Officer
Bob Dredge	British Orienteering	Representative
Ian Moran	SOC	Club Rep
Kevin Bracher	SOC	Club Rep (SOC Chair)
Alan Yeadon	SARUM	Club Rep
Simon Kippin	TVOC	SCJS
Gillian Mann	BADO	Club Rep
Alun Jones	TVOC	Club Rep
Liz Yeadon	SARUM	Coaching/Development Officer
Charles Bromley Gardner	BAOC	Club Rep
Fiona Clough	BKO	Secretary/Club Rep

**1183 Apologies for absence**

Richard Sharp	TVOC/Fixtures Secretary
Laurence Townley	SN/SCJS
David Jukes	BKO
Mike Bray	SN

**1184 Minutes of last meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> June 2015 were accepted as a true record.

**1185 Review of the minutes of the AGM held**

The minutes of the AGM also held on 18<sup>th</sup> June 2015 were reviewed and several minor errors identified. The spelling of 'Silva' to be entered correctly, the exact wording of the proposal in the Treasurers report to be included and the dates to be checked and corrected where necessary.

**1186 Matters arising**

- **1160** Officials for Southern Champs 2017: SOC have nominated Mary Nixon as Organiser and Nick Bosbury as Planner. The Fixtures Secretary has reported that the planner does not currently meet the recommended criteria however if he were to plan a Level B event prior to 2017 he would then fulfil that criterion. Feedback on the feasibility of this is expected from SOC. IM stated that the club have taken advice that stated that Nick is ok to take on the role as long as the Controller is pro-active. **RS to review whether it is appropriate for the committee to endorse Nick Bosbury as planner for this event.**
- **1172** OUOC has been contacted regarding outstanding club membership fee/SCOA levy for Oxford City event. OUOC Treasurer is currently overseas and will deal on his return to the UK - **Closed**
- Previous winners of Southern Champs/Night Champs are in the process of going onto the website – **Closed**

- **1174** JK 2019 areas and key officials to be confirmed by April 2016.
- Long – Cold Ash (BKO) agreed
- Sprint – options RAF Halton, Oxford Brooks, Dalton Barracks or RAL (TVOC)
- Middle – Options Bradenham or Penn Wood/Common Wood (TVOC) Bradenham has better parking, Penn Wood would need bussing.
- Discussion followed about possible relay locations. No key officials had been identified. Both locations and officials are to be further discussed by club reps and feed back to the committee by email **Action: Club Reps**
- **1176** SCJS managers to be contacted – **Closed**
- **1177** Coaching officers report to be reviewed by LY – **Closed**
- **1178** Details of forthcoming Controllers course to be held on 3<sup>rd</sup> October to be circulated to club members. Additionally SCOA members are invited to attend a Controllers course being run by John Warren on 7<sup>th</sup> November – **Action; Club Reps**
- **1180** Review of Coaching Officers role description to be completed before March 2016 **Action: LY – ongoing**
- **1181** Changes to the SCOA League – to be discussed in AOB.

### **1187 Chairs Report**

DS circulated a written report to committee members prior to the meeting with several points for discussion.

The British Orienteering Federation Association and Club Conference will be held on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2015. SCOA representatives are DS and LY.

DS identified that there is a need for someone else to be able to update and manage the contents of the SCOA website in addition to Tim Booth. Does the website have a hit count? Club Reps to see whether there is someone who could assist in the updating of the site in addition to Tim **Action: Club Reps**

Recent issues have arisen regarding regional boundaries and in particular where club boundaries span two different regions. The question was discussed whether association boundaries should be defined by club boundaries rather than be county boundaries as they are now (loosely). DS suggested making a proposal to the Association and Club Conference regarding a Code of Conduct in respect of regional boundaries. This was discussed at length and it was decided that at this time it would be better to progress this by initially having more informal chats with relevant parties.

### **1188 Secretary's Report**

Nothing to report

### **1189 Treasurer's Report**

JN circulated a written report to members of the committee prior to the meeting.

In respect of the Southern Championship and Southern Night Championship Trophies, a list of the results from 2008 to 2015 (Southern Champs) and 2005 to 2015 (Southern Nights) has been located and will be put on the SCOA website for

future reference. Paragraph 2.3.1 of the BOF Event Competition Rules on Area Championships states that trophies are to be presented to winners of the highest categories therefore there is no point in further discussing getting rid of the motley collection of Trophies currently in circulation in the Southern Region.

A discussion then followed regarding the preliminary accounts for the British Sprints and Middle Distance Championships.

The Sprints had higher costs for a variety of reasons including; two brand new maps were required, the Controller travelled from Wales and helpers received a £5 food vouchers and as a result the overall surplus was £736.55.

The Middle Distances Champs produced an overall surplus of £7,261.26.

### **1190 Updates from British Orienteering**

BD made the following points:

Regarding the Strategic Review Paper, there have been over 60 comments made and this is to be discussed at the board meeting being held on Saturday.

Financially British Orienteering is doing better than expected at this time.

International Development Programme – the Junior and Senior Squads and the selection policies will be on the BOF website by the end of September.

BOF had previously employed a ‘Commercial Manager’ but they have recently left the organisation and are unlikely to be replaced.

AJ commented that in the Final Draft of the O-Safe policy, Appendix D (Guidelines for Photography and Filming at Events and Competitions) is still very widely drafted and needs to be narrowed down. **Action: BD to raise issue at BOF.**

### **1191 Fixtures Secretary’s Report**

RS was unable to attend the meeting but had circulated a report to members prior to the meeting.

Issues regarding the forthcoming SARUM event at Foxbury Woods and whether it should be a SCOA league event were discussed at length. The conclusion reached was that it is in Hampshire, it is affiliated to SCOA and has already been advertised as a league event therefore it will remain a SCOA league event.

AJ on behalf of TVOC offered to host the Southern Night Cham 2017 at Penn Woods.

TVOC had also offered to host the British Night Champs AND the Southern Champs 2020 at Hambleton but it was identified that they would be two level A events on the same area which is not permitted by the rules.

There are three possible options:

1. TVOC to host the British Night Champs 2020 (level A) followed by the Chiltern Challenge (level B), both at Hambledon with another SCOA club hosting the southern Champs elsewhere;
2. TVOC to host the Southern Champs /Chiltern Challenge at Hambledon and another SCOA club to host the British Night Champs the night before;
3. Request an exemption from the rule preventing two level A events being held on the same area and therefore hold both the British Night Champs and the Southern Champs 2020 at Hambledon over one weekend.

Option 3 was the preferred option of the committee but if that was not possible then option 1 with option 2 being the least favourable one. **Action: AJ to discuss options with RS.**

### **1192 Junior Squad Manager's Report**

SK had circulated a report detailing the SCJS's activities to the committee prior to the meeting. He made the following additional points at the meeting:

1. Since July the focus has been on communication. Publicity material has been provided to clubs and it is asked that clubs continue to publicise SCJS to club members particularly in newsletters, on websites and on club Facebook pages.
2. SCJS are testing out a website tool called 'Groupspace' to co-ordinate squad members and proposed activities.
3. Training Plan – what do squad members want? There is a need to achieve balance. They plan to attend JROS meeting later this year to understand how the squad fits with national juniors. SK said it is vital for clubs to support the SCJS with providing coaches at local events in addition to the Squad Managers.
4. The squad still needs more children who are at the standard of Orange courses with a view to improving up to Light Green. **Action: Club Reps to encourage likely youngsters and to ensure the SCJS publicity is available at Saturday events.**

### **1193 Coaching Officer's Report**

LY circulated a report detailing coaching activities across SCOA. It was agreed that this report should be circulated back to club coaching officers for their information **Action: LY to circulate report.**

Of the 8 people who had recently undertaken training to become certified coached 5 are now awaiting their final assessments. Well done to everyone.

### **1194 Technical officer's Report**

KS reported that she has successfully run an Event Safety course for Southern Navigators and a Level C Controller course is being run on 3<sup>rd</sup> October. There is still space for additional attendees. There will be a course run for level B Controllers in November 2015.

Dave Rogers from BKO has applied to become a level B controller and has submitted the necessary evidence of his experience. It was agreed that he was suitable.

KS raised a question around expenses for the October Controllers course. SWOA were covering the cost of the room hire, would SCOA cover her travel expenses? It was agreed that those expenses should be covered by SCOA.

### **1195 Development Rep's Report**

LY circulated a lengthy report around improving communication between the BOF National Office and grass root orienteers. Following the last SCOA meeting LY had a discussion with Craig Anthony (BOF Development Officer) around this subject and Craig asked whether LY could talk to others in the South area to give a general view. This report is the result of discussions LY has had mainly with Christine Vince (of SWOA).

Sport England funding will vanish soon – every non-Olympic sport is losing funding and BOF is running on a shoestring budget at the moment. Elite runners received some support this year for the WOC but normally they are self funding.

Essentially it was suggested that the membership fees should be increased. It needs to be articulated why there is a need for more money.

It was agreed that the report was a good discussion document and should be sent to Craig Anthony for review.

### **1196 AOB**

British Sprint and Middle Distance Championships have already been discussed during the Treasurer's report.

SCOA League Review – DJ has drafted and circulated a questionnaire to assist in the evaluation of the SCOA league in its current format. Other committee members had made various comments. **Action: Committee members to feedback comments on the proposed questionnaire to DJ by the end of September with a view to circulating the questionnaire by the end of October and to further promote it at the SCOA league prize giving at the first event of the 2015/16 league (8<sup>th</sup> November – Bucklebury Common).**

DS asked that all club reps promote the SCOA league prize giving. **Action: Club Reps**

DS asked that club reps publicise the upcoming Event Safety Course being held by SOC on 3<sup>rd</sup> October at Eastleigh. **Action: Club Reps**

### **1197 Date of next meetings**

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2015

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