

Minutes of the SCOA Annual General Meeting on Thursday 2nd June 2016
held at the Friends' Meeting House, Newbury

Present

Di Smith	SOC	Chair
Alun Jones	TVOC	Club Rep
Liz Yeadon	SARUM	Coaching/Development Officer
Alan Yeadon	SARUM	Club Rep
Katy Stubbs	BKO	Technical Officer
Ian Moran	SOC	Club Rep
Bob Dredge	WCH	BOF Rep
Caroline Ford	SOFA	Club Rep
Fiona Clough	BKO	Secretary
Simon Kippin	TVOC	SCJS
Gillian Mann	BADO	Club Rep

1. Apologies for absence

Jerry Newcombe	BADO	Treasurer
Mike Bray	SN	Club Rep
Richard Sharp	TVOC	Fixtures Secretary
David Jukes	BKO	Club Rep
Allan Farrington	BAOC	Club Rep

2. Minutes of the last AGM

The minutes of the 2015 AGM held on 18th June 2015 were reviewed and accepted as a true record – proposed by GM and seconded by CF.

3. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

4. Chairman's report

DS presented the following report:

Andy Parry (BKO) has offered to be an additional local website administrator as back up to Tim Booth. Additional pages have been added to the SCOA website to include winners of South Central and Southern Championships for past 20 years and a Shared Resources page has also been introduced.

Running of the Junior Squad was taken on by new coaches Lawrence Townley and Simon Kippin in 2015 who organised 11 training sessions, attended the JIRCS in Sep 15 and took three athletes to the JROS Hawkshead training weekend in the Lake District. The squad currently has 26 athletes. SCOA continues to support the squad with funds for travel and accommodation. BADO recently held an event, which was run largely by members of the squad; the surplus raised over £600 for the squad funds.

Fiona Bunn, Bethany Kippin, David Bunn and Thomas Howell have been selected for JROS summer tours.

David Bunn has been selected for the British Orienteering Talent Camp.

Fiona Bunn has been selected for JWOC16 and JEC 16 and Dane Blomquist has also been selected for JWOC16.

Congratulations to TVOC for being awarded Club of the Year 2015 by British Orienteering.

Dave Jukes organised an online survey of SCOA members concerning the SCOA League and SCOA championships. This highlighted the need for more publicity of the League and a possible Middle Distance Championships in future.

Jerry Newcombe is now standing down as Treasurer after many years in this role. The Chair thanked Jerry for his valuable contribution to the region.

5. Treasurer's Report

Although unable to attend the meeting due to illness the Treasurer circulated the 2015 accounts and a report on those accounts prior to the meeting. It was agreed to keep the SCOA fees and levy at the same level as agreed at the 2015 AGM. Those present agreed this.

LY mentioned that she still had a box of SCOA Championship medals sufficient to cover at least one more Association Championship.

6. Fixtures Secretary's Report

RS was unable to attend the meeting but had sent a report, a data table of 2015 events and participation numbers by club and two graphs based on historic data from 1997 to 2015.

AJ asked whether the British Sprints (prologue and final) count as one event or two. BD and KS confirmed that it is considered two separate events for the purpose of participation numbers and ranking points.

RS made the point in his report that although participation levels remain the same as in the late 1990's that the number of events has roughly doubled. This was the subject of some discussion and it was agreed that there have been changes around events, activities and their registration with BOF that may account for some of this difference. This was followed by a short discussion around the difference between a Level D Event and an Activity in relation to the payment of BOF Levy.

7. Coaching and Development Officer's Report

LY had circulated a report prior to the meeting detailing both her activities as Coaching Officer since taking on that role at the 2015 AGM and also as SCOA Development Officer.

Regarding coaching, LY has been following up on the development of the eight newly trained SCOA coaches; monitoring the completion of CPD's and collecting information on the SCOA Clubs coaching activities for the SCOA meetings. She plans to attend the Association Coaching Representatives Meeting on 4th June 2016 and also the National Coaching Conference in January 2017.

On the Development front LY mentioned that a meeting was held in March 2016 with representatives from English Clubs and Associations to discuss the onward progression of juniors into mainstream orienteering and in turn to grow club membership. The meeting was valuable in that it highlighted where this progression has been successfully achieved and shared ideas on how this has been done. A further meeting is planned next year.

In the meantime a small group of representatives from English Clubs and Associations is also meeting on 20th June with Craig Anthony and Judith Holt with a view to feeding ideas and suggestions into the main BOF Board. Other countries in the UK are already represented and the English perspective is sorely needed in particular from the Southern regions.

8. Technical Officer's Report

KS circulated a report prior to the meeting detailing the following:

Courses

In the last year there have been a number of training courses. KS ran an Event Safety workshop for SN in July 2015. TVOC have run at least one workshop and SOC ran one in October 2015. KS ran a joint SCOA/SWOA Controller Grade C course in October 2015.

Controllers

One SCOA Grade C controller was appointed as a Grade B (Dave Rogers BKO). Two new Grade C controllers were appointed (Alan Kersley BADO and Peter Stewart SOC). One SCOA Grade C controller has retired (Geoff Geere TVOC).

Some SCOA Organisers have had their Licences regraded at a higher level at their own or club request. KS strongly recommend clubs look at the current levels of their members. Current Licences are based on data that changed over the years, so may be at a lower level than their experience warrants.

9. Proposals

AJ raised the point that the new O-Safe policy requires changes to the Association constitution. There were some areas where we are still waiting for action from BOF before making the changes. It will be necessary to convene an EGM to make those changes once specifics have been confirmed.

10. Election of Officers

Chair – Di Smith

Treasurer – Vacant

Secretary – Fiona Clough

Fixtures – Richard Sharp

Junior Squad Managers – Simon Kippin and Lawrence Townley

Technical Officer – Katy Stubbs

Coaching Officer – Liz Yeadon

Development Officer – Liz Yeadon

The nominees were proposed by CF and seconded by GM.

Jerry Newcombe resigned as Treasurer but stated that in lieu of an immediate replacement he is prepared to stay as book-keeper with FC/DS/RS as signatories for the accounts but would not prepare reports or attend the meetings.

DS reminded those present that SCOA urgently needs to have a Treasurer in post and that club reps need to canvass members for possible candidates for this role.

Action: Club Reps to actively canvas club members for someone willing to take on the role of SCOA Treasurer.

11. Any other business

There was no other business.

In closing, DS expressed her thanks to all the committee and in particular to Jerry Newcombe (the outgoing Treasurer) for his many years contribution to the successful operation of the Association.

Additionally DS passed her thanks to both Bob Dredge and Craig Anthony (BOF Reps) for attending the meetings and supporting the Association.

Fiona Clough
SCOA Secretary
9th June 2016