

SCOA Development Officer Report

SCOA meeting – 2nd June 2016

No action required

1. After the Clubs & Associations Conference in October 2015, it became obvious that there was a ground swell of interest in working on the problem of moving the vast body of Juniors worked with in Schools and elsewhere, on into Clubs and Club activities. A meeting was called in March 2016, in Birmingham and about 22 Clubs and Associations from around the country were represented. This gave a wide range of experiences from a wide variety of people as people came because they were interested. Craig Anthony chaired the meeting. A copy of the Agenda and the minutes are attached.
2. The meeting was timely as the Government produced a paper: 'Sporting Future - A New Strategy for an Active Nation (Government National Strategy for Sport)' at about the same time, which highlighted the need to consider young people from age 5 upwards, not age 15 as has been the case. However, this is not part of the BOF strategy currently as it does not attract funding from Sport England as yet.
3. There has been correspondence amongst the participants since, mostly regarding having an effective Awards system for Juniors – Badges, Certificates and so on. The main problem is finding somebody to administer any scheme adopted as BOF have no spare capacity or funds.
4. Subsequently a small group is meeting in Birmingham on Saturday 20th June with representatives from across the country to discuss how to take ideas forward, which I am planning to attend on behalf of SCOA.

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