

SCOA Chair's Report March 2024

The most pressing issue for us to resolve at this meeting for us to resolve during the forthcoming March meeting is the issue of what to do with any excess reserves generated from JK 2019 and BOC23. We have several options: -

1. Maintain status quo and allow reserves to continue to diminish in purchasing power.
2. Reserve for hitherto unspecified "Junior Development".
3. Be sympathetic to club bids for defibrillator purchase.
4. Spend on ad-hoc bids for routine club equipment
5. Return money to clubs based on fees and levies paid in 2019 – 2023 inc.

There may be other options. These are the ones I have received.

My last report made mention of the forthcoming SCOA Championships. So does this one!

This year's SCOA Championships are being held at TVOC's Chiltern Challenge at Penn (near High Wycombe) on Sunday 24th March. Whilst entries will be taken right up to the day of the event, to be eligible for the SCOA Championships, you need to enter by Sunday 17th March, and be running the appropriate course for your age group*. Note that, when entering, there is no question asking whether you are eligible. Eligibility will be determined for each entrant by checking against the British orienteering database and the course being run. It is therefore important that entrants do ensure they are running the appropriate class for their age group*.

Details of the event can be found at <https://tvoc.org.uk/events/chiltern-challenge-2024/> Needless to say, I hope that most SCOA members will attend, to ensure a good competition.

* The course to enter can be found at <https://tvoc.org.uk/scoa-champs-2/>

Thanks to both TVOC who have organised both events, and also to Liz Yeadon who has organised medals .

Jon Wheatcroft