

# SOUTH WEST ORIENTEERING ASSOCIATION

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Minutes of the Committee meeting held at 7.30pm on 19th  
February 2013 at Ilchester Town Hall

## Those present

Officers: John Dyson, DEVON, Chairman; Mark Lockett, KERNO, Treasurer & Membership Secretary; Richard Sansbury, QO, Fixtures Secretary; Arthur Vince, KERNO (Secretary).

Committee Members: Peter Brett, DEVON; Katy Dyer, BOK; Christine Vince, KERNO.

Club Representatives: Richard Arman, WSX.

Visitor: John Woodall, BOF Director with responsibility for liaison with SWOA.

## 1 Apologies for absence

Jeff Butt, SARUM, Committee; Susan Hateley, SINS Editor; Erik Peckett, DEVON, Committee.

## 2 Approval of Minutes for 11<sup>th</sup> December 2012

These were approved as correct.

## 3 Matters arising from those minutes

3.1 From Item 10.4: Ash dieback disease (Chalara fraxinea):

Peter Brett, the BOF Environmental Officer and a former Forestry Commission manager, said that the advice given on the BOF website – which he wrote – must be followed. It can be found in the News Archive, dated 19<sup>th</sup> December 2012. The main concern is transporting the disease into new areas and the sport needs to follow good practice. This applies to planners, mappers and controllers as well as competitors.

## 4 Correspondence

None not dealt with under an agenda item.

## 5 Finance and Membership

*The SWOA accounts from 1<sup>st</sup> August 2012 to 14<sup>th</sup> February 2013 are given in Appendix 1 to these minutes.*

5.1 SWOA Finances:

Funds in hand were £4117. The membership figures for this stage in the year were encouraging. The 232 Family memberships are those offered by clubs – neither BOF nor SWOA now have this category of membership. Noted that the payment of £73.95 listed for the Coaching Conference was in fact Christine Vince's expenses for attending the Club and Association Conference in Sheffield.

5.2 Grants for World Schools Championships:

This event will be in Portugal in April. Seven SWOA juniors had been selected: Harry Butt, SARUM; Michael Hallett, BOK; and five from Torquay Boys Grammar School and Devon OC. The cost to

competitors will be £675 each. It was agreed to give a grant of 25% of that figure, that is £168.75 each, totalling £1181.25.

## 6 Fixtures

6.1 Event Scheduling Group Meeting

Richard Sansbury reported that he would be attending a meeting of the BOF Event Scheduling Group (formerly the Fixtures Group) in a month's time.

6.2 Galoppen Dates

Richard was concerned that 3 Galoppen events were due to be held on consecutive Sundays next October – the KERNO, Devon OC and WIM events. He did not like this crowding which was due to clubs changing dates. [Galoppen dates were sorted out after those for Level A & B events, with some bartering. Clubs preferred October or March.]

The consensus of the meeting was that one Galoppen a month was desirable, with at most two but those not on consecutive weekends. Some opinions: Mark Lockett wondered if the league would be enhanced if there were fewer than 9 events. Peter Brett thought that each event attracted people from a different area of the SW. The overall result is calculated on a competitor's best 5 of the 9 events

Richard said that he would introduce a new policy for the 2014/2015 competition and would contact the three clubs staging the October events to try to change dates.

6.2 Southern Area Champs., Penhale, 14<sup>th</sup> April 2013.

Roger Hargreaves, the coordinator, had the agreement of the BOF ECC to reduce the number of courses from the 20 specified in the Competition Rule for area championships to 10 – with a possible Long Black course – due to the number of competitors anticipated. Results processing would now be done in-house rather than by Michael Napier.

6.4 Senior Home International 2014

This is an English Orienteering Council (EOC) event which rotates round the regions. In 2014 it will be staged by NGOC in conjunction with the Caddihoe Chase. John Rye, acting for EOC, had asked that SWOA funded deposits for competitors' YHA accommodation and the hire of a village hall – total less than £100. Closer to the event, larger deposits would be required. The event is designed to be cost neutral, with income from entry fees, so SWOA would not lose money. This was agreed, also that John be

appointed coordinator for the SHI aspects of the weekend.

## **7 Controllers**

Roger Hargreaves will be organising a course for those wishing to become Grade B controllers, at Haytor on 18<sup>th</sup> May. Six Grade C controllers have signed up so far. The estimated cost of staging the course is £100 at most. Arthur Vince recommended that there should be no charge to participants; it was agreed that SWOA would pay Roger's expenses.

## **8 SW Junior Squad Report**

None received.

## **9 Coaching and Development**

9.1 Scott Collier had reported that the BOF Development Committee was being disbanded and he had nothing to report. What would replace it was unclear and will depend to some extent on the recommendations of the current BOF Volunteer and Coaching Needs Workgroups. He had enjoyed representing SWOA and was very grateful to the SWOA Committee for giving him the opportunity.

9.2 The BOF Coaching Committee has been disbanded, but the regional representatives still have work with a meeting in May covering coaching logs and Continuous Personal Development.

9.3 A UKCC Level 1 course planned for 23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup> January and 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2013 at Kingston Maurward College near Dorchester had been cancelled, and replaced by one at Killerton on 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> March. Two prospective participants had had to back out because of this change. Christine Vince said that as the SWOA coaching representative, she should have been informed by BOF office of the circumstances leading to this change but was not told, learning about them through third parties. This was most unsatisfactory. The advice from Lynne Walker, chair of the defunct Coaching Committee, was to let Mike Hamilton, BOF CEO, know about what had happened.

9.4 Katy Dyer had organised another successful Ladies' Coaching Day on 2<sup>nd</sup> February. At least half the participants were not from BOK, and some did not belong to any orienteering club.

9.5 Christine Vince reported that the Volunteer Needs Workgroup had met in January. The plan is to approach clubs with a questionnaire, then a follow-up 'phone call. The workgroup will report to the BOF board; the long-term aim is to promote a culture change to make volunteering the norm rather than the exception, and to identify best practice to help clubs.

## **10 AOB and Matters raised by Club Representatives**

10.1 Erik Peckett had reported the death of John Pilkington, a former QO member and SWOA Treasurer. He had attended the funeral.

### **10.2 SWOA 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

Erik Peckett had pointed out that SWOA would be 50 in 2015, and thought that this anniversary should be celebrated.

He suggested that all SW clubs run a "Come & Try it" event on the same weekend – one which did not clash with a major event. He thought that BOF, the FC, the NT and the Sports Council might help with publicity.

There was a suggestion that a celebration should be tied to the Caddihoe Chase. Also that all clubs should aim to get 50 more members. Other ideas are requested for the next meeting.

### **10.3 "Finished events" on BOF Database**

Mark Lockett wondered what prompts there were for clubs to submit results rapidly to the BOF database. He needed these to work out the SWOA levy. There did not seem to be any, other than that BOF would chase clubs who were late submitting results and the associated BOF levy.

### **10.4 Safety Officers**

Katy Dyer asked what the job description for Event Safety Officers was, saying that there was no official one, although she had submitted one to BOF office after doing this job for JK 2010. Katy had agreed to be Safety Officer for JK 2014. John Woodall undertook to make enquiries.

### **10.5 AGM 2013**

The Secretary said that as he was the controller for the Caddihoe Chase, he was suggesting that this year's AGM was held after the SWOA Sprint Champs. on 7<sup>th</sup> September, a week earlier than the Chase. Katy Dyer undertook to sort out a room at UWE, the Sprint venue.

### **10.6 WSX Compass Sport Cup round, 17<sup>th</sup> February.**

Mark Lockett thanked WSX for staging this enjoyable event, which was on a new area – Agglestone on the south side of Poole Harbour.

## **11 Next Meeting**

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April at Ilchester Town Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.25pm.

*These minutes are subject to formal approval at the next SWOA Committee meeting.*

## **APPENDICES TO MINUTES**

1 SWOA accounts to 14<sup>th</sup> February 2013