

SOUTH WEST ORIENTEERING ASSOCIATION

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Minutes of the Committee meeting held at 7.30pm on 23rd
April 2013 at Ilchester Town Hall

Those present

Officers: John Dyson, DEVON, Chairman; Richard Sansbury, QO, Fixtures Secretary; Arthur Vince, KERNO, Secretary.

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

Club Representatives: Richard Arman, WSX.

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

1 Apologies for absence

Mark Lockett, KERNO, Treasurer and Membership Secretary; Susan Hateley, SINS Editor.

2 Approval of Minutes for 19th February 2013

These were approved as correct.

3 Matters arising from those minutes

None.

4 Correspondence

4.1 A letter of thanks for their World Schools Championships grant from the Torquay Boys Grammar School team. Emails of thanks from Harry Butt and Michael Hallett for their grants for that event.

4.2 A letter from Erik Peckett requesting grant aid for attending IOF Map Commission meetings. See Item 10.3 below in AOB.

5 Finance and Membership

The SWOA accounts from 1st August 2012 to 21st April 2013 are given in Appendix 1 to these minutes.

5.1 SWOA Finances:

Funds in hand were £4117.71. Levy income was almost 50% of the budgeted amount of £6000 at £2990.90. Richard Sansbury asked that the £70 deposit for the home international accommodation in 2013 be kept separate from the English OC levy of £913 (see Note 1 in the accounts.)

5.2 Grant Requests for First Aid courses:

5.2.1 Financial background:

The budgeted amount for courses and training in this financial year is £1000. £590 has been spent, and a further £600 is due to Active Devon towards the cost of funding the UKCC Level 1 course held in Devon (see Item 9.1). Also, £75 for a UKCC Level 1 course will be due to Leanne Taylor of NWO. Therefore the total spent or committed is £1265. At the SWOA meeting

last December it was agreed to give grants of £50 for a two-day course and £25 for a one day course.

5.2.2 Current grant requests:

Katy Dyer was planning to organise a two-day course for 12 students from BOK and NGOC next August. Her preferred option would cost £1000, with another less suitable provider costing £750. Also, Carolyn Dent, the SARUM secretary had applied for a grant for a two-day course which cost £85.

5.2.3 Discussion:

A lengthy discussion revolved around the following issues:

The "appropriate" level of first aid at events.

Licensed coaches require a first aid certificate, which has to be renewed every three years.

A current count gave 46 licensed coaches in SWOA, Some, perhaps 4 or 6, get qualified via their work. A few are no longer active. Only UKCC Levels 2 and 3 need a two-day course. There are about 25 first-aiders who are not coaches, but the true number may be more. (Information from BOF data provided by Christine Vince.)

Clubs used to pay for St Johns or the Red Cross to provide first aid, so why should they not pay all the cost of training their first-aiders?

No conclusion about the correct level of grant aid and the conditions for giving it in future was reached. Amounts for the current requests were decided as below.

5.2.4 Decision on grant requests:

The Chairman proposed, seconded by Erik Peckett, that the BOK/NGOC course should get a grant of £500 (£41.67 per student). This was agreed nem con. Carolyn Dent was awarded a grant of £50. Noted that the Bristol course would take place in the next SWOA financial year, but the course fee might have to be paid in this financial year.

5.2.5 Grants in future:

It was obvious that the demand for training grants had been underestimated, and that budgeting for them needed serious thought. More information had to be sought from clubs. An increase in the SWOA levy might be needed to provide more available funds.

5.3 Grants for World Junior Orienteering Championships (JWOC):

Adam Potter of BOK and Lucy Butt of SARUM had been selected. The cost to athletes would be £200. The Potter family had asked for a grant; a request was

expected from Lucy Butt. Agreed to give both the standard grant of 50%, that is £100 each.

[Post meeting note: Lucy has now asked for a grant.]

6 Fixtures

6.1 Event Scheduling Group Meeting Report:

Richard Sansbury had attended a meeting of the BOF Event Scheduling Group. He reported that: the requirements for Area Championships, such as the Southern, which are at present Level A events, may be reduced due to the difficulty some regions found in staging them. The only UK League event in SWOA this year is the Salisbury urban event on 1st November. The Caddihoe Chase would be in the league in 2016, with an October date.

Richard said that the face to face Group meetings were invaluable, but there was inadequate BOF funding for two meetings a year. If necessary, regions would be asked to contribute equally to the expense. The meeting was in favour of this should it come about.

6.2 Galoppen Dates:

There will not now be three Galoppens on successive Sundays next October, as the KERNO event has been moved. Dates are: Devon OC, 13th October; WIM, 27th October; KERNO, 10th November.

6.3 British Championships 2015:

The dates for the 2015 British Individual and Relay Championships – to be staged by BOK – have been moved to April 18th & 19th from the early May Bank Holiday weekend.

6.4 Veteran Home International 2014:

The Senior Home International (SHI), an English Orienteering Council (EOC) event which rotates round the regions, was to have been staged by NGOC in 2014 in conjunction with the Caddihoe Chase. The SHI will now be replaced by a Veteran Home International.

6.5 SCOA Sprint Championships:

BOK (Katy Dyer) had received an enquiry from the SCOA Chairman about the possibility of using the SWOA Sprint Champs on 7th September as the SCOA sprint champs as well. There was no objection provided the SWOA competition rules were followed.

7 Controllers

A Grade C course will be held on 18th May at Haytor in conjunction with the Grade B course. Roger Hargreaves is the contact.

9 Coaching and Development

9.1 UKCC Level 1 Course:

Eight members of Devon OC had attended a Level 1 coach training course in March.

9.2 BOF Steering Group for Coaching:

The BOF Coaching Committee has been replaced by the Steering Group for Coaching, with a meeting on

18th May, which Christine Vince will be attending. The meeting is likely to cover coaching logs and Continuous Personal Development.

9.3 BOF Volunteer Needs Work Group

Christine reported that there had been a good response from clubs to a questionnaire sent out for the Volunteer Needs Work Group, of which she was a member. The next stage will be a follow-up 'phone call to the club contact. The aim is to find out what clubs need in the way of support, and what they do at present. The long-term goal is to promote a culture change to make volunteering normal, and to identify best practice to help clubs.

10 AOB and Matters raised by Club Representatives

10.1 SW Juniors in Yvette Baker Trophy final:

The Chairman remarked on the achievement of the BOK and Devon OC juniors in reaching the Yvette Baker Trophy Final; it was good to have two clubs with successful junior teams in the region.

10.2 English Orienteering Council AGM:

The Chairman had attended the EOC AGM, held on the JK weekend, to represent SWOA. He reported that the Council's work was rolling along successfully.

The EOC website is www.OrienteeringEngland.org.uk.

10.3 Grant aid for IOF meetings:

Erik Peckett had written asking for financial help to attend IOF Map Commission meetings. BOF now only supports the IOF President Brian Porteous, but not the four other members of IOF commissions. Erik is currently working on the revision of the ISOM2000 mapping standard, which may take another 12 -18 months. Although the British commission members do not directly represent the UK, Erik is concerned about a possible loss of British influence. IOF meetings are conducted in English. His expenses for attending the last meeting in Helsinki last January were £650; he wants to attend the meeting there next winter.

Erik's letter, sent out with these minutes, gives more details of his IOF work, which benefits all orienteers.

Your views on his request are required for the next SWOA meeting.

11 Next Meeting

Tuesday 11th June at Ilchester Town Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.35pm.

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

APPENDICES TO MINUTES

1 SWOA accounts to 21st April 2013