

SOUTH WEST ORIENTEERING ASSOCIATION

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Minutes of the Committee meeting held at 7.30pm on 24th
April 2012 at Ilchester Town Hall.

Those present

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

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

Club Representatives: QO, Judy Craddock (part-time); WSX Richard Arman.

1 Apologies for absence

Peter Brett, Committee; Jeff Butt, Committee; Susan Hateley, SINS Editor; Erik Peckett, Committee; Pat Macleod, NGOC representative.

2 Approval of Minutes for 28th February 2011

These were approved as correct.

3 Matters arising from those minutes

3.1 From Item 3.1, re record keeping. The Secretary had emailed Mike Hamilton for further information, but had not yet got a reply. He would pursue this matter.

3.2 From Item 3.3: The nomination of Roger Hargreaves for the BOF Events and Competitions Committee had been unsuccessful.

4 Correspondence

None.

5 Finance and Membership

The SWOA and SW Junior Squad accounts are Appendix 1 to these minutes. The SWOA accounts are to 24th April. Note that the SWJS accounts are to 25th April, later than those presented at the meeting which were for 13th April.

5.1 SWOA Finances:

The funds stood at £7688.69 as at 24th January. The bulk of membership fees have been received. The last SINS cost £163, well below the budgeted figure of £250. Levy for BAOC events: the Treasurer said that the levy due for two of them would be paid, but only for civilian competitors. The situation regarding the SW levy due for the British Night Champs. staged by SARUM had not been made clear before the event. The BOF and club view was that a regional levy was not payable for this British Champs. event; usually BOF would have a partnership agreement with the association staging a British Champs., which did not happen in this instance. The SWOA levy would have been £62.70; the Treasurer thought that we should not pursue this as the SWOA

levy for the SARUM event the day after came to £120.90. This was agreed.

5.2 SW Junior Squad finances:

Funds in hand were £1294.43 as at 13th April. Christine Vince asked if the income and expenditure for weekends could be included.

[Post meeting note: The accounts now show income and expenditure for weekends. £1000 (the budgeted sum for this financial year) has been moved from SWOA funds to the Squad fund to cover the cost of new O-tops and the Inter-regional championships. £1500 has been moved to the savings account.]

5.3 Lucy Butt of SARUM had been selected for the European Championships, for which no BOF funding is available. Her costs for entry fees and accreditation, travel and accommodation come to £499.80. It was agreed to give her a grant of £300.

Grants already given for training and courses are detailed in the accounts.

5.4 SWOA Fees for 2013:

A discussion paper and various options for fees/levy combinations had been circulated before the meeting.

5.4.1 Introduction:

The SWOA fees for 2013 had been fixed at the 2011 AGM at Senior £6, Junior £2, Family £9, Club £10. The BOF fees for 2013 will be Senior £5, Junior £2; there will be no Family membership option and one membership level, not both National and Local. BOF office needs to know our 2013 fees before 1st September for online entry renewals. If the above SWOA fees are to be changed, an EGM had to be called before then. The SWOA constitution requires that we use the same membership categories as BOF.

5.4.2 Opinions from Clubs:

KERNO: The top vote is for no fees and a 50p levy.
NWO: Low fees, and make up income from levies; the same levy structure as used by BOF at whatever the levy fee is; the BOF + SWOA fees for a family of two adults and two children should not cost more than current Local family membership. Either no fees and a 50p levy, or Senior/Junior fees of £3/£1 and a 28p levy preferred.

QO: Would like families not to see an increase in membership fees. They had enquired of BOF Office and been told that clubs and associations can keep a family membership option.

5.4.3 Discussion at meeting:

Judy Craddock stressed the importance of retaining families as members and that they were the basis of the sport – families were needed to keep juniors going; QO now had 26 family memberships. The Chairman commented that BOF had made an excellent

simplification and we should follow their example. The consensus was for the SWOA fees already set for 2013 to be reduced and perhaps set at zero, with an increased levy. The Treasurer would produce updated figures for fee/levy combinations for the next meeting.

5.4.4 EGM:

It was decided to call an EGM for 8th July at Bicton College, after the Devon Relays event, to decide the 2013 fees. A proposal on fees which took account of the levy needed to give the necessary income would be on the agenda of the next meeting. Note that the constitution requires that the levy is fixed by the committee.

Judy Craddock left the meeting at this point.

6 Fixtures

6.1 British Championships 2015:

The Fixtures Secretary, Richard Sansbury, was being put under pressure to commit SWOA to staging the British Long Distance (BOC) Championships in 2015. BOK were due to organise these in 2017. However BOF have not found any region willing for 2015, but could get one region for 2017. However BOK are due to stage the Caddihoe Chase with the Senior Home International (SHI) in 2014 using New Beechenhurst. If BOK do the BOC in 2015 then the two year embargo rule means that they cannot do the Caddihoe in 2014 on the same area., and another club or clubs would need to take it on. Richard presented four options.

A BOK agrees to do BOC 2015 and finds another venue for the Caddihoe/SHI in 2014.

B BOK says no to BOC 2015 but SWOA says yes; SWOA hosts it elsewhere, which means that BOK would lose it in 2017.

C BOK/SWOA say no to BOC in 2015 and stay with the current plan – which means the possibility of no BOC in 2015.

D BOK agrees to BOC 2015 and another club hosts the Caddihoe/SHI in 2015.

A fifth option was suggested, that the Caddihoe did not include the SHI, which would make staging it easier.

Richard thought that A was asking too much from BOK, B and C were undesirable, but D was a possibility. BOK would be meeting on Thursday 26th April to discuss this issue. The committee agreed to support BOK in their decision.

6.2 Level C Events:

BOF Rules Guideline A requires SWOA to assess the suitability of the terrain and the competency of unknown volunteer officials for this level of event. Richard said that he had neither the time, nor the information, to do this for some 30 events a year. The meeting agreed that in practice SWOA had to rely on the organising club and the event controller to make certain that all was in order.

7 Controllers

7.1 Grade B: James Head of NWO had applied to be upgraded from Grade C: he had fulfilled the necessary

requirements and his appointment to Grade B was approved. Dave Holmes of QO was retiring from controlling because of ill health.

7.2 Grade C: The case of Roger Craddock of QO. [See minutes for 28th February Item 7.2.]

The Secretary had had a reply from the QO Secretary, Jeff Pakes, saying that: Roger had the idea that BOF are the main administrators of his controller's status; the only event that Roger recalled controlling in recent years was a small night score event on 11th March 2012; his controller status was not an issue to him, given that he hardly ever controls events. Richard Sansbury commented that if Roger were not a registered controller then QO could have a difficulty with signing off some risk assessments. Discussion resulted in the Secretary being instructed to write to Roger, giving him until 31st December 2012 to control a Level C event; if this did not happen he would be taken off the list.

8 SWOA representative for EOC AGM on 5th May

The English Orienteering Council AGM will be at Levens, near Kendal, on Saturday 5th May, after the BOC Individual Championships. Nobody at this meeting was able to attend.

9 SW Junior Squad Report

None received.

10 Coaching and Development

10.1 Christine Vince's report from the BOF Coaching Committee meeting on 17th March is Appendix 2 to these minutes.

10.2 Club Development and Coaching:

Christine's report is Appendix 3 to these minutes.

10.3 Universities and Higher Education Colleges: Erik Peckett had reported no progress on this.

11 AOB and Matters raised by Club Representatives

11.1 The Secretary reported that Dave Holmes intended to give up scoring the Galoppen, so a new person had to be found for this job next season. Secretary to advertise the vacancy.

12 Date and Venue for SWOA AGM.

Agreed that it should be on 15th September – Day 1 of the Caddihoe Chase. Secretary to ask SARUM to find a room.

13 Next Meeting

Tuesday 19th June at Ilchester Town Hall.

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

APPENDICES TO MINUTES

- 1 SWOA and SWJS accounts
- 2 BOF Coaching Committee Report
- 3 Club Development Report