

# SOUTH WEST ORIENTEERING ASSOCIATION

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Minutes of the Committee meeting held at 7.00 pm on  
7 March 2018 at the Corner House Hotel, Taunton TA1 4DQ

## Those present:

Officers: Katy Dyer BOK (Secretary); Richard Sansbury QO (Fixtures); Committee Members: Dick Keighley WIM; Erik Peckett DEVON; Nicholas Maxwell DEVON; Christine Vince KERNO.

Club representatives: Alan Honey BOK; Carol Iddles BOK; Rosie Wych QO; Jeff Pakes QO; Pat Hart SARUM; Brian Hart SARUM; Julie Astin WSX.

CEO British Orienteering: Peter Hart

**Chairman for SWOA meetings.** In the absence of a chairman, this meeting was chaired by Dick Keighley as agreed at the AGM.

The Committee welcomed Peter Hart CEO British Orienteering to the meeting. See item 13.

## 1. Apologies for absence

Jeff Butt SARUM (SWJS Manager); Pete Maliphant BOK (SWJS Deputy Manager); Mark Lockett KERNO (Treasurer, Committee); Bryan Smith, DEVON chairman; Chris Johnson, BOK secretary; Caroline Craig, NGOC secretary; Rob Buckby, NWO chairman; Tom Dobra UBOC.

## 2. Approval of Minutes for the SWOA meeting of 29 November 2017

The minutes were approved as a correct record.

## 3. Matters arising from those minutes

None.

## 4. Acknowledgements

None.

## 5. Finance

5.1 Treasurer and Membership Secretary's report: Income and Expenditure from 01 August 2017 to 05 March 2018. Balance in hand is £7007.78. For SWOA accounts and budget, see [Appendix 1](#).

5.2 Budget SWOA. The revised budget 2017/2018 (v3) is shown in [Appendix 1](#). The budget for courses' costs has been raised to £2500 (See item 5.1 of Minutes, 29 November 2017).

5.2.1 Richard Sansbury expressed concern that the proposed run-down of the budget would make SWOA vulnerable to financial risks of the SWOA Major Events commitments (British Sprints and Middles Championships [BSpMC] 2018 and JK 2021). Christine Vince (coordinator BSpMC 2018) said a balanced budget for BSpMC is predicted if expected numbers of participants attend. Alan Honey suggested the policy of running down the SWOA budget is reviewed after BSpMC. All agreed. [Mark Lockett](#)

5.3 Grants. Requests for grants have been agreed by email. Grant request from Tom Dobra UBOC requires further checking. [Mark Lockett](#).

5.3.1 Katy Dyer will send the CEO the SWOA grant policy information contained in the document 'What SWOA Does'. [Katy Dyer](#)

5.4 Expenses: none not dealt with elsewhere.

## 6. Fixtures

6.1.1 Update on SW Championships

a. SW Long Distance Champs will be on Day 1 of SARUM's Caddihoe Chase 2018. SARUM are proposing to use military land, where there is a risk that permissions could be withdrawn on two weeks' notice. An alternative standby location is still being sought. [Richard Sansbury](#),

b. SW Middle Distance Champs will be on Day 3 of the Tamar Triple 2018 (DEVON).

c. SW Sprint Champs 2018 will now be hosted by QO on Sunday 19 August 2018.

6.1.2 SW Summer Relays

a. The SW Relays 2018 are now confirmed: NOW, 10 June; BOK, Adams Avery 17 June; QO, 23 June; WIM, Furrow Hoppers 01 July; SARUM, Moonraker 08 July; WESSEX, Hardy 15 July; DEVON, 22 July.

b. The scoring system is to remain as the best 4 scores to count. The scoring system will be passed to the new scorer who has yet to be appointed. [Katy Dyer](#)

6.1.3 The SARUM Saunter has been rescheduled for 18 March due to bad weather. (Post meeting: it was cancelled due to further snow).

6.1.4 The Compass Sport Cup/Trophy (CSC) round (QO) on 11 March 2018 was cancelled due to snow. Clubs are asked to assist in finding a new date. The CSC coordinator has been informed. [Richard Sansbury](#).

6.1.5 Clubs are asked to bid for:

a. Southern Night Championships 2019

b. Yvette Baker Trophy final 2020

c. Caddihoe Chase 2020

d. Junior Home International (JHI) 2020

6.2 SWOA Fixtures' Survey: held over to next time.

The Committee thanked Richard Sansbury for his work, especially in dealing with cancellations.

6.3 British Sprints and Middles Championships 2018. It was agreed a significant financial loss is unlikely. See item 5.2.1. For the coordinator's latest report including Finances, see [Appendix 2](#). [Christine Vince](#)

6.4 JK2021. Nothing further to report. [Christine Vince](#)

## 7. SW Junior Squad

The whole of the SWJS managing and support team was thanked for their work. For an excellent review of SWJS activities in 2017, see [Appendix 3](#).

## 8. Volunteers

8.1 Recent training courses:

- a. Event Safety Workshop: WSX on 9 December 2017; for report, see [Appendix 4](#).
- b. First Aid courses: WSX 02 December 2017 and QO 07 December 2017.

8.2 Training courses arranged:

- a. Mapping course: BOK, March 2018.
- b. UKCC Level 2 coaching course: BOK, 24/25 March and 21 April 2018.
- c. Event Safety Workshop: BOK, 28 April 2018.
- d. Grade C controllers' course: BOK, 12 May 2018.

8.3 Training courses proposed/needed:

- a. Organisers' course: SARUM, date tbc. [Katy Dyer](#)

8.4 SWOA Volunteer Coordinator: nothing to report. [Christine Vince](#)

8.5 British Orienteering has designed a new Organisers' course called 'Basic Event Workshop', which can be found on the BOF website. See <Get involved <Organising and Planning events <Resource Library <Basic Event Workshop. It has been used by BOK and is recommended. [Katy Dyer](#)

## 9. Controllers

9.1 Kevin Pickering WIM was approved as a Grade C controller. Proposed by Richard Sansbury and seconded by Katy Dyer. Carried nem.com. [Arthur Vince](#)

9.2 For the Recorder of Controllers' report, see [Appendix 5](#).

## 10. Development

Peter Hart will ask Phil Conway (BOF English Development Officer for SW) to send a report of his work in the SW to SWOA. [Peter Hart](#), [Katy Dyer](#)

## 11. Coaching

SWOA needs a new Coaching Representative. The job description is not readily available from the BOF website; a transcription of a job description (taken from the minutes of a recent meeting of the Coaching CPD Steering Group) is shown in [Appendix 6](#). [Christine Vince](#)

## 12. Other SWOA business

12.1 Webmaster Nath Fernandes has implemented excellent improvements to the SWOA website. Clubs provide pictures for the Home page monthly. [Katy Dyer](#).

12.2 New coordinator for SWOA Relays still required. The job description is advertised in the November SINS. [Katy Dyer](#)

12.3 A new SWOA Secretary is needed from the next AGM. The job is advertised in December SINS. [Katy Dyer](#)

12.4 New Emergency number for BOF CEO has been sent to SWOA clubs. [Katy Dyer](#)

12.5 New SW Championship Rules were approved by all and are on the SWOA website. [Katy Dyer](#)

## 13. Peter Hart CEO of British Orienteering.

13.1 This item was heard first before other committee work. Peter Hart answered many questions and took part in lively discussion. A list of questions collated from clubs before the meeting and, with the CEO's preliminary

observations post meeting, is shown at [Appendix 7](#). The observations are not BOF policies. [Katy Dyer](#)

13.2 Peter Hart said he welcomed any questions and comments from clubs and individuals at any time. [Katy Dyer](#)

## 14. Any Other Business including matters raised by club representatives

None not already dealt with.

## 15. Date and venue of next committee meeting

**TUESDAY 8 MAY 2018**

**7.00pm**

**The Corner House Hotel, Taunton TA1 4DQ**

*These minutes are subject to formal approval at the next SWOA Committee meeting. You are invited to send comments on these Minutes to the secretary before the next meeting.*

### Appendices to minutes:

Appendix 1 - SWOA accounts and budget

Appendix 2 - British Sprints and Middle Championships 2018 coordinator's report

Appendix 3 - SWJOS review 2017

Appendix 4 - Volunteer Courses' reports

Appendix 5 - Recorder of Controllers' report

Appendix 6 - Coaching Representative, job description

Appendix 7 - Questions for Peter Hart CEO BOF with his post meeting observations

## Appendix 1 to SWOA Minutes, 07 March 2018 - SWOA Accounts and Budget

### SOUTH WEST ORIENTEERING ASSOCIATION

Accounts for the period 01 August 2017 to 5 March 2018

		Budget	
		17/18	
<b>INCOME</b>			
Event Levies	4,949.40	7700	
Interest	1.20	4	
Colour Coded Badges	0.00	15	
BOF Major Event Conference	435.00	435	
Total Income	5,385.60	8154	
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>			
English O.C.	718.00	718	Annual Affiliation Fee to English OC
SINS	0.00	0	SW Newsletter Printing and Postage (currently not being produced)
Officials Expenses	58.00	150	
Committee Expenses	190.42	300	Room hire, meetings and AGM, Travel Expenses, National Meetings
Competition Expenses	15.00	200	Gallopen Trophies and Certificates, SW Champs Certificates
Tour Grants	301.00	3500	Training camps, international competitions, home internationals, Interland
Junior Squad	0.00	1500	Support the running of the SW Junior Squad.
Grants for Courses	2,266.15	2500	First Aid Courses for Coaches, Event Safety Courses, Controllers Courses, Mapping/OCAD Courses
Web Site Expenses	448.39	350	Website updates, Domain Name
Major Events/BOF Conference	0.00	200	Committee/SWOA Representative at Major Events/BOF Conference
Club Conference	148.89	150	
SW Planning Conference	371.80	400	
BOF Major Event Conference 2017	442.15	443	
British Champs 2018 Start Up Fund	704.64	2565	
JK 2021	101.50	100	
Total Expenditure	5,765.94	13076	
Surplus of Expenditure	-380.34	-4,922.00	
Balance B/Fwd 01/08/17	7,388.12		
Surplus of Expenditure	-380.34		
Balance in Hand	£7,007.78		
Represented by:			
Current Account	1,014.64		
Business Money Manager			
Account	5,993.14		
	7,007.78		

## Appendix 2 to SWOA Minutes, 07 March 2018

### British Sprint and Middle Championships 2018 coordinator's report

The team are planning to do a lot of work at the JK, meeting the various contractors and other team members. A team from the BOK Junior Squad will leaflet cars on one day of the JK; the publicity officer has had 5000 postcards printed which will find their way round the country to various events. SPORTident have been given the contract to do the entries, start lists and results, with a go-live date for entries planned for just after the JK weekend. The contractors for supplying the toilets, marquees and First Aid are being asked for quotations and orders should be placed in April. The Stockhill map was completed last year, and the Bath University map is nearing completion (bar the final polishing once the courses for both events have been designed). Plans for each day's arena and parking are being worked up, and various site visits have been made. The day organisers and the publicity officer have produced pages for the website which is nearly ready to go live.

Christine Vince, coordinator

## Appendix 3 to SWOA Minutes, 07 March 2018

### SWJOS Review of 2017

By Pete Maliphant and Dave Hanstock



The South West Junior Squad provides a focus and a series of training activities for developing junior talent within the South West. Athletes from BOK, Devon, NGOC and Wimborne make up the current squad. Over the past year, the achievements of current and recent SWJOS members have been very impressive, so we thought it worth sharing these with all the SWOA clubs.

#### Squad Training

Most training takes place during September-March aimed at achieving peak performances in the main Championships and selection races in March, April and May. 2017 began with a one-day session at Ashton Court, followed by a weekend comprising a track session in Exeter, training on Dartmoor and a race at Polly Joke. For our Christmas Weekend, technical training at Ham Hill was followed by a trip to the QO Galoppen. In January we had a training day on Cannop Ponds, followed by a residential weekend at Penhale in mid-February.

The squad then headed into the big races last Spring, with the following notable results:

#### Northern Orienteering Championships at Bigland - February

Oliver Tonge, Jim Bailey and Joe Hudd set the tone for the rest of the season with a clean sweep - 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> in M14. Guy Owen 2<sup>nd</sup> M12, Eddie Narbett 3<sup>rd</sup> M18, Cecilie Andersen 2<sup>nd</sup> in W20E.

#### Midland Championship weekend - March

A special junior sprint selection event was held at Warwick University. Cecilie Andersen and Chloe Potter finished 1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> and Eddie Narbett came 10<sup>th</sup> on the men's course. Next day at the Midland Championships at Bentley Wood, Jim Bailey, Joe Hudd and Oliver Tonge finished 1-2-3 again in M14, Eddie Narbett and Zac Hudd were 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> on M18E, Chloe and Cecilie were 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in W20E.

#### England Team for Interland in the Ardennes - April

Interland is held annually against teams from France, Belgium and the Netherlands. Jim Bailey and Oliver Tonge made their international debut in 2017 and helped the England team to victory, coming 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> in M14.

#### JK Weekend - April

In the JK Sprint at Brunel University, Oliver Tonge and Jim Bailey continued their fine form with 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> in M14. Cecilie Andersen was 3<sup>rd</sup> British competitor on W20E. JK Days 2 and 3 were held in the Guildford area. Chloe Potter took the victory in W20E, which helped her selection for the Junior World Orienteering Championships. Oliver Tonge was 2<sup>nd</sup> on M14.

### **World Schools Orienteering Champs in Sicily - April**

The World Schools Orienteering Champs, with competitors from 27 countries, consists of Long Distance and Middle Distance races, plus a Friendship relay with mixed international teams. SWJOS members Jim Bailey and Flurry Grierson were selected, with Flurry finishing a superb 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Middle Distance race.

### **British Long Champs at High Dam - May**

Eddie Narbett came 2<sup>nd</sup> on M18E, Cecilie Andersen and Chloe Potter 3<sup>rd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> on W20E, Jim Bailey and Oliver Tonge 2<sup>nd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> in M14. There were also top 12 results for Michael Hallett M20E, Lucy Tonge W18E and Edith Stagg W14.

### **Junior World Orienteering Champs in Finland - July**

Cecilie Andersen, targeting the sprint race, came a superb 20<sup>th</sup> out of 150, less than 90 seconds down on the winner. Chloe Potter finished a creditable 52<sup>nd</sup>. Cecilie and Chloe were 34<sup>th</sup> and 71<sup>st</sup> in the Long final and they also ran together in the relay with their GB team coming in 23<sup>rd</sup> place. Overall the GB team achieved a respectable 6<sup>th</sup> place.

Chloe, Eddie and Zac were also selected for the GB team at the Junior European Cup In Austria, where Eddie finished an outstanding 6<sup>th</sup> in the Sprint only 45 seconds down on the winner.

### **Junior Regional Orienteering Squads (JROS) Summer Camps**

Based on selection races in Spring 2017, JROS selected athletes for four summer camps:

Oliver Tonge, Jim Bailey, Rebecca Ward, Lizzie Horsler and ex-SWJOS Joe Hudd were selected for the Lagganlia training camp held near Aviemore, for the top 24 M/W14s.

Sarah Horsler was selected for the Deeside camp near Aberdeen for top M/W16 athletes.

Lucy Tonge, Harry McMurtrie and ex-SWJOS Zac Hudd were selected for the Stockholm training camp, which uses the OK Ravine' club hut and is aimed at the top 15-20 M/W17's.

There is also the Gothenburg training camp for M/W18s and M/W20s.

### **Summer International Events**

Eddie Narbett achieved a top 20 result at the Swedish O-Ringen in the highly competitive M18 course, whilst Cecilie Andersen and Chloe Potter were 4<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> in the Women's Elite Middle Distance race at the Canadian Championships.

### **Scottish 6 Days in Deeside - August**

Notable performances included Joe Hudd, Jim and Oliver, 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> on M14, Eddie Narbett a very respectable 7<sup>th</sup> on M18 and top 15 results from Michael Hallett M20, Lucy Tonge W18 and Ruby Owen W14.

### **Junior Inter Regional Championships - September**

The pinnacle of the Regional Squads' competitive season is the Junior Inter Regional Championships, this year held near Guildford, with teams of 24 (4 each of M/W14, M/W16 & M/W18) from each region.

Scotland has the strongest squad by far (well, they are a country ...!) but the South West team achieved an excellent 4<sup>th</sup>, very close behind the North West and Yorkshire squads.

The South West won the Boys Relay, with Jim Bailey, Flurry Grierson and Eddie Narbett delivering a convincing victory. A fitting climax to Eddie's time with the squad.

### **British Sprint and Middle Distance Championships - September**

As the new season started, there were some further excellent results at the British Sprint and Middle Championships. Jim Bailey won the M14 Sprint, with Joe and Oliver 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> again. Cecilie Andersen, running up as W21E, came a brilliant 6<sup>th</sup>.

The Middle Championships were held at a rather damp Wendover Woods. There were victories for Cecilie Andersen (W20) and Jim Bailey. Other podium positions went to Oliver Tonge (2<sup>nd</sup> M14) and Lucy Tonge (2<sup>nd</sup> W18), with Michael Hallett 4<sup>th</sup> M20 and Millie Stagg 5<sup>th</sup> W18.

### **England Team at Junior Home Internationals (JHI) - October**

Jim, Oliver, Joe, Lucy and Eddie were all selected for the England JHI team. For the relay, SWJOS filled all the boys' first team with our JIRCs winning team of Jim, Flurry Grierson and Eddie delivering an excellent 4<sup>th</sup> place to help England achieve a slim victory over Scotland.

## **Southern Championships - November**

Jim Bailey won M14 once again, with podium positions going to Tom Perry (2<sup>nd</sup> M14), Rebecca Ward (3<sup>rd</sup> W14), Jack Forrest (2<sup>nd</sup> M16), Sarah Horsler (1<sup>st</sup> W16), Harry Fox, Harry McMurtrie and Dominic Walker (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> M18).

Meanwhile, SWJOS got back into training for the 2018 season peak: We held a two-day training camp on Dartmoor after the Compass Sport Cup Final, followed by a day at Cannop Ponds and the Christmas weekend in the Forest of Dean. This ended with a run at the BOK Galoppen, where SWJOS Juniors filled 5 of the top 7 places on Light Green and 7 of the Green top 10.

The South-West is fortunate to have a very talented set of juniors, who much appreciate all the support they receive from parents, friends and coaches. We expect 2018 will bring further successes SWOA Juniors.

The South West Junior Orienteering Squad comprises juniors and coaches/adult helpers from all over the SWOA region. The squad is led by Jeff Butt (SARUM) and Pete Maliphant (BOK), with the help of many parents and other coaches.

WJOS provides development opportunities for junior athletes who are usually bottom year M/W14 or older, willing to and able to travel widely for their orienteering and keen to progress beyond Light Green courses, club and local races, to compete in major races nationally and progress towards the British Orienteering Talent Development Programme.

If you have anyone in your club who would like to find out more, or come along to a SWJOS 'taster session' please do contact any of the SWJOS families, Jeff Butt (SARUM) or me Pete Maliphant.

**By Pete Maliphant and Dave Hanstock  
February 2018**

## **Appendix 4 to SWOA Minutes, 07 March 2018**

### **VOLUNTEER COURSES' REPORTS**

#### **1. Event Safety Workshop (WSX), Saturday 09 December 2017**

We acted as Tutors for a SWOA registered Event Safety & Welfare Workshop, held at Avon Country Park, near Ringwood on Saturday 9th December 2017. The workshop organiser was Julie Astin of WSX.

Eight members of WSX, SARUM & QO participated in the workshop which, from the feedback, was well received. Originally there were eleven names on our list but illness and family problems led to three people having to withdraw at the last moment.

Richard Keighley WIM  
John Warren WIM  
Course Tutors

## **Appendix 5 to SWOA Minutes, 07 March 2018**

### **RECORDER OF CONTROLLERS' REPORT**

1 Training courses:

A BOF Grade C course will be held by BOK on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May, with Mark Dyer as the tutor.

2 Application for appointment:

Kevin Pickering, WIM, has applied to be appointed to Grade C.

He fulfils the necessary requirements so his application can be approved by the committee. Please note that as he is his club's chairman and the club secretary is working abroad, the application has been signed on behalf of the club by a member of the committee.

Arthur Vince  
5th March 2018

## **Appendix 6 to SWOA Minutes, 07 March 2018**

### **Association Coaching Representative (ACR) Roles and Responsibilities**

The Association Coaching Representative is one of a group of volunteers who support the development of orienteering within their association.

The main areas of responsibility of the ACR cover:

- Develop effective communication links for the purposes of continuing personal development (CPD) with:
  - Club Coaching Organisers where they exist.
  - Coaches who are members of the association.
  - The Association general committee.
- Work with the Association in developing their coaching workforce through club links to:
  - identify where gaps exist which affect participant pathways and target coach education opportunities accordingly.
  - provide input into the scheduling of coach education & training
  - support coaches to maintain their licence to coach by ratifying their CPD log when required and providing appropriate feedback on their log.
  - ensure coaches in the association have CPD opportunities, advice and information.
- Together with members of the NSGC (National Source Group for Coaching), the coaching CPD group has the responsibility to assess & moderate the CPD programme & licence to coach scheme
- Report to the association committee on coaching related matters.
- Any other activities or business as is reasonably requested by the association in support of the general development of Coaching within the association.

**Questions from clubs for Peter Hart CEO**

Questions from clubs in bold and observations by Peter Hart CEO post meeting are not in bold.

**1. Relations with Forestry Commission Forest of Dean. Ban on parking on forest roads for future events. Alan Honey and Greg Best. See note 1 below. This item was also discussed at length in the meeting.**

**2. Database of BOF membership and qualifications must be accurate (to prevent lapsed members being appointed as officials or being part of SI archive and to ensure qualified people are appointed). Alan Honey. See note 2 below.**

Agree and this has more implications with GDPR fast approaching, I will look into this as it appears to me to be around how and when the companies download and use the data.

**3. Change of BOF 'Activity' registration rules is requested to allow training courses (e.g. first aid, event safety workshops (ESW), controllers, organisers, planners) to be registered as 'Activities' thus allowing other clubs and regions to see what is available. This should include a filter system for ease of search. Katy Dyer (and Rowan Purkis SEOA). See note 3 below.**

I have looked into this, the current status is that it is not viewed as an activity (increase participation) which is why it doesn't fall under this category; there is a tab (albeit well hidden) which might be more appropriate for it – Partners in "O" – current courses – there are some courses in here and perhaps it would be more relevant here but I take on the suggestion as to why it cannot be an event – I will at some point look into this and what impact it might have.

**4. No information is currently on BOF website about:**

- a. The content of ESWs or how to become an ESW tutor.
- b. The content of controllers' courses, Grades C, B and A.
- c. BOF Planners' course like the new 'Basic Event Workshop' for organisers.

**Katy Dyer. See note 4 below.**

I understand the chair of the Events & Competitions committee Chris Phillips is responsible for this area and I am seeing him next week and I have added it to my agenda. Looking at the structure of this, it does appear that this particular committee structure could be reviewed to make it more efficient and we will be discussing this as well.

**5. When and who updates ESWs and Controllers' courses? They have been around for some time and there is a strong feeling they need a central updating. Is a PowerPoint presentation the best way? Anecdotally tutors seem to add and take away bits to suit. How are any revisions/updates promulgated by BOF? Katy Dyer.**

Events & Competitions Committee.

**6. When will BOF Rules and Appendices change to reflect new names of events (e.g. Level C is now known as regional)? Katy Dyer.**

Events & Competitions Committee.

**7. What is the Register of Licensed Event Officials, where is it and who maintains it, how do you get on it and who decides which level of official you are? See BOF Appendix C para 1.1.5.**

Events & Competitions Committee.

**8. Need to change job description of Safety Officer (SO) to include new ruling (2017 I think) that the Safety Officer for Major Events is appointed by Event and Competitions Committee. See SO job description under 'Resources' on BOF website. Katy Dyer.**

I do not see why this cannot be changed and will look into it.

**9. In BOF Rules there are two rules called 'Safety' (i.e. Rule 7 and Rule 14). Why? Katy Dyer.**

I don't know, from my quick review of the rules; it does appear that our rules reflect the IOF rules – I don't know if this is the case or not – I will bring this up with Chris Phillips.



**10. Why is the BOF Accident report form referred to as the Incident report form in the Rules and official documents? It always used to be called the Incident report form. Katy Dyer.**

I can see that there is a requirement for some careful reading and updating of the documentation – I have noticed this in some parts of the Rules.

**11. Is it BOF or BO? Why do we still have and use two names? Carol Iddles.**

Interesting point, both are correct in terms that the company is British Orienteering Federation Limited but trade as British Orienteering; we shouldn't be using BO – as for acronyms – I am totally confused with some of the names/acronyms of clubs in the sport.

**12. If people leave a club and join another between November and December, no notification of the new membership is sent to the new club. Carol Iddles.**

This is a timing issue and I will talk to Scott to obtain a better understanding – I fully understand that on membership renewal in November might not transfer across to a new club but the membership of the clubs should be up to date in January of each year but I am not sure how the notification of changes is managed – if at all.

The other issue which does not make sense to me is having a single date of renewal as this has resource issues at the end of the year and disadvantages late joiners – I will investigate other options here in due course.

**13. Can the BOF Map Group be revived? Erik Peckett**

We do have a **Map Advisory Group** with the terms of reference being:

**Report** on matters related to mapping; liaise with IOF Map Commission on mapping matters; provide technical advice, guidance and support on all mapping matters – what are you particularly after?

**14. Concerns about the high cost of UK major events compared to continental events and potential negative effect on new participants. Rosie Wych.**

Whilst I accept that you can compare the cost of events with those abroad, what we are not looking at is the cost of hosting the events; from my limited understanding, the cost of access in this country is far higher, and will only increase in my view, and this is only one element that is reflected in the cost of the event. Similarly, when organising events, the cost of accommodation in this country is extortionate in comparison with other countries.

In respect of new participants, I am not sure that the major events are the most appropriate for new members; they should be focussing on local and regional events before progressing onto national events and festivals.

**15. What's British Orienteering's plan / strategy to keep / maintain younger orienteers (16-24) participating in the sport? Jack Benham. See note 5 below.**

This is a massive challenge for sport as a whole and not just orienteering. At this stage the development officers are working with clubs to improve the experience of participating and also enabling the voice of young people being heard. It is at the early stages of development but there have been some really good successes. This initiative will only capture those that already do the sport and likely to encourage those that are at the talent and performance end of the sport. We do need to keep participation interested (non-performance/talented athletes) at this age group especially with all the competing interests/demands on their time and focus. We are also looking at supporting more university clubs but as with any club, especially new clubs, you are reliant on a very good volunteer(s) to drive it forward. We are also trying to encourage young people onto committees so that their voice can be heard – it is difficult given the timings of meetings etc as they interfere with studying and training!

**16. What are the Future Developments of the sport? i.e. more sprint relay events etc? Jack Benham.**

Forgive me I am new so what I say is not a reflection of policy of the organisation or board or indeed possible future direction but the question does pose the opportunity for healthy debate.

Before interview I attended the British Sprint Championships in Milton Keynes. Prior to this, the only orienteering I had experienced was forest orienteering. I must admit I was really impressed with the event. For me it opened up a huge potential for the sport and meant that we could forge links with local councils and

communities that had never had the opportunity before – with this and urban orienteering there are huge possibilities for the sport that were not there before.

I understand that the French Federation has put a bid into the organisers of the 2024 Olympics for urban orienteering.

In February I read an article which states:

*Olympic Broadcasting Services (OBS) chief executive believes that urban and youth-oriented sports should be favoured for inclusion on the Games programme as they are most likely to drive better audiences.*

I am aware that the IOF are pushing sprint events more and more, plus the relay events as they are so exciting. But this does also present a problem in that the sport faces a decision similar to that of cricket – do we continue to go down the route of five day test matches or focus on T20 events.

Young people are needed to keep the sport alive vs those that enjoy the run out in the countryside – a bit dilemma and no winners.

To answer your question, I think that the IOF and bigger events will focus more on the shorter events such as the sprint and sprint relays and we will have to maintain a balance between the forest events and shorter competitions.

#### **17. Why is the social media content lacking? Jack Benham.**

I accept that this is an area that we can quickly improve on without a drain on resources – however, you still do need stories/videos.

I would more than welcome your thoughts on how we could improve the above as they would be most welcomed at this stage of my development as I start to put plans into place.

#### **18. Relations with the DIO, Natural England, the Forestry Commission and The National Trust. Brian Hart. See note 6 below. This item was also discussed at the meeting.**

I am still collating evidence on this before moving forward. Each organisation is set up differently which poses challenges in itself. We do recommend where possible that the best result is through local negotiation and agreement.

In respect of the Forestry Commission, we did have a national guidelines agreement which has expired. We do have concerns about re-negotiating this as the impact is likely to result in an increase in usage fees.

DIO, I am aware of this and waiting further meetings with other Associations and evidence in terms of cost of accessing land as this is one of the key arguments (comparable to other organisations) from DIO. I do believe it is worth approaching them highlighting that we are a not-for-profit organisation, the charges are not comparable – it would be helpful if members could give me ideas on charges that they are experiencing for access.

#### **NOTES**

1. *NGOC has already raised this issue with BOF together with BOK. NGOC is engaged in discussion with the Forestry Commission Forest of Dean.*

2. *BOK has already raised this issue with BOF.*

3. *Currently the following courses **may not** be registered as ‘Activities’ on BOF website: - ‘Coach Education Courses and volunteer training courses: This includes coaching courses, Event Safety Workshops and any other officials training e.g. Controllers. - Meetings: The activities registration system should not be used for registering or advertising Association/Club member meetings. It is not a requirement of the public liability insurance cover provided by British Orienteering.’*

*But the Grade C Controller Course for example, requires outdoor exercises on event type terrain (e.g. woodland) so the BOF insurance is needed surely?*

4. *Katy raised these issues with Craig Anthony (06.03.2018). Craig has set up the ‘Basic Event Workshop’ and it is on the BOF website - see BOF Home page < Get Involved <Organising and Planning events <Resource library <Basic Event Workshop.*

5. *Jack Benham, active M21.*

6. *SARUM has already raised these issues with BOF.*