

SOUTH WESTERN ORIENTEERING ASSOCIATION

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Minutes of the Committee meeting held at 7.30pm on
17th September 2013 at Ilchester Town Hall.

Those present:

Officers: Katy Dyer (Secretary); Richard Sansbury QO, (Fixtures Secretary).

Committee Members: Christine Vince, KERNO; Erik Peckett, DEVON.

Club representative: Mark Dyer BOK

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

1. Appointment of Chairman for the meeting

Christine Vince was appointed chair for the meeting.

2. Apologies for absence

Jeff Butt, SARUM (SW junior squad); Peter Brett DEVON (committee); Trevor Bridle WIM; Mark Lockett KERNO (treasurer and membership secretary); Susan Hateley, SINS editor.

3. Approval of Minutes for 11 June 2013

These were approved as a correct record.

4. Matters arising from those minutes

No matters arising.

5. Approval of AGM Minutes for 7 Sept 2013

These were approved as a correct record.

6. Matters arising from those AGM minutes

6.1 From Item 14.1. Anne Donnell administrator of SWOA colour coded badge scheme wishes to step down. Secretary to advertise job in next SINS.

8. Correspondence

None

9. Finance and Membership

9.1 No report.

9.2 Following Item 5.5 at the last meeting 11 June 2013 the committee recommended no increase to the SWOA 60p levy which starts 1 Jan 2014. Proposed Katy Dyer, seconded Christine Vince.

10. Fixtures

10.1 Clubs are reminded of the BOF requirement to register all events with BOF.

10.2 The Fixtures secretary, Richard, will be attending the Event Scheduling Group meeting in Birmingham in October. It is funded by BOF.

10.3 SWOA Middle Distance Champs 2014. Richard has been unable to find a club to host this. The committee agreed he could ask clubs to change a long distance

event/galoppen/other event into a middle distance champs.

10.4 Potential pile up of galoppens in Oct 2014. WIM to be asked to move their date.

10.5 Caddihoe Chase. Traditionally held by DEVON every other year (they initiated it). Committee agreed that DEVON could hold CC in 2015

10.6 Caddihoe Chase 2016. Interest for this shown by SARUM plus WIM/WSSX. May/may not include Southern Champs and UK O League.

10.7 SWOA championships in general. Committee agreed to retain the current system (that clubs bid to hold a champs) rather than change to a rota procedure.

10.8 Compass Sport Cup final 20 Oct 2013. Mark Dyer BOK organiser report attached as Appendix 1

10.9 Caddihoe Chase 2014 hosted by NGOC (includes VHIs). Pat Macleod NGOC organiser report attached as Appendix 2.

10.10 BOF Long and Relays champs. Lead club BOK. Dave Urch BOK coordinator report attached as Appendix 3.

11. Controllers

Arthur Vince remains Recorder of Controllers and is revising the SWOA controllers' list for the SWOA website. Chris Kelsey BOK was approved as a Grade B controller.

12. Succession planning SWOA committee

12.1 Secretary to prepare list of actions to improve attendance by clubs at SWOA meetings. To work with John Woodall on this.

12.2 Erik Peckett suggested more interest could be generated by;

a. Rota for meeting venues amongst clubs.

b. Change of night.

Richard Sansbury suggested SWOA not seen as vital.

John Woodall cited example of EMOA where active canvassing at events, real threat of EMOA disappearance, offers of refreshments all helped to spark interest.

12.2 Committee agreed to appoint a chairman for each meeting until further notice. Richard Sansbury will be chair at the next meeting.

13. SW Junior Squad report

13.1 Report attached as Appendix 4.

13.2 Committee offered congratulations to all juniors selected for England at the Home International.

14. Coaching and Development

14.1 **Coaching** . Nil report

14.2 **Development**. Christine Vince reported general concerns that courses for age groups of 75year olds upwards are grouped unfairly due to decreased physical ability; BOF is looking at the class combinations for the older age groups.

Galoppen short Green ok for 75year olds and very short Green better for 80year olds. Christine to check BOF proposals.

15. Any Other Business

15.1 Association and Club Conference Sat 19 Oct. Committee agreed Christine Vince will attend as SWOA rep. Secretary to check which other clubs are going

15.2 Steve Rose DEVON to retire as grade C controller.

15.3 Recorder of Controllers Arthur Vince requested direct access to Nathan Fernandes (web master) to post items on SWOA web site. Secretary said she had already asked Nathan to link with Arthur.

15.4 Erik said clubs need mappers and suggested a SWOA LIDAR mapping course possibly at Millfield School in the New Year.

15.5 Mark Dyer suggested SWOA put on other courses too eg planners' course. Clubs putting on courses should advertise them to other clubs.

15.6 Christine expressed concern over lack of BOF coaching direction ie coaching committees disbanded but not replaced.

15.7 It was agreed to reduce the number of committee meetings in the winter and the February and April meetings will be combined into a single meeting in early March.

16. Next meeting

THURSDAY 28 NOV 2013 at Ilchester Town Hall.

Hot drinks and biscuits will be provided.

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

Appendices to Minutes

1. Compass Sport Cup final 2013 report.
2. Caddihoe Chase 2014 report.
3. British Long and Relay Champs 2015 report.
4. SW Junior Squad report.

Appendix 1 to SWOA minutes 17 Sept 2013

Compass Sport Cup final report – Mark Dyer BOK organiser

Permissions in place, map ready, courses undergoing final checks by controller, good car parking and Assembly field approved. There are 18 participating clubs, 9 for the Cup and 9 for the Trophy and 2 Scottish clubs have withdrawn. Start blocs have been allocated and entries to BOK by 6 Oct. Work is underway to finalise the score production.

Appendix 2 to SWOA minutes 17 Sept 2013

Report on Caddihoe Chase 2014 – Pat Macleod, organiser

The planner for all individual courses, days 1 and 2, is Peter Ward. The planner for the VHI relays is Paul Taunton. I will be overall coordinator. All of my comments below are subject to further work and final decisions by the planners, but.....

Day 2 will be based on a new assembly area towards the NE corner of the Mallards Pike map. Assembly and relay changeover co-located on what was once an old spoil heap, now cleared and levelled. Mainly linear parking on a nearby forest track, but maybe enough room at assembly for helpers and VHI competitors.

Day 1 will be based on the same assembly area, subject to some further thinking and exploration by Peter Ward on best options to exploit the terrain without too much re-use of the same areas on both days.

The event area will cover the Eastern part of Mallards Pike, and all of Blakeney Hill. The Western part of Mallards Pike is scheduled for extensive forestry work over 2013/2104, so we are somewhat circumspect about using it at the moment. However, we may end up using some of it, and may move day 1 Assembly to a different location.

We are actively looking for a mapper to review and revise maps of the competition area. Currently I have interest from 2 foreign based mappers, but am concerned that they will be unaffordable. My more local requests have so far all be turned down. I have had differing opinions on the quality of the current maps, and may seek to appoint a mapping adviser to provide an independent view on the quality of the maps, and the work needed to bring them to a suitable standard. This should be sorted out in the next few weeks.

We have discussed possible controllers, but have not approached anyone yet. Again, I will get on with this urgently. If there are any SWOA grade 1 controllers in need of work, or experienced grade 2s looking for opportunities, let me know. Otherwise I shall try to find someone at least at grade 2 but fairly local, from WOA or WMOA.

You'll gather from this that Speech House fields do not currently feature in our plans. If SWOA wish to hold an AGM, or any other sort of gathering, then Speech House is an option for that, but I would need to book it fairly soon to be sure of a slot. Pat Macleod

Appendix 3 of SWOA minutes 17 Sept 2013

BRITISH ORIENTEERING LONG DISTANCE AND RELAY CHAMPIONSHIPS 18th & 19th APRIL 2015 ORGANISING REGION: SWOA LEAD CLUB: BOK PROGRESS REPORT AS AT 31 JULY 2013

OUTLINE PROPOSALS

The Assembly and car parking for both days will be in the large flat field behind the Speech House Hotel, Coleford, Forest of Dean, GL16 7EL (SO622120) which we've used successfully previously including for JKs and BOK's OOO7 in 2009.

The Day 1 Long Distance race will be across the road to the north of Assembly on New Beechenhurst with the Elite races starting further north on Brierley, a combination which was used at JK2007.

The Day 2 Relays will be across the road to the west of Assembly on Cannop Ponds (Russells Inclosure on the attached map), an area not previously used for a level A event but which we think will be ideal for head to head racing.

The location of the Starts for Day 1 have yet to be decided but the Finish, as in previous major events, will be immediately across the road from Assembly. This area will also act as our Arena. Unfortunately FC licencing agreements mean that traders will have to remain in the Assembly field.

The proposed Start, Map exchange and Finish for the Relays is in an area just below the words 'Visitor Centre' on the attached map. This will be our Arena although there are constraints/compromises.

We have no workable alternative or reserve areas.

We are anxious to discuss our proposals with the appointed Controllers and especially the one appointed for the Relays before we can progress to include signing the Partnership Agreement, firming up the provisional agreements we have from the Forestry Commission and Speech House Hotel and appointing mappers.

All 3 areas have been embargoed.

ORGANISATION

BOK have to date been leading on BOC2015 and have provided the main officials (see attached). We will in due course be seeking support from other clubs in SWOA and possibly also WOA.

Dave Urch Coordinator

Appendix 4 of SWOA minutes of 17 Sept 2013

South West Junior Squad Report - Jeff Butt
For SWOA Meeting 17 September 2013

Unfortunately this year's South West Coast Path Relay was cancelled so the usual squad opening weekend did not take place this year.

Last weekend four squad members represented England at the Home International. Zac Hudd(BOK) finishing 5th M14, Cecilie Andersen(BOK) 2nd W16, Grey Grierson 2nd M16 and Adam Potter 2nd M18.

The squad are looking forward to this year's Junior Inter Regional Championships(JIRC) which is being organised in the south west by Wimborne Orienteers on the weekend of 28/29 September. This is the first time that this event has been held in the south west for 14 years and thanks must go to Chris Branford for taking on the task.

The first squad training of the season will be taking place at Bath University on the weekend of 5/6 October when Dave Hanstock will be running a track session followed by a look at preparing a training plan for the forthcoming year.

The squad will be training for three days 28-30 October during half term hopefully on Dartmoor if permissions and accommodation can be sorted out.

The M16/W16's representing the squad at this year's JIRCs will be training in the Lake District on the last weekend of November as part of the Lakeside weekend where they will be joining M16/W16s from the other regional squads.

A Christmas weekend will be held in December but a date has yet to be decided for this.

Jeff Butt
September 2013