SOUTH WEST ORIENTEERING ASSOCIATION

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**MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING** Tuesday 22nd September 2020 at 8pm held online using Zoom – final

PRESENT:

Christine Vince KERNO (chairman); Steve Robertson QO (treasurer); Dick Keighley WIM (cttee); Arthur Vince KERNO (cttee); Pete Maliphant (cttee and SWJOS); Charles Daniel BOK; Julie Astin & Alan Hooper WSX; Neil Fraser NWO.

1. Meriel Gibson:

Julie Astin reported that Meriel Gibson had died the previous weekend. Meriel had been a driving force in the old Weymouth Orienteering Club; she was 97 and had been living in a care home for the last five years.

1. Apologies for absence

Helen Kelsey BOK [Secretary]; Richard Sansbury [Fixtures]; Roger Hargreaves [KERNO Rep]; Kevin Pickering [WIM Rep].

1. Approval of minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 23rd July 2020

The minutes were agreed to be a true record of the previous meeting.

1. Matters arising from the minutes not elsewhere on agenda:

From Item 4a: Julie Astin reported that she expected to see James Crickmore at the WSX event on 3rd October. He does have an email contact on the SWOA website in the *SWOA Team* section.

From Item 9: The link to the *Documents* section in the SWOA website still needs sorting out.

**Action: Helen Kelsey to work with Nath Fernandes on this**

1. AGM

Confirmed that this will be on Tuesday 13th October at 8pm, using Zoom**.** Reports to be publicised on the SWOA website in advance. Those officers and committee members who wished to be re-elected need to tell the Secretary in advance.

The exact method for casting votes – if this should be required – needs to be determined.

**Action: Helen Kelsey & Christine Vince**

6 Treasurer’s report

Steve Robertson reported that the only transaction since the previous meeting had been levy income from a BOK event.

7 Fixtures

Richard Sansbury had reported that there was no significant change since the last meeting.

7.1 JK2021: Peter Hart, the BOF CEO, had issued a formal notice to members on 11th September informing them that the 2021 JK Orienteering Festival had been cancelled. This came about because the necessary access permissions could not be got. The coordinators, Roger Hargreaves and Christine Vince, had been in consultation with Helen Errington, the BOF Major Events consultant, about the situation and it had become clear that cancellation was the only sensible option.

Pete Maliphant thanked Roger & Christine for their work on the event.

See Appendix 1 for the JK 2021 report.

7.2 QO Junior Orienteering group activities: Steve Robertson reported that these had been moved away from Forest Enterprise land. Requests had been made to Forest Enterprise for 2021, and Local events next January & February.

Peter Hart, BOF CEO, had written to the Forestry Commission about the Covid-19 guidance in place to allow orienteering events to take place in England. See Appendix 2 for Peter Hart’s letter.

7.3 WSX event on 3rd October. The club was able to get land access because of its good working relationship with the local National Trust staff. Peter Hart, BOF CEO, had telephoned Julie Astin to ask how permission had been obtained.

NWO: Neil Fraser said the club had success with the National Trust for small events.

7.4 Dick Keighley reported that Southampton OC had got permission for two consecutive closed events on the same day in the New Forest, one for SOC and one for WIM, with 30 people at each one.

7.5 Charles Daniel reported that NGOC were hopeful about staging the British Night Champs on Cleeve Hill next February.

8. SWJOS Report from Pete Maliphant:

The Squad had a training day on Dartmoor on Saturday 19th September; 14 attended and groups of six were used. The next training day will be on 17th October on Ham Hill near Yeovil. New guidelines now permit groups of 15. There are 23 active Squad members. More frequent training days are being looked at, possibly in conjunction with clubs.

9 The Orienteering Foundation – report from Christine Vince:

This orienteering charity has been looking for three clubs to participate in experimental projects to accelerate their development. Unfortunately, Christine did not realise the deadline for applications was 13th September. She thinks that SWOA should support the Foundation’s work and will keep a watching brief. For more details, see Appendix 3.

10 AOB

Julie Astin reported that the new WSX chairman is Jolyon Medlock, with Gavin Clegg as vice-chairman.

11. Date of next meeting: Tuesday 27th October at 8pm using Zoom.

*Minutes written by Arthur Vince, 23rd September*

Appendix 1: JK 2021 report



Appendix 2: Peter Hart’s letter



Appendix 3: The Orienteering Foundation

