SOUTH WEST ORIENTEERING ASSOCIATION

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MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING Tuesday 23rd February 2021 (held online using zoom)

PRESENT:

Christine Vince KERNO (chairman); Helen Kelsey BOK (secretary); Steve Robertson QO (treasurer); Richard Sansbury QO (fixtures); Pete Maliphant BOK (cttee and SWJOS); Dick Keighley WIM (cttee); Arthur Vince KERNO (cttee); Julie Astin WSX (cttee); Carol Iddles BOK; Andy Reynolds DEVON; Liz Yeadon SARUM; Paul Taunton NGOC; Neil Fraser NWO; Kevin Pickering WIM; Jolyon Medlock WSX.

1. Apologies.

Roger Hargreaves KERNO

1. Chairman’s update.
   1. Approval of changes to BOF Articles of Association *see Appendix 1*

General feeling was that there was nothing contentious in the proposed changes, although there seemed to be some confusion over what a “club member” and an “association member” actually means. **Action HK to contact BOF to clarify** Post meeting note: Peter Hart confirmed that a “club member” refers to the club as a whole, not an individual within the club, similarly for “association member” being an association. Some discussion about whether a club has to belong to an association followed, without conclusion. **Action HK to contact BOF to clarify** Post meeting response from BOF: *This is not covered within the Articles - the Articles refer to rights concerning general meetings. The detailed affiliation requirements for members such as individuals and or clubs are set by the Board and then agreed at a general meeting (or AGM I cannot remember off the top of my head but agreed by the membership). I will raise this at the next Board meeting as we are looking at reviewing the Club Affiliation requirements and I believe that there would be support for the approach of all clubs being affiliated to at least one Association.*

* 1. Succession planning after AGM.

CV pointed out that her 3 years as SWOA chair would end at the next AGM, and asked for members to consider this and other posts and express interest**. Action HK to add to agenda for next meeting**.

1. Approval of minutes of last meeting.

Minutes of the meeting on 19th January 2021 were approved.

1. Matters arising not elsewhere on the agenda.

Proposed conference on orienteering under COVID guidelines was discussed in the light of previous day’s proposed route out of lockdown government announcement. As it seems that events under COVID guidelines may be fairly limited n number, suggestion was that club reps should offer any organisers of upcoming events the opportunity to be mentored by someone who has successfully performed that role, SWOA to coordinate.

1. Treasurer and Membership Secretary’s report.
   1. **Membership**

Membership renewals have reduced to a trickle (about one a week) and, based on membership units, are at present at about 77% compared to the same date in 2020 and at about 71% of the full year 2020 number. The year to date level seems to be about 7% below the national numbers reflected in the recent BOF newsletter.

* 1. **Financial**

There have only been two transactions since the last committee meeting – the regular monthly payment for the website (£20) and payment of £1,182 to BOF to clear the JK21 account, as agreed at the last committee meeting.

Present cash balance, after above payments, is £9,407.

1. Fixtures report.

RS reported that BOF has announced that events should be able to take place again from 29th March, although as ever, dependent upon landowner permissions.

British Night Champs still planned for November (subject to permission)

British Long Distance Championship now scheduled 2/3rd October at Braunton Burrows (BOK and DEVON), outline permissions in place but date change remains to be confirmed. Chris Johnson is updating map. Richard Rossington is organiser. Other day will not be a relay, but another long distance event, possibly colour coded.

British Middle Distance Championship still scheduled for 8th May (PM noted that this is one of the events suggested as selection race), but BOF fixtures list holds 5th June as an alternative date.

Yvette Baker final 4th July at Westonbirt, needs some work on the map by end of May.

Caddihoe weekend 18th/19th September will need new permissions; Colin Hicks is investigating.

* 1. Publicity for SW Orienteering League: as there is still plenty of time decided to hold over till next meeting when we might be in a better position to confirm whether events are going ahead. **Action HK to add to agenda for next meeting**
  2. Chairman’s summer relay series *see Appendix 2*

Currently have 5 events scheduled with WSX to discuss at meeting later in week. NWO event is the first on 13th June and club may prefer to delay to early August as restrictions are more likely to have been lifted by then. CV will be taking on responsibility for the relay series. Still no response from James Crickmore, so may need to be appointing another scorer at next meeting. **Action JA to try to contact James once more**  Post meeting note: James has been in contact with JA and has stated that he wishes to continue as the relay scorer and will endeavour to get the website updated with this year’s events and winners of 2019 series.

1. Recorder of Controllers’ report *see Appendix 3*

AV reported that Alan Simpson has been removed from list as he is now living in Yorkshire. He also reiterated that the period of inactivity due to lockdowns would be taken into account when reviews are done.

1. SWJOS report.

Very little to report. Zoom meetings continue every week with weekly challenges arranged by the juniors. Talent South Squad is also meeting using zoom during the current lockdown.

1. SWOA website.

HK and CV had discussed some amendments and some areas have been updated. Grant application form needs amending and adding to website. **Action HK and SR to discuss and produce amended version for next meeting.**

1. Coaching
   1. CV offered to take up the role of SWOA coaching rep again as her term as chair draws to a close. Agreed unanimously.
   2. Coaching Conference 2023: CV reported that she would be interested in SWOA hosting the 2023 coaching conference. Possible venue Montacute – would need outline permission from NT before going any further. Conference is financed by BOF not SWOA.
2. AOB.

DK suggested that reps might encourage their club members to have a go at tempo orienteering online, more and more orienteers are getting involved and there is a series starting in March with two competitions a week on Tuesday and Thursday with A and B courses. Novices should do the B course. To access use the link <http://temposim.yq.cz/tempo.cgi>

1. Club reps report to clubs

* South West Orienteering League events for the coming season are now all on the SWOA website under fixtures.
* Anyone organising an event under COVID guidelines, who would like some feedback/support from an organiser in another club who has already successfully done this, should contact SWOA for contact details.
* Enjoy some online TempO at <http://temposim.yq.cz/tempo.cgi> series starts in March two competitions a week Tuesday and Thursday.

1. Date of next meeting.

Tuesday 23rd March 2021 8pm using zoom.

Appendix 1 Appendix 2

Message for Association from BOF Chairman’s Summer Relay Series

 Appendix 3. Recorder of Controllers’ Report.

