SOUTH WEST ORIENTEERING ASSOCIATION

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MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING Tuesday 24th August 8pm by 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; Neil Fraser NWO; Alasdair Shaw QO; Kevin Pickering WIM; Ian Phillips NGOC.

1. Apologies.

Roger Hargreaves KERNO; Paul Taunton NGOC; Jolyon Medlock WSX

1. Chairman’s update.

Nothing to report, not covered elsewhere

1. Approval of minutes of last meeting. - approved
2. Matters arising not elsewhere on the agenda - none
3. Treasurer and Membership Secretary’s report.

Membership continues to increase steadily, with 1 or 2 new members per week.

* Bank Account: Opening of new bank account with Santander underway, though no notification as yet from bank that account is active, hopefully will be by next week. It was noted that HSBC is now planning to charge sports clubs for banking and PM stated that SWJOS is now being charged £5 per month for its bank account.
* Grant applications: *see Appendix 1*. Approval of junior grants at 50% of total cost has been given by the committee (although no payments can be made until the new account has been opened). HK noted incorrect clubs for some juniors on the list. PM thanked SWOA for financial support for the juniors.
* 2020 – 2021 SWOA Accounts

There have been very few transactions recently due to unexpected closure of the SWOA account and the problem of obtaining recent bank statements makes presentation of accounts difficult. SR assured the committee that the accounts would be constructed and circulated prior to the AGM. In summary: roughly £1000 surplus, levies have been received from the region’s many events, but very little in outgoings. There are sufficient funds to cover the grants.

1. SWOA AGM 2021

AGM has been arranged for 5th October 8pm using zoom. Clubs have been made aware of this through the SWOA club reps, but formal notice needs to be given on the SWOA website. **Action: HK to arrange for details to go on website asap and stay at top of “latest news” section until 5th Oct.**

Agenda needs to be on website by 14th September. **Action: HK and CV to liaise over agenda and post on website by 14th September.**

SR queried whether there had been any volunteers to take over as chairman – none had come forward – and what would happen in the absence of a volunteer. CV said that DK had agreed to chair the meetings, but did not want to take on the role of the chairman, which would have to remain vacant for a year. There was much discussion about why the chairman’s role has a three year tenure and whether this was actually necessary in the constitution. The reason of not being able to remove a chairman once in place should not be an issue as the cahirman is voted in each year at the AGM and anyone can stand as chairman. Alasidair Shaw said that the same issue had a arisen with QO and the club had decided to renove the 3 year tenure clause from the constitution, as it was proving so difficult to find new volunteers for the role. The argument that removing the three year tenure would mean the current chairman felt obliged to continue until someone else volunteered, was also considered, but the situation would be the same as all the other committee posts, which do not have a fixed tenure.

It was agreed that the committee was in favour of an amendment being proposed at the AGM removing the 3 year tenure.

This was proposed by Richard Sansbury and seconded by Carol Iddles and was later given in writing to the secretary.

Two other amendments to the constitution had already been proposed. *See Appendix 2*

1. Fixtures Report

Permissions from FE remain extremely difficult. Alasdair reported that QO were being charged £110 for small junior events (15-20 juniors) on FE land, whilst National Trust was waiving fees for junior activities. There have been some permissions granted by FE: QO club championships had permission granted 1 week before the event. Kevin Pickering stated that FE permission had been received the previous Thursday (19th August) for the Caddihoe weekend on 18/19th September, but the event still had to apply the COVID rules in place from May 19th and organiser has been asked for photographs of all of the control sites before and after the event.

Generally it seems that the FE (our major landowner) is going to be a diffcult to work with, indicating a permanent shift in our relationship.

British Long Distance and Night Championships going ahead as planned and agreements have been signed between BOF and landowners.

The BOK SW League event at Cannop Ponds on 28th November (arranged to fit in with the British Night Champs) had not yet received full permission.

WIM is staging a Mountain Bike O near Salisbury on 12th September (same day as Welsh Champs)

1. Recorder of Controller’s Report

AV had nothing to report.

Mark Dyer has agreed to run a grade C Controllers course in Bristol on Saturday 30th October. **Action: HK to advertise on website, club reps to inform club members.**

1. SWJOS report.

It has been a tricky season with FE permissions issues and residential trips very difficult due to COVID. The fixtures list is full of weekend events.

Junior Inter Regional Championships is on 26th September in the NE and SWJOS will attend and need overnight accommodation, but this will be organised separately by each individual car load rather than all staying in a hall.

The Xmas weekend is planned for the Forest of Dean in Soudley, but there may be issues with the SW League event in January, so juniors who have been training in the area may have to be non competitive for that event.

All SWJOS are being encouraged to attend as many SW League events as possible.

Some juniors will be going to Lagganlia at half term.

Zoom sessions are to be resumed, fortnightly. There have been some new members to the squad, particularly from Redmaids’ School, due to Jamie Hayward’s involvement in coaching there.

1. Coaching nothing to report
2. AOB.

Andy Reynolds reported the sad news that Rosemary Roach had died aged 91, funeral on Wed 1st September.

Pete Maliphant asked about First Aid courses as his qualification needs renewing. Courses are being run by BOK on 10th October, SARUM 16th October and SOC in November.

Keving Pickering volunteered to collet in Caddihoe trophies and store, as they are not being issued this year.

1. Club reps report to clubs.
* Reminder of AGM date 5th October, agenda will be posted on SWOA website by 14th September.
* Reminder of the S W Orienteering League – first event at Blackborough (QO) on 10th October.
* Grade C Controller’s Course in Bristol on 30th October. Contact Mark Dyer directly (email link on website under Training Courses)
1. Date of next meeting.

Post AGM meeting: Tuesday 19th October 2021 at 8pm by zoom. CV requested that meetings be brought to 2nd week in the month in future, due to clash with her other commitments.

Appendix 1 Grant applications received.



Appendix 2 Proposed amendments to the constitution.

