SOUTH WEST ORIENTEERING ASSOCIATION

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MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING Tuesday 15th February 2022

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; Alasdair Shaw QO; Kevin Pickering WIM.

1. Apologies.

Roger Hargreaves KERNO; Jolyon Medlock WSX.

1. Chairman’s update. – included in later items
2. Approval of minutes of last meeting. with the removal of word “initially” from item 6, concerning negotiation with local FE rangers, the minutes were agreed.
3. Matters arising not elsewhere on the agenda. – due to health issues CV has not had opportunity to investigate cost of embroiderd badges (item 2) but will endeavour to action this soon.
4. Treasurer and Membership Secretary’s report. See *Appendix 1*. SR added that levies are continuing to be paid and a/c now stands at £11,100. Membership is still at 88% of this time last year, fairly consistent across all categories.
5. Fixtures report.

**Major events:**

Southern Championships this year- day 1 of Caddihoe Weekend (DEVON)

British Night Championships February 2023(WIM)

CompassSport Cup Final November 2023 (BOK)

Our region’s turn to host:

Veteran Home Internationals Autumn 2023 – no offers yet

Junior Inter regional championships September 2024 – emerging offer from BOK

**National Events**:

Day 2 of Tamar Triple June 2022 (KERNO and DEVON)

Sarum Saunter March 2023

No offers yet for:

Compasssport cup heat Feb/Mar 2023

Caddihoe Chase Autumn 2023

As these should be decided 18 moths before the event, if there are not offers for these very soon, they won’t go ahead.

**Regional Events**:

SW League 22-23 now sorted apart from KERNO

Events need to be chosen for the the SW Championship (long, Middle and Sprint)

Day 1 of Caddihoe (already hosting the Southern Champs) would be suitable for Long distance, Day 2 could also be Middle distance championships **Action: Andy to take the suggestion to the organising team and the DEVON committee.**

No obvious candidates for the SW Sprint championship. It was suggested that BOK might be able to offer something as part of their summer urban series (possibly Portishead?). **Action: Carol to investigate the feasibility.**

* 1. Format for the Caddihoe chase See *Appendix 2*

Only two club views received before meeting. Andy reported that DEVON members had been a bit surprised that SWOA was discussing this as Caddihoe is seen as a DEVON led event and the consensus was that it was down to the organising club, with a request to keep things clear and simple.

DK pointed out that chasing starts are not possible for families with young children, but felt that rather than this driving the removal of a chase, special arrangements should be made for those needing split starts.

Alasdair reported that QO generally supported the idea of a chase and would be happy with reverse chase.

SR pointed out that DEVON have decided not to have a chase this year, so there is not any urgency to discuss the details of a chasing start at the moment. It was agreed unanimously that the trophies should be awarded based on the total of the two days, whether or not a chase was included.

* 1. Responsibility for the Caddihoe Trophies.

As no one had come forward to take responsibility for the trophies, CV proposed that a small honorarium + travel expenses could be offered for the job of collecting maintaining and delivering to next year’s event. Kevin has been collecting them this year and currently has them stored in his attic. **Action: All to consider whether there s anyone in their club who might want totake this on.**

* 1. Permissions

Emma Monkman (BOF Access officer) has emailed a number of people asking for experiences regarding obtaining permissions for events in Forestry England areas, in preparation for a meeting planned between her, Peter Hart and F.E. (no timescale indicated)

RS had asked all SW clubs’ permissions/fixtures secretaries specific questions regarding their experience of permissions from FE and other landowners, in order to report back to the event scheduling group in four weeks time. So far he has received comments from NGOC (Greg Best) BOK (Jo Foster and Matthew Owen) WSX (Ian Sayer) DEVON (Bryan Smith). **Action: club reps to encourage fixtures/permissions secretaries to respond to both Richard Sansbury and Emma Monkman.**

Kevin reported that Dorset Council had asked WIM to pay £75 registration and £5 per person “as per the FE agreement” when requesting access, which didn’t tie up with the agreement between BO and FE.

PM asked if everyone had seen both the FE Permissions policy and the agreement between BO and FE and offered to email these to committee and representatives for info. *See Appendices 3 and 4*

1. Recorder of Controller’s Report – nothing to report
2. SWJOS report. – all going well, several new M/W 14 joined recently. Training shared with Welsh Junior Squad, also a day at Studland. Concern about the lack of final permission for rearranged Soudley training (from event in November cancelled by FE because of high winds) which is due to be on 26th February. It was noted that permissions were arriving very close to event dates leaving no time to change anything if required.
3. Coaching Liz and Christine are working on coaching conference planned for January 2023. Liz reported that SCOA is putting on a level 2 coaching course near High Wycombe soon (April/May), anyone interested should contact Liz for further details.
4. AOB.

SR showed a breakdown by age of those attending the SW CSC final on Sunday, which showed a distinct dip in the 20-40 age group an suggested that it is something SWOA should be considering.

1. Club reps report to clubs.

* Remind permissions/fixtures secretaries to respond to Emma Monkman, copy to Richard Sansbury and also answer Richard’s email with more specific permissions questions, within the next 3 weeks.
* Identify whether anyone in the club is interested in a level 2 coaching course in the High Wycombe area in April/May and to contact Liz Yeadon for further details.
* Identify anyone who might be interested in taking on the maintenance and storage of Caddihoe trophies.
* Make sure that clubs are aware of the events that are in danger of not happening due to lack of offers: SW Sprint championship 2022; VHI, CompassSport Cup regional heat, Caddihoe weekend all 2023 (see item 6)

1. Date of next meeting.

Tuesday 19th April 8pm using zoom.

Appendix 1: Treasurer and Membership Secretary’s report.



Appendix 2: Views on the chase aspect of the Caddihoe Chase.



Appendix 3: Forestry England Permissions Policy (2019)



Appendix 4: Agreement between British Orienteering and Forestry England until 2023

