SOUTH WEST ORIENTEERING ASSOCIATION

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MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING Wednesday 21st September (by zoom)

PRESENT:

Christine Vince KERNO (chairman); Helen Kelsey BOK (secretary); Steve Robertson QO (treasurer); Richard Sansbury QO (fixtures); Dick Keighley WIM (cttee); Arthur Vince KERNO (cttee); Julie Astin WSX (cttee); Carol Iddles BOK; Andy Reynolds DEVON; Roger Hargreaves KERNO; Paul Taunton NGOC; Neil Fraser NWO; Phil Sorrell QO; Kevin Pickering WIM; Jolyon Medlock WSX.

1. Apologies. Pete Maliphant BOK (cttee and SWJOS); Liz Yeadon SARUM; Alasdair Shaw QO
2. Chairman’s update. CV thanked everyone for accommodating the change of date, which she explained was due to an extended stay in hospital starting next Monday.
3. Approval of minutes of last meeting. Approved
4. Matters arising not elsewhere on the agenda.

*4.1 Embroidery of colour coded badges: cheapest quote so far is £2.52 per badge + set up costs, so including shipping would be £335.40 for 120 badges (30 each of orange, light green, green and blue).* The cost was approved, but after further discussion it was agreed to increase the number of orange badges to 50. **Action: HK to go ahead with revised numbers.**

1. Treasurer and Membership Secretary’s report.

Membership numbers up from this time last year, but family units down. Grants have been paid to all approved so far, totalling £6100 (leaving £7600 in the bank). A discretionary grant has been paid to Cecilie Anderson and it is expected that Chloe Potter will also apply.

A request from the Halletts had been received for the Veteran Home International towards the competitor contribution of £220. In the past seniors have had the same level of support as the juniors, but with so many juniors going on tours and camps this year, that needs reconsidering. There were various views on this, some felt that support from SWOA was important, others felt that adults should only be supported for continental competitions, it was also pointed out that SWOA had just paid a contribution to the English Orienteering Council, which itself supports the VHI competition. They are not representing SWOA but neither are the juniors on many of their tours. Finally agreed that a small contribution from SWOA would be appropriate - £25.

1. Fixtures report.

Long distance and Relay Championships 2025 – neither possibility has been successful – Braunton Burrows in Devon, club not able to commit to the support required, New Forest areas – no suitable area identified. RS will tell British Orienteering that SWOA cannot host, citing the difficulties with permissions and the repeated use of the same volunteers.

RS has meeting with the national fixtures group in October.

After fairly low participation in the last few years, it was agreed that the summer relay series (Chairman’s relay series) has run its course and with the increase in summer urban events is now much less popular. **Action: JA to tell James Crickmore that services no longer needed. HK to ask Nath to put something on the website.**

1. Recorder of Controller’s Report nothing to report
2. Date of AGM: 25th October was proposed but as this clashes with NWO AGM, date changed to Wednesday 26th October. HK suggested that it might be helpful to summarise what SWOA does in a format that club reps could pass on to all the members. **Action: HK to get date put onto the website and prepare draft summary for committee to amend/approve. All committee members need to confirm with HK by email whether they are happy to stand again next year.**
3. AOB.

Arthur Vince reported that SW League trophies and certificates will be presented at the first league event of this season: Triscombe Stone (QO) on 25th September.

Andy Reynolds reported that Phil Beale as organiser of the recent Caddihoe weekend had found it difficult to find the rules for the Southern Championships and had found the awarding of trophies for the Caddihoe, Southern champs and SW champs quite onerous. **Action: HK to add to next meeting agenda, Phil will provide some input.**

1. Club reps report to clubs.

* Summer relay series not happening next year
* AGM date 26th October (zoom)
* What SWOA does summary

1. Date of next meeting. 22nd November 2022 (zoom)