SOUTH WEST ORIENTEERING ASSOCIATION

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MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING Tuesday 17th January 2023

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); Neil Fraser NWO (cttee); Kevin Pickering WIM (cttee); Alasdair Shaw QO; Matthew Owen BOK; Adrian Taylor DEVON; Phil Beale DEVON.

1. Apologies.

Liz Yeadon SARUM; Roger Hargreaves KERNO; Jolyon Medlock WSX; Paul Taunton NGOC.

1. Chairman’s update. – nothing to report
2. Approval of minutes of last meeting. – approved, no discussion
3. Matters arising not elsewhere on the agenda. – Letter to board of British Orienteering highlighting permissions issues. *See Appendix 1*

CV sent an email to Peter Hart highlighting our concerns and received a response indicating that this had been discussed at the December board meeting and that BOF is aware of the issues, response also identified some of the other issues that are causing a redcuction in permissions for orienteering events. **Action: HK to distribute letter to rest of the committee, RS to distribute the access update to the board to fixtures secretaries indicating that letter can be shared with other club members but is not meant to be for circulation beyond orienteers.**

1. Treasurer and Membership Secretary’s report. *See Appendix 2*
2. Fixtures report.

*Two offers received for SW Long and Middle Championships:*

Caddihoe Chase at Mallards Pike at end of September (NGOC)

Purbeck Weekend 21st/22nd October (WSX)

RS suggested that as NGOC is also hosting the Home International at Caddihoe, it would involve too many different championships and they should provide the SW long Distance Championships but not the middle. Purbeck Long distance race is a SWOLeague event and may present some competitors with dilemma over which course to run if it was also the SW Championship, so should include the SW Middle Distance Championships but not the long. Added advantage of having them on two different weekends, so anyone who can’t make one weekend still has the opportunity to become a SW champion at the other.

Agreed unanimously.

*Two offers originally received for SW Sprint Championships:*

Bournemouth weekend including EuroCity race (WIM) in July

BOK early summer midweek urban series University of Bristol 26th April.

Unfortunately the race in Bournemouth will no longer be happening as 1 out of the 6 departments (parks) had refused permission for event to take place.

BOK event is midweek which may disadvantage some competitors, but area is fairly central and easily accessible from the M5. This is now the only feasible option and was agreed.

*Two offers for Yvette Baker Heat:*

Newent 30th April (NGOC) SWOLeague event

Blackdown 21st May (BOK)

RS suggested that as BOK had hosted the Yvette Baker Heat for the last two years (one of those at Blackdown) it should go to NGOC. Some concern about it also being a SWOLeague event expressed, forcing juniors into a decision about which course to run, PM said that very few of the juniors were competing seriously in the SWOLeague, so it was unlikely to be an issue. Agreed to be Newent on 30th April.

*2024 CompassSport Cup round* – still no offers at present - it now has to be on a specific date, which makes it more difficult to include in preexisitng plans and permissions. SWOA clubs will have to compete at a neighbouring region (as this year) the final is at New Beeachenhurst (BOK) in November.

*No offer for Caddihoe in 2024* – can wait until March, but after that will be too late.

1. SWJOS report.

PM reported big success for Interland selections – 6 of the 20 selected are from SWJOS, also 3 selections of ex SWJOS members- Jim Bailey, Ollie Tong and Cecilie Anderson.

Training at Studland planned for coming weekend with South Central junior squad. Two individual training dates in February rather than the usual residential (which clashed with Talent Squad residential) A group of new juniors should be joining these training sessions. PM concerned that not all clubs know about the SWJOS, despite coverage in SWOA minutes etc. He asked club reps to advertise it again to club junior reps and coaches.

1. Recorder of Controller’s Report - *See Appendix 3*  AV reiterated that more controllers are needed in the region.
2. SWOA Facebook. Jolyon Medlock has kindly agreed to take over administration of the SWOA Facebook and has asked that any information that needs to go onto Facebook be emailed to him.
3. Caddihoe Chase

Committee members and club reps were asked to send their views (personal and club) to Christine after the last meeting.  *See Appendix 4*

The general feeling was that the Caddihoe is a popular event and although seen as a SWOA event is actually a DEVON event and SWOA’s role is simply to make sure that the rules are followed. Pros and Cons of the Chase have already had much discussion and it has been agreed that it is up to the organising club and winners can be decided on a total of the two days results.

Trophies – much discussion about whether they are still appropriate. Phil Beale put considerable amount of time and effort into getting the trophies up to scratch for the 2022 event, but long term this will incur considerable cost. Very mixed views on trophies – Phil described what happened at 2022 event: for the Southern Champs we presented buffs to 1st, 2nd & 3rd place competitors in place of medals, although the rules do say medals. No one challenged this change, and were happy with the buffs. These were in addition to the trophies for the winner. For the overall Caddihoe winning competitor we presented the wooden coaster in addition to the winners trophies. We did not present any trophy for the SWOA Long or Middle races, just certificates for 1st, 2nd, 3rd places as called for in the SWOA rules – the entry fees covered these quite conmfortably and they were generally very well received. Several members felt that a momento was better received than a trophy or a medal – state of some trophies when returned indicated that they couldn’t have been on display by the previous winner. Some people are happy to pay for engraving their name on a trophy, others are not. Very hard work to collect in trophies and make sure that they are in a presentable condition before each year (nobody who has done this job previoysly is prepared to take it on a second time!) SR suggested that we could possibly have the trophies available, so winners can be photographed with the trophy, but don’t take it away and are given a small momento instead. Some thought that juniors should receive trophies, but others felt that a small prize (preferably edible) was generally more appreciated. Some of the junior courses were poorly attended so for some courses a junior simply had to complete the course to win the trophy – making it not such a satisfying victory. PM indicated that at least half of the Caddihoe junior competitors in 2022 were in the SWJOS, so would ask the squad for their views on receiving trophies versus a small momento. (Post meeting note: PM identified a source of chocolate trophies, which may be worth following up.)

Adrian Taylor suggested that photos should be taken of all prize winners and put on the website, and also suggested engaging with sports company to provide vouchers as prizes. AV said that the SWOLeague (when it was Galloppen) used to give vouchers as prizes, but that was stopped some time ago. Phil reported that the junior trophies were generally in a good condition and that some of them had not been contested last year.

KP suggested that we could work eventually towards one trophy, which is awarded to each winner for a photograph – making organisers job much easier. Although no one wanted to take on the job of collecting and maintaining trophies, Kevin offered to store them in his loft and get them out to the event, provided they were then returned to him at the end of the event.

After much discussion it was agreed that at NGOC event, trophies should be collected, winners photographed with the trophy and then all will go to Kevin for storage afterwards. Phil will senda list of all 2022 trophy holders contact details to Pat Mcleod (2023 organiser)so he can arrange to collect them in.

Awarding of prizes/momentos is up to the organising club and dependent upon the finances.

1. AOB.

Richard Sansbury - paper copies of SINS – Richard has copies of SINS from Sue Hately and Gavin Clegg and has almost a full set but is missing a few dates – will put out a plea for anyone who might have the missing editions – Facebook?

Kevin advertised that closing date for British Night Championships is 5th February and asked reps to pass this on.

Jolyon has reported that he has now issued colour coded badges and these are now recorded on SWOA website under events and competitions, recipients are all from WIM, WSX and QO – please encourage juniors from other clubs to apply for them. Info from website- To qualify you must be within the first 50% of all starters or within 1½ times the winner’s time in the results on the same colour course, 3 times in any 2 years. For WHITE courses you only need to complete the course 3 times. STRING COURSE (PURPLE) is for any young person who does not already hold any other colour award, and who has completed 3 string courses. To obtain a colour coded badge award please email Jolyon Medlock WSX with the 3 dates on which you qualified (anywhere in Britain). Jolyon can be contacted at [jolyonmedlock@hotmail.com](mailto:jolyonmedlock@hotmail.com).

Phil Beale reported that an organisers course was needed for members of DEVON and asked if any other clubs needed this.

Adrian Taylor reported that Helen taylor has been asked to put on a First Aid course and asked reps to identify whether other clubs had members who needed a first aid course.

1. Club reps report to clubs.

* Reminder that closing date for British Night Championships is 5th February
* Make sure that all clubs are aware of the existence of SWJOS and that it welcomes juniors from all clubs in the region.
* The region needs more controllers, anyone interested in becoming a grade C controller or upgrading to a Grade B should contact Arthur Vince so that we can investigate putting on a course.
* DEVON has members requiring an organisers course – any interest from other clubs?
* DEVON will be putting on a First Aid course – anyone interested from other clubs should contact DEVON Chair Adrian Taylor
* Please encourage juniors to apply for colour coded badges – free from SWOA once criteria (listed above and on SWOA website under events and competitions) have been achieved.
* SWOA facebook is now up and running, please contact Jolyon Medlock with any info to go on there.

1. Date of next meeting. Tuesday 28th March 8pm

Appendix 1

Response from Peter Hart re SWOA’s concerns over permissions for access.



Appendix 2

Treasurer and Membership Secretary’s report



Account Summary Account Detail

 

Appendix 3

Recorder of Controllers Report.



Appendix 4

Views received about the future of the Caddihoe (Chase) and the Trophies.

