SOUTH WEST ORIENTEERING ASSOCIATION

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MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING Tuesday 14th May 2024

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); Neil Fraser NWO (Cttee); Richard Hudson BOK; Ian Jones NGOC;

1. Apologies.

Pete Maliphant BOK (cttee and SWJOS); Kevin Pickering WIM (Cttee); Liz Yeadon SARUM; Roger Hargreaves KERNO; Jolyon Medlock WSX; Adrian Taylor DEVON.

1. Chairman’s update.

AGM of English Orienteering Council is on Monday 20th May on zoom. Christine will attend. Other members invited to attend.

1. Approval of minutes of last meeting. Approved
2. Matters arising not elsewhere on the agenda.

OpenOrienteering Mapper is available on the BOF website. Dick reported that it is being updated, newer version will be available soon.

1. Treasurer and Membership Secretary’s report.

Membership – new members continue to join, now up 6% since March meeting. Still 7% belowfinal total from last year, but it is anticipated that more will join before the end of this year.

Steve reported that the EOC financial budget included a contribution from SWOA based on last year’s membership numbers – he assumes that will be updated before the actual contribution is requested.

Finances- *See appendix 1 for Summary Accounts*. Finances are currently steady with approx. £1000 come in levies and £1000 given to SWJOS in last couple of months. We are now starting to receive grant requests. Last year we gave £7000 in grants (including the £1000 to SWJOS) roughly 50% on tours and 50% on individuals representing the country. With the reduction from 50% to 40% of total costs being allocated in grants offsetting the increase in prices, it is likely to be a similar amount this year. We still have funds to cover this level of funding for the next couple of years.

1. Fixtures report.

Major events –

September 2024 JIRCs, day 1 Forest of Dean (NGOC), day 2 Mendips (BOK)

March 2025 – Sarum Saunter will also be Southern Championships

It is looking as though there may be some clashes in January with SCOA events. Seems unavoidable with the truncated season.

At the next meeting we will need to make a decision on the British Sprint and Relay Championships which will hopefully be held at Bath University. There is an event there in June, which will help to decide whether it is an appropriate venue for a major event.

Richard reported that he has taken on a lot of orienteering responsibilities and is struggling to do the SWOA fixtures secretary job. Having been in the role for 15 years, he would now like to pass it on to someone else. Richard will discuss with all the SW fixtures secretaries at the next meeting to try to identify a successor. Christine thanked Richard for his many years of service in this post.

Steve Robertson asked if anyone had any information about the new agreement with FE and NT negotiated by BOF. Nobody had seen any documents. As QO has a meeting with the local rangers later this month, they will try to establish what the new procedures are.

1. SWJOS report. *See Appendix 2*

The success of the SWJOS was applauded by the committee and expressed is thanks to Pete Maliphant and his team for their hard work and encouragement of the juniors. Helen queried whether Vince Nagy Kovaks still counts as SWJOS now that he has joined Swansea Bay OC and assumed that grant requests would go to WOA. No request has been received from him as yet.

1. Recorder of Controller’s Report *See Appendix 3*  No questions.
2. Volunteering.

Dick reported that WIM has been focussing on age 50-55s and has had success with advertising urban courses in Gillingham through the local GP practice. Another event in Portland is planned for newcomers in 10 days time.

Also WIM, Jason Falconer has been promoting the “Find Your Way” initiative – permanent course on Maprun, with links from the club website.

BOK ran an event officials course in April and there were over 20 participants. It would be useful to know whether those who attended are now starting to use what they learnt by taking on official roles at events. ***Action: Richard Hudson to obtain a list of who attended and which club they are in, so that we (and clubs) can keep track of their progress.***

1. AOB. – none
2. Club reps report to clubs.

Congratulations to juniors of the various clubs who have been selected for summer training camps.

Please can clubs report back to SWOA when/if club members who went on the BOK event officials course volunteer as officials?

1. Date of next meeting. 16th July 2024

Appendices

Appendix 1: Summary Accounts.

SWOA Summary by Account 2023-2024 Year to Date May 9, 2024

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| ACCOUNT DETAIL |  | Bank Accounts |  | Summary |
|  |  |  Main VHI 2023 | Total | Level |
| INCOMELevies | BOK |  1,337.80 n/a | 1,337.80 |  |
|  | DEVON |  488.16 n/a | 488.16 |  |
|  | KERNO |  218.59 n/a | 218.59 |  |
|  | NGOC |  1,577.16 n/a | 1,577.16 |  |
|  | N WO |  439.60 n/a | 439.60 |  |
|  | QO |  481.84 n/a | 481.84 |  |
|  | SARUM |  302.40 n/a | 302.40 |  |
|  | WIM |  513.09 n/a | 513.09 |  |
|  | WSX |  643.11 n/a | 643.11 |  |
|  | Other -- VHI/BAOC |  58.42 10,110.00 | 10,110.00 |  |
|  |  |  6,060.17 10,110.00 | 16,170.17 | 16,111.75 |
| Other Income | Interest |  29.80 0.00 | 29.80 | 29.80 |
| Total |  |  6,089.97 10,110.00 | 16,199.97 | 16,141.55 |
| EXPENSEGrants | Junior Squad |  (1,000.00) 0.00 | (1,000.00) |  |
|  | Representation | Junior (1,955.00) n/a | (1,955.00) |  |
|  |  | Senior (143.00) n/a | (143.00) |  |
|   | Tours/Training | Junior 0.00 n/a | 0.00 |  |
|   |   | Senior 0.00 n/a | 0.00 | (3,098.00) |
| Courses | Individuals |  0.00 n/a | 0.00 |  |
|   | Clubs |  (144.00) n/a | (144.00) |  |
|   | Other |  0.00 n/a | 0.00 | (144.00) |
| English OC |   |  0.00 n/a | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Website |  |  (264.39) n/a | (264.39) |  |
| Expenses  | Committee |  (135.43) n/a | (135.43) |  |
|   | Competition |  0.00 n/a | 0.00 | (399.82) |
| VHI 2023 |  |  n/a (7,066.43) | (7,066.43) | (7,066.43) |
| Misc. |    |  0.00 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Total |  |  (3,641.82) (7,066.43) | (10,708.25) | (10,708.25) |
| SUMMARY |  |  |  | Income | Expense | Net |
|  |  | Levies  |  | 6,060.17 | 0.00 | 6,060.17 |
|  |  | Grants |  | 0.00 | (3,098.00) | (3,098.00) |
|  |  | Courses |  | 0.00 | (144.00) | (144.00) |
|  |  | English OC |  | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
|  |  | Other - VHI |  | 10,110.00 | (7,066.43) | 3,043.57 |
|  |  | Other Income / Misc. |  | 29.80 | (399.82) | (370.02) |
|  |  | Total |  | 16,199.97 | (10,708.25) | 5,491.72 |
| CASH BALANCES Current Deposit Account Account Total Opening Balances 472.13 3,016.73 3,488.86 Transfers Deposit 1,000.00 (1,000.00) 0.00 Current (3,000.00) 3,000.00 0.00 Transacts Credit 16,170.17 29.80 16,199.97 Debit (10,708.25) n/a (10,708.25)

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| Closing Balances | 3,934.05 |  | 5,046.53 |  | 8,980.58 |

 Period Change 3,461.92 2,029.80 5,491.72Memo: VHI Account (2023-24) 17.07 n/a 17.07 |

May 9, 2024

Appendix 2 – SWJOS report

## **SWJOS Report May 2024**

SWJOS is thriving at the moment with 28 active members from 6 of the 9 South West clubs and a good list of juniors looking to join SWJOS when training restarts in September.

The past couple of months have been very busy for many squad members, competing at races all over the country in the hope of selection for national teams and training camps. There were many great results, with numerous top 5 places at the JK, British Long and Middle Champs. It’s been particularly pleasing to see some of the newer SWJOS athletes doing well.

We have 12 of the squad selected for the JROS training camps this year. Marcus Perry BOK has been selected for the GB team at the European Youth Champs. It was also pleasing to see the entire W21E podium at the British Long Champs filled with former SWJOS members (just about, Fiona Bunn sometimes trained with SWJOS as a junior!)

This perhaps highlights the longer term benefits of SWOA’s support for juniors.

Here’s the full list of SWJOS selections for this year’s summer training camps. Congratulations to them all:

**Lagganlia**

Hannah Agombar NGOC, Finley Goddard QO, Isobel Tonge BOK

**Deeside**

Eskarina Medlock WSX, Marcus Perry BOK, James Agombar NGOC

**Czechia**

Vince Nagy-Kovacs

**Stockholm**

Harry Bratcher-Howard WIM, Grace French WIM, Lyra Medlock WSX, Ben Perry DEVON

**Gothenburg**

TBA as there is still one selection race to go, but almost certainly one SWJOS athlete will be included.

Pete Maliphant

SWJOS Coach

9 May 2024

Appendix 3 - RECORDER OF CONTROLLERS’ REPORT

**Grade B** A Grade C member of NGOC [Ian Phillips] wants to move up to Grade B. I have told him about a Grade B course which Katy Stubbs of SCOA will be organising, and which is reasonably convenient for him to attend.

**Grade C** Another member of NGOC has expressed an interest in getting a Grade C licence, but will not complete the required event experience until October.

There have been no enquiries from members of other clubs about moving up to Grade B from Grade C or joining the Grade 3 list.

Arthur Vince, KERNO

9th May 2024