

SOUTH WEST ORIENTEERING ASSOCIATION

SECRETARY: Helen Kelsey: 07816367460 / 01278 723246

kelseys4@btinternet.com

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING Tuesday 25th March 2025

PRESENT:

Christine Vince KERNO (chairman); Helen Kelsey BOK (secretary); Steve Robertson QO (treasurer); Rob Mills WIM (fixtures); Pete Maliphant BOK (cttee and SWJOS); Arthur Vince KERNO (cttee); Julie Astin WSX (cttee); Neil Fraser NWO;(cttee); Kevin Pickering WIM (cttee); Roger Hargreaves KERNO.

1. Apologies. Ian Jones NGOC; Liz Yeadon SARUM; Richard Hudson BOK; Adrian Taylor DEVON.
2. Chairman's update. John Warren WIM died on 9th March, he was 88 and in a care home. His funeral is in New Milton on 1st April, details on the WIM website. John contributed an enormous amount to orienteering in the SW, notably being a grade 1 controller, a controller and planner for JK 1997 and chairman of SWOA in 1980s.
Thanks recorded to Liz Yeadon for organising an excellent Southern Championships on 9th March.
3. Approval of minutes of last meeting. With the correction of the date of the meeting the minutes were approved unanimously.
4. Matters arising not elsewhere on the agenda. The proposed amendment to SWOA League rules, put forward by Arthur, had been circulated to clubs but no comments had been received. Arthur has subsequently altered the amendment and it was agreed that the latest version should be circulated for all committee members and clubs to review before next committee meeting. **Action: HK to circulate latest version of amendment. (See Appendix 1)**
5. Treasurer and Membership Secretary's report. (See Appendix 2)
SWOA financial status -- £1,850 improvement versus January status -- levies received, no grants awarded and the only outgoing, monthly website support.

Membership – new and renewal memberships still trickling in.

The present position shows membership units at 695, 12% lower than at the end of the 2024 membership year. This is expected to improve since there is a time lag between members renewing and the entry showing in the BOF database.

However, compared with March 2024, the membership is about 5% lower, primarily Seniors and Families. We will look again at the end of March and discuss the situation as it stands at the next meeting.

6. Fixtures report.
 - 6.1 Update on progress with British Sprint and Sprint Relay Championships Richard Hudson was unable to attend the meeting. **Action: HK to ask Richard for an update.**

Fixtures bulletin was issued in February.

Since last meeting, fixtures confirmed are:

- Southern Night Championships 2026 WSX Studland Dunes
- CSC Qualifier 2026 WIM Affpuddle on 22nd Feb
- Southern Championships 2027 QO at Ramscombe 24th January

Rob commented that all South West clubs, via their fixtures secretaries are working well together with excellent cooperation and communication.

Rob represented SWOA at BOF scheduling meeting hosted by Mike Cope and there are some events that have still not been identified and so Mike will be approaching associations and clubs directly asking for offers.

Events for which there has so far been no offer:

- Peter Palmer Junior Team relay 2025 onwards
- British Middle Championships 2027
- Compas Sport Cup Final 2027 onwards
- British Schools Orienteering Championships, British Schools Score Championships and Yvette Baker Trophy Final 2027 onwards

All regions are struggling with access permissions, car parking and a smaller number of officials.

Last year WIM put on BSOC, but had to cancel due to lack of entries. It was suggested that junior events could be combined with open events, having the junior competition in the morning and the open competition on the same area, with same course in the afternoon, to make the event more feasible.

SWOA will be hosting the JK in 2028, given that there is a 2 year embargo on JK areas, we only have one year to sort out areas with suitable access, permissions and parking. All suggestions welcome.

Christine thanked Rob for all his work and pointed out that the SW model for major multi day events has been that one club, with help from others takes on one day of the event.

7. SWJOS report.

For the first time in long time, possibly ever, SWJOS now has juniors from all nine SW clubs amongst its 34 active members. As well as the familiar names currently striving for places on the summer training camps, JHIs, EYOC etc. we have a pleasing number of less experienced juniors also having a go at selection. Following the big turnout at the Southern Champs, there were a similar number of SWJOS at the British Middle Champs in Crawley and this will recur at the JK and British Long. It's likely that the SW will once again have a large number selected for summer camps and I'll update on this after the JK, when the probable successes are a little clearer.

It's the time of year for SWJOS to ask for its annual grant to support the junior squad's activities CV proposed AV seconded that SWOA grants an amount of £1000 to SWJOS, which was agreed unanimously.

8. Recorder of Controller's Report nothing to report

9. AOB none

10. Club reps report to clubs.

- Proposed change of SWOL rules
- Thanks to clubs for cooperation and support of each other in fixture planning
- Highlight future national events that so far have no offers
- JK 2028 – ask for suggestions for suitable areas

11. Date of next meeting. Tuesday 20th May 2025 8pm

Appendix 1 Proposed amendment to SWOL rules.

For approval at the SWOA Committee meeting on 20th May 2025.

For clarity, the title is changed “*SWOA League Rules & Scoring System*”.

Other changes are in *blue typeface*.

Arthur Vince, KERNO

SWOA League Rules & Scoring System

1. League competitions are BOF Level C Regional events.
2. Points are awarded only on the Brown, Blue, Green, Short Green, Light Green, Orange and Yellow courses.
3. Only members of SWOA on the day of the event score points. Runs must be alone and unassisted for the competitor to score. Only a competitor’s first run counts. Entrants may compete on any course, with no restrictions because of their calendar age – this applies to both junior competitors and those in the older age groups. BOF Rules Appendix B para 8.6 gives suggested courses for age classes, but entrants shall not be restricted to these.

Appendix 2 SWOA Financial status

SWOA Summary by Account 2024-2025

Mar-25

<u>ACCOUNT DETAIL</u>		<u>Income/Expenditure</u>	<u>Summary</u>
		<u>Detail</u>	<u>Level</u>
<u>INCOME</u>			
Levies	BOK	£ 768.23	
	DEVON	857.04	
	KERNO	160.54	
	NGOC	1,098.48	
	N WO	279.91	
	QO	616.86	
	SARUM	664.51	
	WIM	512.67	
	WSX	437.70	
	Other	<u>0.00</u>	
		£ 5,395.94	5,395.94
Other Income	Interest	£ <u>26.68</u>	26.68
Total		£ 5,422.62	5,422.62
<u>EXPENSE</u>			
Grants	Junior Squad Representation	£ 0.00	
		(562.00)	Junior
		(175.00)	Senior
	Tours/Training	(2,625.00)	Junior

		Senior	0.00	(3,362.00)
Courses	Individuals		0.00	
	Clubs		(1,140.00)	
	Other		0.00	(1,140.00)
English OC			0.00	0.00
Website			(230.00)	
Expenses	Committee		(86.49)	
	Competition		0.00	(316.49)
Misc.			<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total			£ (4,818.49)	(4,818.49)

<u>SUMMARY</u>		<u>Income/Expenditure</u>	
	Levies	£	5,395.94
	Grants		(3,362.00)
	Courses		(1,140.00)
	English OC		0.00
	Other Income / Misc.		(289.81)
	Total	£	604.13

<u>CASH BALANCES</u>			
	Current	Deposit	
	<u>Account</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Total</u>
Opening Balances	5,024.36	5,064.13	£ 10,088.49
Transfers			
Deposit	0.00	0.00	0.00
Current	0.00	0.00	0.00
Transacts			
Credit	5,395.94	26.68	5,422.62
Debit	(4,818.49)	n/a	(4,818.49)
Closing Balances	5,601.81	5,090.81	£ 10,692.62
Period Change	577.45	26.68	£ 604.13

March 19, 2025

SWOA Financial Status -- March 2025

2024-25 Financial Year

	March <u>2024-25</u>	Memo: January <u>2024-25</u>	Better/(Worse) than <u>January Status</u>
Levies	£ 5,396	£ 3,494	1,902
Grants	(3,362)	(3,362)	0
Courses	(1,140)	(1,140)	0
English OC	0	0	0
Other Income/Expense Total	(290)	(238)	(52)
Total	604	(1,246)	1,850
Total Funds	<u>Mar-25</u> 10,692	<u>Jan-25</u> 8,842	

Explanation of Change since November

Levies

As expected levy income has continued at a steady level and year to date is now showing a surplus of £604.

Grants

No grant applications or payments since January report.

Outlook

No change in outlook of breakeven, or possible deficit, once tour/representation selections announced and grants awarded.

March 19, 2025