COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday 3rd November 2026 8pm

1 Attendance

Christine Vince KERNO, Arthur Vince KERNO, Roger Hargreaves KERNO, Kevin Pickering WIM, Rob Mills WIM, Neil Fraser NWO, Liz Yeadon SARUM, Peter Maliphant BOK [part]. Steve Robertson QO [part].

2 Apologies for absence

Julie Astin WSX, Richard Jackson DEVON

3 Approval of minutes of the previous meeting

Approved.

4 Matters arising from minutes

As a result of the change of Secretary the signatory on the Bank Account needs updating. SR will lead the actions to be made.

5 Chairman's report

CV has been in touch with Richard Jackson who has agree to be on the committee – his co-option to the committee was agreed nem con.

Regarding the recent AGM; CV noted that any actions from that meeting have not yet been reviewed. To be considered at the next meeting.

6 Treasurer and Membership Secretary's report

SR reported that levy income was approximately £1,000 over the last six weeks. Junior grants shown as under review at the September meeting have been paid plus the additional grant (£1,000) requested for the Junior Squad. The regular annual grant to the Junior Squad (£1,000) will be paid in January/February 2027. To summarise: although total funds have fallen it is not unusual at this time of year and funds are expected to recover as the number of events ramp up in the Autumn/Spring period. Total funds at £9,500 remain at a satisfactory level

The singular request for squad funding was promptly approved by the committee. Requests for grants continued to appear. While inevitably costs are increasing there is no immediate need to change the current levies. However, it seems likely that the committee will need to review them for the 2027/28 season.

Discussion took place regarding grants for volunteer training – currently the "what SWOA does" places a restriction on club only activities. SR will review the existing on-line application form.

7 Fixtures update

RM attended the national half yearly fixtures group meeting and noted that the problems that we are finding in the SW are repeated in most, if not all, other regions. RM has posted the latest fixtures bulletin on the website. Main points are:

2027 - Requests: we are still looking for someone to host the SW **Yvette Baker qualifier** which needs to take place between the middle of March and early June. At National level, we are currently looking for someone to host the **Yvette Baker final**, **British Schools Orienteering Champs** and **British Schools Score Champs**

2028 – SWOA had to decline hosting the JK and WMOA has agreed to step in. SWOA is now looking to potentially host J**K in 2032** with a SWOA working group going to look at the feasibility of doing this over the next year. Given WMOA were supposed to host British Long & Relay Champs in 2028, they asked someone else to take this over and BOK has agreed in principle to do this, with a view of hosting in the Forest of Dean with the events provisionally scheduled for late October

2029 – QO has had to step back from hosting CSC Final due to FE restrictions. Given this, any offers would be gratefully received. We have also been asked by SCOA to take their place in hosting the Southern Champs as they will be fully engaged with hosting JK that year. In addition, SWOA is down to host the **Junior Home Internationals**. Please note that although they are in 2029, there is an urgent need to identify host clubs, areas and, in the case of Southern Champs, dates for these events. Nationally, we are also currently looking for someone to host the British Sprint & Sprint Relay Champs.

The 2026 SW Long Championship was due to take place on Haytor – cancelled due to storm Austen. Consideration is been given to rearranging to a date in 2027. The committee complemented DEVON for their professional approach to a difficult situation.

8 SWJOS Report

PM thanked the committee for the prompt funds to purchase squad jackets which will be sold to members of the squad, They will provide a useful mechanism of raising the profile of SWJOS within lots of assembly areas.

There have been additions to the squad of four M/W 12s and while these are under the usual skill level required to be in the squad they are showing plenty of enthusiasm. There are 3 M/W 10s which are showing promise and are being encouraged. There is a male/female imbalance.

There is a weekend away planned as well as some members off to Hawkshead.

RM asked PM if there was any squad involvement in JHI 2029 – PM hadn't any direct approach.

9 Recorder of Controllers' report:

No changes to report.

10 AOB

The web page has been updated with profiles of the committee. The SWL tables for some missing years is being investigated by Spencer Modica. The Relay series was briefly discussed and will be on the Agenda for the next meeting.

Club reps report to clubs

a) Clubs should note that there are funding opportunities to hold training courses for a wide range of officials. Applications should be made on the appropriate form available from the SWOA website.

b) Referring to the Fixtures Secretaries report, there is a need for clubs to consider if they are able to host either of the Yvette Baker events and the JHI even though this is in 2029!

Date of next meeting. **Tuesday 12th January 8pm**