SOUTH EASTERN ORIENTEERING ASSOCIATION

**Minutes of the SEOA Committee Meeting on 10th June 2021**

**as a virtual meeting using the ‘Zoom’ software.**

#### 1. Present

Simon Greenwood SAX SEOA Chairman

David Saunders HH SEOA Treasurer

Angela Darley GO SEOA Junior Training Officer

Neil Crickmore SO SEOA Competitions Officer

Keith Marsden HH SEOA Secretary

Philip Gristwood MV SEOA Fixtures Secretary

David Rosen British Orienteering Director

Catherine Galvin LOK Steve McKinley SN

Jon Darley GO Mike Bennett HH

Alan Leakey SLOW Alan Wallis SN

David Dawson DFOK Mike Elliott MV

**Apologies for Absence**

Susan Marsden HH SEOA Membership Officer

**2. Minutes of previous Committee Meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on 11th March 2021 were accepted as a true record.

**3. Matters arising**

The Chairman noted that the confusion over which Association (SE/SC) some club members had joined had largely been resolved.

**4. Update from the Board of British Orienteering**

David Rosen reported that the next Board Meeting was due to be held on 18th June.

The Refund policy was brought up at the last Board Meeting. Peter Hart has discussed it with the legal advisors and it is due to be discussed at the next Board Meeting.

(PMN; Comment from David Rosen; I also asked him: Has any progress been made on a Refund Policy? *We are trying to cut down the legal blurb with the solicitors and are currently working on it. It is a classic case of a requirement but when people see the implications they do not fully agree with implementing it.)*

There had been questions regarding the role of some of the Steering Groups. Some are no longer active and others only deal with individual issues. Longer term it is proposed to review the structure of the sub-groups.

At the AGM held on 21st April Steve Cram was voted in as the new British Orienteering president and it is hoped that he will be an active President having competed in Orienteering in the past.

The Board has produced regular COVID updates the latest being dated May 18th.

A new Independent Director, Laura Kaye Tomlinson, has joined the Board. She is a member of DVO.

The Board is working on revision of the Articles of Association in an attempt to improve them including making them non-gender specific. Also included is allowance for an on-line AGM and amendments to the voting for contentious/non-contentious items.

A bid is being prepared to Sport England for the roll-out of MapRun.

AL suggested that the transgender policy should be published.

(PMN; This is now published on the Key Documents page <https://www.britishorienteering.org.uk/keydocuments> )

**5. Major Events**

*Future Events*

**BOC 2022 (25th 26th March)**

See minutes of the AGM 2021 when this was discussed.

**WJHI (9-10th October 2021)**

AL confirmed that the booking with PGL still existed.

Permission had been received for the use of the Devil’s Punch Bowl from National Trust.

SLOW has informal permission for the use of Bramshot Heath for the Relays from Landmarc. A new map has already been prepared.

It is proposed to organise a public event in the afternoon in order to reduce the cost of the WJHI

All major officials are now in place.

Invitations have now been sent to all the Home Countries.

AL suggested that British Orienteering needs to talk to NT as NT are of the opinion that damage is caused by Orienteering.

**Action; DR**

**Southern Championships (7th December 2021)**

ME is going ahead as Planner with Mike Murray as Controller.

A meeting is now required with the new Chief Executive of the Conservators of Ashdown Forest.

The event will require three starts so extra manpower may be required. Currently MV and SAXONS are involved

**SHI 2022 (10th-11th September)**

Event consists of an Individual and Relay. Around 100 competitors are expected across 4 courses with a similar number of Relay courses.

Can all attendees take the request for support to their clubs.

**Action; All**

It may be possible to run the event alongside a SEL event although it was recognised that some areas are difficult in the autumn.

Maybe Pippingford for the Relays?

It is a priority to be sorted and this event is to be promoted to the ‘Future Events’ list.

**Action; KM**

The following were not discussed;

* **Southern Championships (2024)**

Could be shared with SEL event. It is for the Association to select a suitable date.

* **JK (2027)**

**Other Events**

PG noted that there were 5 GLOSS events scheduled for this summer.

PG will circulate the minutes of the Fixtures Meeting.

**Action; PG**

**6. Officers Reports**

* 1. **SEOA Chairman**

The Chairman had nothing to add to his report to the 2021 AGM.

* 1. **SEOA Secretary**

The Secretary had nothing to add to his report to the 2021 AGM.

**6.3**  **SEOA Treasurer**

The Treasurer had supplied an interim Income and Expenditure statement to 2nd June 2021.

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He had nothing to add to his report to the 2021 AGM.

DS did however announce that Anne Power had decided to stand down as ‘Medals and Badges’. DS has produced a summary of the job and asks clubs to ask around for a replacement.

**Action; All**

**6.4 SEOA Membership Secretary**

She had nothing to add to her report to the 2021 AGM.

**6.5 SEOA Competitions Officer**

The Competitions Officer commented on the average age of Controllers, especially Level A and asked that clubs identify younger potential Controllers.

**Action; All**

He also reminded attendees to inform him if he needed to organise Controllers courses.

**Action; All**

PG complained that he had been unable to get an entry to the SO SEL event because it was full. And asked whether it should be a SEL event.

It was agreed that it should be known whether there is a limit before agreeing for an event to be a SEL event. And should a limit be imposed after entries are open in future they will be removed from the list of SEL events.

SG announced that John Duffield had decided to stand down as SEIL coordinator and that Neil Bricknell will take over.

* 1. **SEOA and BOF Fixtures**

PG commented that there was an increasing number of events being registered and he needs clubs to keep him informed in order to avoid clashes.

**Action; All**

* 1. SEOA Junior Training Officer

She commented that she was trying to work out the needs for this year’s JIRC to be organised by NEOA.

SEJS is beginning to include Physical Training in its sessions.

Younger athletes are now being added to SEJS as the older ones move out.

**7. Any other business**

It was decided to renew the Zoom licence at a cost of around £143 annual fee.

**Action; AD/DS**

Venues for meetings were under continual review but it was felt that SEOA should meet in person at least once per year. September may be possible with a Zoom meeting in December.

The Chairman said that he would attend the JK review meeting on 23rd June if no-one was available and would circulate a paper.

**Action; SG**

**8. Date of next meetings**

9th September 2021

9th December 2021

10th March 2022

**APPENDIX A**

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