

Scottish Orienteering Association EGM Minutes

September 23rd 2017, Library Room, Lagganlia Outdoor Centre



The EGM started at 1900hrs

Present: Richard Oxlade, Colin Matheson, Anne Hickling, Pauline McAdam, Ted Finch, John Tullie, Robin Sloan, Christine Patterson, Brian Yates, Janice Nisbet, Heather Thomson, Dave Robertson.

Minutes: Stef Lauer

1. Apologies:

Hilary Quick, Jane Scott (sportscotland), Claire MacPherson

1.a. President's Report (Dr Roger Scrutton)

- Update on SOA business, current team structure & staffing
- The SOA is overseeing the Scottish club development (not BO).
- Funded by sportscotland and also from within the sport (S6D event, levies), grants from charitable trusts, Matchgiving and GiftAid schemes.
- Mention of Development Audit - which influenced some of the changes of the Articles
- Bid to stage World Spring Championships 2022 in Edinburgh

A short discussion surround Club + SOA membership followed.

2. Proposals:

Changes to the Articles

In summary, we are proposing three areas of change.

The principal changes are to comply with a number of governance developments in recent years, especially around company Board structure and operations. This, in turn, has cascaded down from concerns in sport in general, and other areas, of illegal practices, transparency over decision-making and so on. The appointment of an Independent Director and Chair of the Board, for example, are a response to this.

A second area concerned is about the relationship of the SOA to British Orienteering, especially with regard to the way the membership process operates. Changes to the Articles in the area of membership are mainly to clarify the relationship of our members to British Orienteering.

Thirdly, we are taking this opportunity to propose an update to our Objects (= Charitable Purposes, Articles Section 4), because they still relate to the days before we became a Charity and are no longer acceptable to the Charity Regulator.

The meeting unanimously accepted changes to the articles.

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The EGM was closed at 1940hrs.