

Solway Orienteers minutes 18th January 2023

Present: Joyce Rammell, Derek Kennedy, Alastair Murgatroyd, Stuart Graham, Tim & Helen O'Donoghue

Apologies: Briony Kincaid

Safeguarding

Tim updated the committee regarding the court case which was held last week regarding a company providing first aid services. While no safeguarding incidents were reported one of the people providing First Aid was on the sex offenders list and should not have been working at an event with minors in attendance. He had also provided first aid services to a cycling event which also breached the terms of his licence as there was a 17 year old taking part. In previous years it had been an adult only event and as he had not been informed of this it was deemed reasonable that he did not know.

Going forward, when Solway is buying in First Aid we will

- 1) inform any company that we are looking to employ that there will be minors present,
- 2) Ask if they have PVG for their employees.

SCIO (Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation)

Solway Orienteers is currently unincorporated; therefore, should there be a claim made against the club the committee and possibly some members could all be individually liable. Moving to being a SCIO limits the liability provided the club hasn't done anything wrong legally. Tim has written a constitution which has been circulated. The committee are in favour of going ahead with the next stage which is to call an EGM to ask the members for their views. This will be on the 25th March after the event at Cream o' Galloway Alastair will be away in Japan on that date but supports the club becoming an SCIO.

Solway Orienteers Secretary

Fiona Penny has stepped down from the role. She does not plan to renew her BOF membership. A few candidates were considered as a possible replacement.

Big events

CompassSport – 4 club members are looking to attend

Scottish 6 Days – Moray 2023

Solway has been assigned day 1 as the day for helping. All official roles have been filled

Scottish Championships weekend

This event is to be organised by the West area clubs.

Solway has been allocated to help on the 2nd day at the relays. Any profit from the weekend will be split between the clubs which have provided manpower to run the events.

WOC 2024 Edinburgh

SOA have employed a sports consultancy company to help guide how best to maximise the benefit from this event. There will be a presentation to the SOA Board in April. Tim proposed holding a Sprint event at the Crichton in the run up to WOC and to that end has been working to produce a version of the map using the ISSprOM 2019 standards. Map scale for sprint is 1:4,000 so this means that the map will be A3 rather than A4 in size.

Joyce asked what level of event this would be and whether the Crichton would need to be embargoed? It was agreed that the club could not afford to have this area off limits for any length of time.

Fixtures

4 Feb Sat possibly reschedule the Heathhall event which had to be cancelled because of flooding. (Ian Murgatroyd) If that's not possible then Pits n' Bumps in Barhill Plantation (Tim O'Donoghue)

Wed 8th Feb Night event Silvercraig – Stuart Graham

Sat 25 Feb The Hills – Richard (& Emily) Colbeck

Wed 15th March Crichton night event – Stuart Graham

Friday 24th March D&G Schools Champs Cream o' Galloway. It is doubtful whether this event will be possible because of the teachers strikes.

Sat 25th March Cream o' Galloway – Tim O'Donoghue