

## **Minutes of WMOA Committee Meeting 8<sup>th</sup> June 2020 via Zoom**

**Present :** Richard Lewis, Allan Williams, Barbara Ford, Marian White, Richard Rogers, Kirsten Strain, Rod Postlethwaite, Mel Elkington, Ray Collins, Henry Morgan, Ian Gamlen, Barry Elkington, Jonathan Howell, Carol Dredge

**1. Apologies:** Steve Parker, Bob Brandon, Brenda Morgan, Adrian Pickles

**2. Declaration of Interest:** None

**3. Acceptance of Previous Minutes:** Amendment to minutes- Item15 –AOB – It was not agreed to reimburse HOC for costs re Postenplain. Club reps were asked to go back to clubs to get feedback on what to do.

**4. Matters Arising:** None

**5. Correspondence:** None

**6. Chairman's Report:** RL was hopeful that Orienteering would soon recommence with some organisational changes. He noted that in 2001 Foot and Mouth Disease led to development of Urban Orienteering. Clubs are actively looking at alternatives- eg Map Run, Permanent Courses. Hopefully these will attract new people to the sport.

**7. Treasurer's Report:** IG reported very little change since March.

WMOA- £9527      WMJS- £2884

It was agreed to donate £500 more to WMJS to bring total for year to £1000 as normal. ME- thanked committee for this and explained expected quizzes and cake sales not able to go ahead but JIRC'S may still go ahead at some point with possible increased costs for travel and accommodation.

**8. Fixtures Report: AW** – Some tentative plans to reschedule major events from 2020 to 2021 but not simple due to availability of areas. All events on club websites to be cancelled until end of June. **AW** to help clubs on restart to avoid clashes etc.

WM Leagues discussed – agreed to decide on these at next meeting when we know more – extra events could be added to leagues.

POTOC to continue with CSC in 2021 as has to be held in March. HOC may use Postenplain for CSC in 2022 as February date possible that year.

**JH-** asked if clubs rescheduling missed events.

**OD** – Summer series abandoned. CSC final ????? December event –Brandon Woods- decide in Autumn. Plan to put on Saturday morning events in Autumn if possible.

**HOC-** Birmingham Urban cancelled this year and will not be rescheduled in 2021. The 2022 planned date remains the same.

**POTOC-** not rescheduling events. Planning WM Champs for November.

**WRE-** Telford Urban event possibly rearranged for New Year's Day.

**HOC-** unsure of plans for rescheduling events.

**WCH-** July Urban League event plan to reschedule maybe into next year.

**9. West Midlander RP** – one West Midlander had been produced. Agreed to combine Summer and Autumn editions due to lack of content. **RP-** has been researching WM champions (gone back to 1991) and WM Night League. Let him know if any results from earlier.

**10. WMOA website- MW** – Laurie Bradley/ TSB added. List of all events cancelled put up. Any virtual orienteering events can be put on site . POTOC Map Runs already on.

**RR-** clean out of site had been done.

Web pages on how to use Map Run to be added in future.

**RL-** website very good and up to date all the time. Expressed thanks to MW and RR.

**11. Development : HM-**no planned courses at the moment.

**OD-** planning weekly map runs in parks over Summer and promoting POC's in same parks. Maps available to use in addition to phone.

**POTOC-** planning Map Runs – maps available as well.

**WRE-** Duncan Bayliss had planned a virtual orienteering course around Shrewsbury – some Google maps out of date.

**JH-** suggested trying a West Midland Map Run league with 3-4 runs, for a year. Limitation some people not having smartphones. Also suggested Winter night urban league.

**RR-** suggested easier to use Post box reference points.

**12. Update from Events and Competitions Committee – BE –** next meeting planned for 2/3 weeks time- unsure if will take place.

**13. Junior Squad – ME –** Lack of children in W/M 14 age group worrying. No one to put forward for Laganllia –now not taking place.

Cancellation of Midland Champs gives children nothing to aim at. (**AW-**raised Midland Champs at fixtures meeting but not moving forward on this).

Deeside Tour cancelled.

Squad Tour with EMOA to Sweden cancelled – flight money lost.

Junior Squad email address changed **ME** to email Mike Farrington.

#### **14. Club Round Up-**

**WCH-** enthusiasm for Map Run within club. Some practise courses put out to check work with Map Run . Events on website soon. Struggling with access both County Council and Forestry. Hope to develop over Summer.

Update on fire damage on Chase.

**COBOC-** developing map runs. Sutton Parks Gates Race to be run this way- available throughout June.

Beginners/Families/ Schools events – no decision yet hoping from September.

**HOC-** had used Photo O. June Jaunter to use Map Run.

WML event September doubtful.

**POTOC-** WM Schools- March cancelled. Park series and barbecue cancelled.

WM Champs in November awaiting permission to use Bathpool.

**OD-** all events cancelled until October. Focussing on Map Runs in country parks – hopefully recruit new members.

**WRE-** Summer series Post Box and street events.

## **15. AOB-**

**RL-** asked all clubs for feedback on giving £300 to HOC for expenses for cancelled CSC event at Postenplain.

After much discussion it was agreed that WMOA would pay £300 to HOC.

**RL** and **IG** both stressed this was not a precedent.

**BE-** had circulated an email about POC's printed from BOF website not good quality/ wrong colours / wrong scale. Issue had been raised previously with BOF but little response.

Question about rectifying this emailed to Webinar on Back to Orienteering Plan scheduled for Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June. If no answer will put to BOF AGM.

All clubs agreed maps not good enough. Need to be right if only source of Orienteering at the moment.

No POC maps to be put on club websites. All to go on BOF site as central location and easy to see downloads and other statistics.

**16. Date of next meeting-** Monday September 14<sup>th</sup>, probably by Zoom.

Possibility of another Zoom meeting before this if things begin to open up for Orienteering.

**Meeting closed at 9pm.**

**Thanks to Allan Williams for facilitating this meeting.**