

Minutes of WMOA Committee Meeting 14th September 2020

via Zoom

Present: Richard Lewis, Allan Williams, Mel Elkington, Barbara Ford, Marian White, Barry Elkington, Ian Gamlen, Richard Rogers, Marian Denham, Rod Postlethwaite, Carol Dredge

1. Apologies: Henry Morgan, Brenda Morgan, Jonathan Howell, Kirsten Strain, Bob Brandon, Ray Collins

2. Declaration of Interest: None

3. Acceptance of Previous Minutes - 8th June and 20th July:
Accepted

4. Matters Arising: None

5. Correspondence: CD-BOF Association Returns Form - CD to complete and return. Email from Peter Hart re 'groups of 6' - not affecting Orienteering as organised sport with Covid regulations. Update of Review of Return to Orienteering - increased numbers at starts.

6. Chairman's Report: RL- pleasing to see events now starting to take place. Clubs Map Run events continue to provide new challenges. MapRun now also being used by running clubs and for fell races- way in to Orienteering? Clubs seem to be able to manage Covid rules getting landowners permission is problem. JK 2021 lost.

WM web page looking good- up to date content and news. Thanks to MW and RR.

7. Treasurer's Report: IG- financially very quiet. Slight loss this year as levy income lower than anticipated. Saved money on Great Barr Hotel and English Orienteering Council.

Brian Laycock to inspect accounts prior to AGM.

8. Fixtures Report: AW-events are starting to happen again.

CSC Final has been lost. Embargo to be kept on at moment as may be final next year. Heats may not take place in Feb/March so may be same clubs in final.

Urban League - no events have taken place.

League events -

7 - WCH- Haywood Warren - October 11th - hopeful taking place with up to 300 entries.

8- HOC- 15th November- if can find somewhere to have enough people and large enough car park.

9- POTO- Bathpool -22nd November - WM Champs- waiting permissions

10- WRE- Nesscliffe- 29th November - still hoping to go ahead

11- OD- Brandon Woods - 6th December- waiting on numbers allowed

WCH- Shoal Hill -13th December - possibility for League event if others fall through?

BOF Events Scheduling Group coming up via Zoom. After this structure of next year's league/urban events to be discussed between WM club secretaries and AW.

9. West Midlander- RP-trying to put something together. Plea for articles. Suggested could be reports of Long Mynd event.

10. WMOA website- RR and MW-continued embargo of Sutton Park to be put on website.

11. Development: BE-nothing happening.

12. Update from Events and Competitions Committee- BE-nothing until major events start happening again.

13. Junior Squad -ME-

West Midlands Junior Squad Training is beginning again with a session for three squad members at Elmdon Park, there were four but sadly one has had to quarantine due to a Covid case in his year group.

Two other training sessions are planned one at Hartshill and one at Itchington Holt. All three will be Covid secure following British Orienteering coaching guidelines. In view of the lack of opportunities for children to orienteer this year we would like to offer the opportunity to any 12 year old and above that

has done an Orange to start training with the squad. In order to keep numbers at the right level we may need assistance from parents. So please could you let us have contact details for any 12 year old that you think may be interested.

There is no flexibility to just turn up at any training at present so they would need to have booked a place by our closing date so that we can ensure we have the correct ratios of adults to children and to get maps printed & bagged for each participant in time.

In addition we will be running Zoom technical and circuit sessions for the squad.

Discussion followed with names of children who may be suitable given to **ME**.

14. AGM- Monday 12th October - 7-30pm by Zoom.

Zoom account allows up to 100 people. **CD**-email clubs to email members. Any nominations for officers and members attending to email **CD** prior to meeting. AOB to be submitted 7 days before **AGM**.

15. Club round up.

COBOC-IG-Bham City Council not allowing use of Parks. Putting on Map Run courses only. Lickey Hills - new POC.

POTOC-MD-MapRuns once a week- all well used - no permissions needed. 30/40 per event. Gained a few new members.

Local event- Hanley Forest Park cancelled- no guarantee of permission.

WM Champs- organising and planning done- awaiting permissions.

OD-BE-Itchington Holt -26th September- private forest -OD members only.

Big push on MapRuns and POC'S.

Looking for permissions for October/November events.

HOC-BF-Looking at where can put on bigger event. 20th September - Castlemorton Common- initially HOC/COBOC - opened up to others to fill start times.

MapRuns continuing .

WCH-RC-from email- have permissions for Haywood Warren.

WRE-no update.

16. AOB- IG-Great Barr Hotel had been in contact re future meetings. **CD**-had emailed April/May saying would be in touch if and when can hold meetings there again. Resend email.

AW-do we need these meetings there? Cost of travel etc. Is Zoom way forward? **IG**- Zoom more difficult if contentious issues discussed.

RL- thanked **AW** for again hosting meeting. Agreed to contribute to **AW Zoom** account.

17- Date of next meetings-AGM- Monday 12th October

Committee - Monday 14th December