

## Minutes of WMOA Committee Meeting 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021 via Zoom

**Present:** Ian Gamlen, Henry Morgan, Jonathan Howell, Richard Lewis, Allan Williams, Adrian Pickles, Barbara Ford, Marian White, Barry Elkington, Richard Rogers, Brenda Morgan, Rod Postlethwaite, Carol Dredge

**1. Apologies:** Steve Parker, Mel Elkington

**2. Declaration of Interest:** None

**3. Acceptance of Previous Minutes:** Accepted

**4. Matters Arising:** None

**5. Correspondence:**

1. Ambassador for Orienteering Foundation – IG agreed to look into joining this.
2. BOF consultation re changes to wording in Constitution prior to AGM – RL and CD looked at changes and replied to BOF that WMOA were happy with changes.
3. Updated COVID guidance
4. David Pal- Chair of WOA- looking for non SI equipment co-ordinator for JK 2022. CD to send Job Specification to all members – club members to be asked for any interest.
5. Email from SINS Co-ordinator- SINS will be 2 day event but will not host Midlands Champs. Guidelines for Midlands Champs too difficult to follow at current time.  
Discussion followed-  
BE- stated that guidelines had not changed since Midlands moved from A level to B level event. Need for Midlands as not held last year but only if can be entered freely and no great restrictions.  
AW- suggested one day at SINS could be used for this. Will discuss Midlands Champs and whether it can be held without all usual rules and regulations at Event Scheduling Group on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> March.  
RL – to discuss this further with AP.  
BE- to support with any technical issues.

**6. Chairman's Report:**

Thank you all for attending

Well at this moment in time I am feeling quite positive that we will soon have some events to attend and hopefully remember how to Orienteer.

I'm sure future events will be organised in a different format to what we have been used to experiencing but any event is better than none.

Hopefully we will have the British Middle distance event in May and maybe our clubs will be able to arrange some further events over the summer months, hopefully we will have some positive news and update on SINS during the evening.

Our Federation BOF is actively still developing online courses which is a positive step towards the future and now includes an online intro to Orienteering for secondary schools, can we promote this within our region.

BOF also have the AGM which again will be online on the 21st April, please see the web page for detail.

And finally still finishing on a positive note at our WMOA AGM in October I will have been chair for 3 years so we need to start thinking about suspects no sorry volunteers for this important role.

Finally I'm sure we are only a couple of months away from being back at an event.

(Kirsten Strain and Harriet Lawson joined the meeting)

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

WMOA- £8785

WMJS- £2870

Expenditure Zoom Calls and upgrade of WMOA website £85 – bill expected. WMJS squad clothing purchased.

**8. Fixtures Report:** AW

Events scheduling group to be held this Saturday by Zoom. Followed up by WM fixtures meeting in a few weeks. Will try and fit club dates into calendar, may get congested but ensure no big clashes.

WM Champs to be added to a future event.

CSC Final now back at Sutton Park if can get permission.

Coventry City Race postponed till next year.

2022- Coventry and Birmingham City Races hopefully on successive days.

24<sup>th</sup> April – POTO event- Ladderedge

25<sup>th</sup> April – WCH event – Shoal Hill

**9. West Midlander:** RP

No new edition as no events on. Hopeful to get one out in next month with new fixtures to go in.

**10. WMOA Website:** RR and MW

Will put POTO and WCH events on website.

Clubs to let MW know if want any local events put on website – depending on number restrictions.

**11. Development:** HM

Nothing planned.

**12. Update from Events and Competitions Committee:** BE

Looking at ways to make all events and competitions that can take place at the moment easier for organisers to manage – eg need for seeding, split start times etc, so events can take place. Restaging events and reshuffling events but problem still is getting permissions.

### 13. **Junior Squad:** ME

We have ordered some more O tops which all being well should arrive by the end of March. We have donated £45 to BSOA for the use of their Zoom account. The program of online Physical and technical training sessions continues to be held and are being led by both Kirsten and Harriet. We look forward to starting training together again soon.

### 14. **MapRun League;**

After some discussion it was agreed to leave this idea until September/ October to see how things are by then. CD to add to next agenda.

HL- is anything planned to coincide with Commonwealth Games in Birmingham? Suggested using some parks in Coventry and Birmingham.

COBOC or HOC may be able to put something on as in their area.

### 15. **Club Roundup:**

#### **WCH – JH**

Need to revisit programme to see what may be put on in Autumn.

Urban event in July will not be put on due to uncertainty.

Very few MapRun events put on as felt it encouraged travel.

Successful Club Quiz held.

#### **COBOC – IG**

Peter Palmer Relays 2022- Sutton Park

Membership down – school children and parents.

#### **POTOC - BM**

Membership level maintained – new members as a result of Map Runs.

Dates for year to be finalised next month- May and June- local events, October- Bathpool.

Keeping MapRuns between other events.

Staffs Moorlands giving permissions for events.

#### **WRE – AP**

Relaunching latest MapRun series.

SINS – Day One – Corndon Day Two – Stapeley

Looking for new date for Severn Valley Country Park.

Woodside- new map-ready to go- maybe next year.

Shropshire Council good for permissions.

#### **HOC – BF**

Club Champs in December were postponed.

Plan for a mixture of small Summer events- midweek and weekends.

Autumn- Malvern Hills event – WM League?

New website almost ready to launch set up by MW.

#### **OD – BE**

Peter Palmer Relays 2022- Sutton Park

Continued with MapRuns – but difficult as encourages travel.

Urban Races not until full lockdown over.

Country Parks being closed as overwhelmed by visitors.

Private woodlands may be used.

Saving Bentley Woods until next year.

Beginning of April to end of June- plan to have small local events with pre entry every couple of weeks.

**16. AOB:**

BM- WM Schools event not being run – due to permissions and transport of children.

IG- has Treasurer's records from 1967 – legally need to keep for 6 years.

Suggested should be offered to archive of Orienteering materials at Sheffield University.

**17. Date of next Meeting:** Monday 14<sup>th</sup> June at 7-30pm by Zoom.

**Meeting Closed at 9-15pm.**

Thanks to Allan Williams for facilitating this meeting.