

Minutes of WMOA Committee Meeting 14th June 2021 held by ZOOM.

Present : Allan Williams, Marion White, Ray Collins, Ian Gamlen, Jonathan Howell, Barry Elkington, Rod Postlethwaite, Mel Elkington, Richard Rogers, Henry Morgan, Brenda Morgan, Adrian Pickles, Kirsten Strain, Harriet Lawson, Carol Dredge

1. **Apologies:** Steve Parker, Richard Lewis
2. **Declaration of Interest:** None
3. **Acceptance of Minutes:** These were accepted as a true record.
4. **Matters Arising :** None
5. **Correspondence:**
 1. JK Review from BOF- Richard Lewis has agreed to be WM representative on this review.
 2. WMOA Relays from Jonathan Howell – These have been cancelled this year, after discussion at WM Fixtures meeting, due to social distancing problems.
 3. POTOE Officials updated
 4. AGM of EOC- Barry Elkington- No Home Internationals or Interland have taken place – so affected financial situation. Will take place next year. Home Internationals rota- Wales and Northern Ireland struggling so English regions will take on more of these events.
 5. Publicity for Newcomer Retention Group – Ian Gamlen- couple of Zoom meetings held. Sport England's Mystery Shopper idea to see user friendliness of clubs – How approachable clubs appear based on Websites for attracting newcomers. Share good ideas to recruit and retain new members.
 6. Fixtures Secretary resignation letter – Allan Williams. To resign at AGM after 11 years. AW was thanked for all his work.

6. Chairman's Report

Firstly if I haven't made this evenings meeting, many thanks to Ray and Carol for taking over. If I have not made it, it's because of connection issues in the area we are staying for a few days.

How nice it was to be back Orienteering and well done to HOC and WRE for managing to at least have a condensed SINS event. Congratulations to those that won Midlands Champs from our clubs.

Not only was it nice to be out in glorious weather, but to see friends and faces I haven't seen since my last event, which was Feb 2020, we had plenty of social distance catch ups in the car park.

Well done also to all those that went to the Middle distance races some very good results for local club members. Barry must be training more now he has retired?

It's quite a full agenda this evening so I won't go on too much but will let Ray add any comments he wishes.

7. Treasurer's Report

Financial situation very healthy. Income from SINS, WCH and OD events.

Plenty of money in both WM and WM Squad accounts.

IG proposed to donate annual £1000 to WM squad account. All in agreement. Thanks from ME.

8. Fixtures Report

WM fixtures meeting held in March. Looked at rota – no Laurie Bradley, CSC round, WM relays, YB heat or Schools Champs in 2021.

HOC to put on WM champs.

2022- OD- WM Champs. CSC round – HOC.

Next WM Fixtures meeting in October.

2021 CSC Final – Sutton Park – still awaiting permission.

PP and Junior Relays carried over to 2022.

National Fixtures settled until 2022. At next meeting in October hope to roll out National Fixtures for next 4/5 years.

West Midlands League – 2 races so far – Shoal Hill and SINS. OD event later in year and hopefully others added.

9. West Midlander

Very little material – contributions needed- hope to put something out soon.

10. WMOA Website

MW – need to update League on website. Level C and above events normally promoted on website but very little coming through from BOF. List of Midlands Champions to be added to site.

11. Development - nothing to report

12. Update from Events and Competitions Committee – BE

Ranking list goes back to March 2019 at moment. Not enough Ranking events to change this.

Event guidance has been changed for some events so they can take place eg Traders discouraged.

13. Junior Squad – ME

The O tops have arrived so they are now available at £25 each to squad members. The program of online physical and technical training sessions continues . A training session was held at Itchington Holt which went very well . The next session is on Pitcher Oak on the 27th June . Many thanks to OD & HOC for allowing us to train on these areas . The Junior Regional Squad Summer tours hope to take place, sadly we are very disappointed to not be able to nominate anyone for these . Junior Inter regionals are being held in the North East will hopefully happen but the logistics will be far more complicated than usual , we only expect to take a very small team this year.

14. MapRun League

IG as events are now back up running we won't need this. MW- MapRun League on website shows coming soon.

POTOC still putting on MapRun events, average 30+ competitors, OD and WRE having very little uptake for their Map Runs now.

15. Club Round Up

COBOC- Sutton Park Gates Run – 7th July.

HOC- pleased with how SINS went. September- Redditch Urban event, November – Malvern Hills Event – both to be WM League.

WCH- Regional event planned for Autumn and one next year. Focus on more local events and fewer regional events. JK 2024 if WM stand in for EM – Beaudesert to hold two longer days- so will be out of use for 2 years.

WRE- looking at doing new things or differently- change fixtures structure.

POTOC- Berry Hill event next Saturday. Local events every 2 weeks. Level C event in September.

OD- Holding small local events as restricted in numbers to 50. Fixtures planned until December- small local events on Saturdays / Sundays – hopefully open to all in time.

Pre entry makes organising on day so much simpler – will we go back to EOD?

CATI events- only White, Yellow, Orange courses- keep simple – not for experienced orienteers.

16. AOB

AGM to be held on Monday 11th October at 7-30pm at The Great Barr Hotel – CD to book

17. Next meeting- Monday 13th September 7-30pm. After some discussion it was agreed that this would again be a ZOOM meeting as much better attendance at these meetings. AW to host.