

East Midlands Orienteering Association Executive Committee Meeting – 23 March 2015

Item No	Description	Action
	Present: , John Hurley (DVO), Pauline Olivant (NOC), David Olivant (NOC), Hilary Palmer (NOC), Chris Phillips (LEI), Amanda Roberts (LOG), Mark Webster (NOC), Ursula Williamson (LEI), John Woodall (NOC).	
1	Apologies for Absence: Received from Mike Gardner (DVO), Bob Haskins (LEI).	
2	Approval of Minutes of Meeting on 26th January 2015 – The minutes were accepted as a true record of the previous meeting. Approved by Amanda Roberts and seconded by rest of meeting.	
3	Website version of minutes – It was agreed the website could take the minutes with just the removal of the first sentence of Item 9. Approved: John Hurley Seconded: Hilary Palmer	Mike to inform webmaster.
4	Actions Outstanding from previous minutes (not covered elsewhere) a. Chris Phillips hoping for meeting with FC after Easter. b. Ursula Williamson had kindly taken up the post of Fixtures Secretary.	Chris Phillips to arrange session with Forestry Commission at Fineshade and invite LOG to attend.
5.	Treasurer's Report a. The Treasurer had circulated a copy of the Accounts prior to the meeting. b. The Junior Squad had ordered 16 tops. They would be held as an asset in the accounts and the value reduced as each one was sold. c. The overall membership of EMOA had decreased by about 10% this year which reduces the income to EMOA. This is often made up over the year as new members join. The phenomenon of "Sports Tourism" where people try a sport for a while and then move on was explained. These people were less likely to take up a particular sport for life, they would be prepared to pay more but tended not to want to volunteer to help. NOC and LEI had both tried to link events with the Park Run Initiative but runners were not interested in staying on.	Club Reps to bring back any comments on membership retention to next meeting.

<p>6.</p>	<p>Development Future Development –</p> <p>a. Regional Training & Development Day - Sat 31 Oct 15: Chris Phillips had put together a provisional flyer for the event. Venue tbc, Chris Phillips to approach Groby College. The 2 half day coaching sessions were to be made available to other regions. Hilary Palmer also suggested that the details could be posted on the BO website, through Cerianne Dengate at the national office. It was felt that the day should be free for EMOA members and that attendees from other areas should pay a fee to cover the costs. There was interest in having a First Aid Course on the day, this would be quite expensive so it was suggested that a surcharge could be added for those on this course. Chris hoped to have a draft flyer available for clubs in 2-3 weeks so they could drum up support. John Woodall suggested the flyer should also be circulated to WMOA.</p> <p>b. Social Media: Chris Phillips offered an evening help session for clubs setting up and developing Facebook/Twitter campaigns. LEI had found for a small outlay that they were generating 2500 hits per event. It required a committed individual with an interest in social media as it was a continuous process to be effective.</p> <p>c. Child Protection Courses: DVO had requested a session to offer guidance on Child Protection issues. Chris Phillips to speak to Judith Holt.</p> <p>d. Insurance and U16 guidance: LOG had suggested a module on safety precautions and risk assessments particularly for U16's would be helpful. Chris Phillips offered a talk to clarify matters to members, if required.</p>	<p>Hilary Palmer and Paul Murgatroyd to liaise over coaching details. Mike Gardner to see if DVO had a contact for First Aid.</p>
<p>7.</p>	<p>Coaching The Level 2 Coaching course had now been completed. A few of the students needed to do their final assessments. Hilary Palmer reported that the Annual Coaching Conference had been very useful and an article had been in the last copy of EMEWS.</p>	
<p>8.</p>	<p>Junior Squad The report from Dai Bedwell had been circulated before the meeting. They were short of minibus drivers and coaches for the planned training. The Junior Squad were planning and organising the Bramcote event in December. NOC were still doing the hospitality and would provide extra helpers if needed. It was presumed that Dai Bedwell or Steve Kimberley would act as Controller for the event. It was requested that if anyone had any problems regarding the squad that they report to Dai or Steve in the first instance or direct to John Hurley.</p>	<p>Mike Gardner to distribute reports as attachments in future please. Hilary Palmer to obtain details of proposed EMJOS activities from Dai Bedwell</p>

	<p>Club contacts/co-ordinators were needed - DVO had Dai Bedwell /Steve Kimberley, NOC had Pauline Olivant, LEI were asked to provide a key contact, LOG might need to provide a name if the junior element grew.</p>	<p>and circulate to her list of regional coaches. Chris Phillips/Ursula Williamson to identify LEI junior squad contact and inform Dai Bedwell John Hurley to check who Controlling for Bramcote.</p>
<p>9.</p>	<p>Correspondence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. English Orienteering Council Mtg - 18 Apr 15: John Woodall stressed to the committee that it was important for EMOA to sent a representative. b. Interland Proposal - EMOA supported the proposal to split the English team into two. c. U16 Rules: These were being re-written for clarity and would be issued ASAP by BOF. 	<p>John Hurley to attend on behalf of EMOA.</p>
<p>10.</p>	<p>Fixtures</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. EMOA League 2015 – LEI still has an event 27 Dec 15 with no venue. b. 2015 Urban League - NOC event 4 May 15 confirmed as Nottingham City. c. EMOA Night League – Some clubs now run their own night leagues and felt there was no need for an additional regional night league. Still to be decided. d. Future Major Events <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) 15 March 2015 Compass Sport Cup (NOC) at Sherwood Pines – Completed. ii) 26 April 2015 Yvette Baker Trophy Round at Cromford(DVO) – Gold times and rules were now on the BOF website. Club captains to inform organisers if sending a team. iii) 5 July 2015 Yvette Baker Trophy Final 2015 at Nottingham University(NOC) – NOC have this in hand. iv) 29 November 2015 - East Midlands Champs 2015 at Birchen Edge (DVO). v) 27 February 2016 - British Night Champs 2016 at Cademan Woods (LEI) – The event centre is organised and the maps are being updated. vi) 28 February 2016 - Midlands Champs 2016 at Sherwood Forest (NOC) - Organiser and planner approved. 	<p>Club Reps to ask if there is still the demand for a Regional Night League</p>

	<p>e) Future Possible Events</p> <p>i) 11 September 2016 - Peter Palmer Relays – It was decided to decline at this stage as it had not been possible to find event officials but there was nothing stopping us taking it on later if it was felt we could run it.</p> <p>ii) 8 October 2016 – British Schools Score Champs at Bagworth (LEI) - changed to 2016.</p> <p>iii) Junior Inter-Regional Champs 2018 - It was still unconfirmed whether Stoke Rochford would be possible. Loughborough High (Girls) School was suggested for the accommodation.</p> <p>iv) 18 March 2018 Midland Champs 2018 – LEI have a proposed area, Organiser - Ursula Williamson, Planner - Steve Edgar.</p> <p>v) British Sprints / Middles 2019 – LEI looking at Leicester University for the Sprints but it would need to be mapped. Ground not suitable for Middles. DVO might be able to do the Middles.</p> <p>vi) Midland Champs 2020 – DVO could take this on if LOG preferred to take on 2022 at Burghley once the suitability of the area had been assessed. Ideally a 21(E) course of 17/19km was required.</p> <p>vii) British / British Relays 2021/2022 – 2020 is in Wales hosted by one of the Southern regions, 2022 is also in Wales. 2021 needs to be in another region to avoid clogging up Welsh areas, EMOA hosting in an SYO area may be a possibility. Chris Phillips and Ursula Williamson to look at ideas.</p> <p>f. Other Fixtures Items</p> <p>i) Yvette Baker Trophy Round in 2016 - LEI put forward their event on 10 April 2016 at Beacon Hill.</p> <p>ii) East Midlands Championships 2016 - Provisionally at LEI event on 27 November 2016, depending on the area.</p> <p>iii) Compass Sport Cup Round 2017 - Date set as 12 March 2017. Clubs to look at Level B Events.</p>	<p>Amanda Roberts to confirm to Ursula Williamson if Stoke Rochford viable or not.</p> <p>Mike Gardner to speak to Andy Smith (DVO) about possible use of Loughborough High</p> <p>Amanda Roberts to come back with confirmation on Burghley 2020/2022</p> <p>Chris Phillips/Ursula Williamson to review options for EMOA involvement in British events 2021/2022 and report back at next meeting</p> <p>Club Reps to put forward possible venues for CSC 2017.</p>
11	<p>Reports:</p> <p>National Forest - Roy Denney had sent National Forest Report which Mike had circulated, the points were noted.</p>	
12	<p>EMEWS: The next issue was planned to go out just after Easter. Please forward any contributions as soon as possible.</p>	

<p>13</p>	<p>Any Other Business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Review of EMOA website content and structure - deferred to next meeting. ii) Prizes for EMOA Score Championships - as this was a trial event it was felt trophies were not appropriate. A budget of £100 was agreed for the purchase of the 12 prizes. iii) EMOA Sprint Championships. It was suggested that, unless a club wanted to volunteer an event at which this could be held, the Score Champs and the Sprint Champs could be held in alternate years. iv) BOF Events Franchising Proposal - BOF had issued a paper outlining 'a franchise option' as part of a review of the way Major Events, particularly those organised by British Orienteering, are run. All clubs and regions had been asked for their thoughts on the model. The committee discussed the proposals. and agreed that any financial risk to EMOA would have to be proportionate to the region's reserves. 	<p>Mike Gardner to add website discussion to next agenda.</p> <p>John Hurley to produce a draft response and circulate to the officers.</p>
<p>14</p>	<p>Dates and venues for future meetings:</p> <p>All meetings to be held at the Pace Room, St Mary's Church, Clifton Village, Nottinghamshire at 7.30 p.m.</p> <p>The next committee meeting is scheduled for Monday 29 June 2015.</p> <p>The AGM is scheduled for Monday 21 September 2015.</p>	<p>John Woodall to book hall for next committee meeting and AGM.</p>

Meeting closed at 10.00pm