

East Midlands Orienteering Association Executive Committee Meeting – 19 June 2017

Item No	Description	Action
Present: Mike Gardner (DVO), Bob Haskins (LEI), John Hurley (DVO), Pauline Olivant (NOC), Hilary Palmer (NOC), Chris Phillips (LEI), Amanda Roberts (LOG), Julie Webster (NOC), Mark Webster (NOC), Ursula Williamson (LEI), John Woodall (NOC).		
1	Apologies for Absence: David Olivant (NOC)	
2	Approval of Minutes of Meeting on 3rd April 2017 – The minutes were accepted as a true record of the previous meeting. Approved: Ursula Williamson Seconded: Hilary Palmer	
3	Website version of minutes – The minutes of the April meeting were agreed to be taken as is and promoted to the website. Approved: John Hurley Seconded: Chris Phillips	Mike Gardner to inform webmaster.
4	Actions Outstanding from previous minutes (not covered elsewhere) a) 4c – John Hurley stated that David Olivant had informed him that the Mapping Workshops mentioned last time were provisionally on track for delivering the Urban Mapping Workshop in September and the Forest Mapping Workshop some time later in the year. b) 8 - Clearance was agreed with the Junior Squad to use the photos in last EMEWS, and they were subsequently published. c) 10e – The item in last minutes under fixtures stated that shortly there will be a change to Appendix C under which Associations will become responsible for approving Planners and Organisers for level B events. This change has still to take place. d) 12e - Should we consider getting new EMOA Trophies (improving existing ones)? Mike Gardner to ask Mike Godfree who has been looking after EMOA Trophies recently if he feels any need replacing and if so we can put funds aside to do so	Mike Gardner to ask Mike Godfree for his views
5.	Treasurer's Report The Treasurer provided the Accounts in advance of the meeting. A request from Charlie Rennie for funding towards Lagganlia trip was agreed by the meeting on condition of a report being written for EMEWS. £60 was provided for the EMOA Sprint Champs Trophies. At present, although having budgeted for a deficit of £500, it looks like we may end in profit of £1,500. This is due to the Junior Squad not needing their full allocation, fewer requests for grants, no use of coaching budget this year.	

	<p>If anyone knows of athletes needing grants, then if they could apply before the end of the financial year there is budget available.</p> <p>It had been agreed in the past that a transfer would be made from the Junior Squad Deposit Account to EMOA Accounts if required to cover expenditure in excess of budget, for example for JIRCS 2016 in Scotland.. However, the Junior Squad have balanced the budget and net spend over 2 years is almost exactly £2000, right on budget. There is therefore no need to pull anything back to EMOA. The Junior Squad team have done well to manage their budget this year.</p> <p>A question was asked by Amanda Roberts about a couple of emails she had received that seemed to imply that if expenses were not claimed they should be sent to British Orienteering. Amanda Roberts raised the issue of a couple of emails LOG had received regarding requests to help raise funds for the Elite Squads through donation of expenses. LOG felt that the reason members didn't claim expenses was to help club finances. The actual emails were both from the Orienteering Foundation charity which is separate from British Orienteering, and they were simply suggestions that if members did not collect their expenses they could donate them on to the Orienteering Foundation. An email has been sent to newsletter editors and club secretaries. It was agreed the article could be included in EMEWS.</p>	
6.	<p>Development</p> <p>Chris had nothing at present to report. He hopes we will have a new Development Rep at the EMOA AGM to take over from him. They can then organise the next Regional Training Day. However, Chris will provide support to any successor.</p>	
7.	<p>Coaching</p> <p>The club reps reported that they had not received any feedback for Hilary in terms of numbers for a Coaching Course. Hilary did have the name of Sal Chaffey (DVO) and a SMOC rep had asked as well. However, it would be better if more folk were interested.</p> <p>Hilary reminded clubs that the new training structure does allow any coach to deliver the Introduction to Coaching training in the club. There have been pilot workshops in Wales.</p>	
8.	<p>Junior Squad</p> <p>There was no formal report this month from the Junior Squad but John Hurley was aware that the Squad have been asking folk about their availability for JIRCS 2017.</p> <p>JIRCS 2018 – DVO have now been given permission for Chatsworth so it is now probable that the individual will be on Chatsworth and the Relay on Carsington. DVO have folk in most of the key roles for the weekend. However, in terms of financing they would like EMOA to take full responsibility.</p> <p>A budget update had been received from DVO shortly before the meeting and had been circulated to the Principal Officers. John Hurley asked the Principal Officers to send their comments to him, and he would collate and forward them to DVO. With the new mapping of Chatsworth it was agreed that DVO should plan to recoup</p>	<p>Principal Officers to review the JIRCs budget and provide feedback to John Hurley. John to send the feedback on to DVO.</p>

	<p>half the mapping costs (approx. £600) from the next subsequent event and reimburse EMOA then. It was agreed that EMOA would pay the 10% deposit (approx. £300) to secure the accommodation. There was some discussion on the budget in terms of numbers attending and what would happen if one or more regions did not attend, or even did attend but would not take on the accommodation. Was it possible to only allow teams to participate if they were willing to use the accommodation? Pauline agreed to discuss this issue with JROS Chair Nev Myers.</p> <p>It was agreed that the principle should be that once a budget has been agreed with the EMOA Principal Officers, DVO must stick to that budget unless changes are agreed by 2 principal EMOA officers who are NOT members of DVO.</p>	
9.	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>The only report received was the National Forest Report from Roy Denney which Mike Gardner had forwarded on to the committee.</p>	
10.	<p>Fixtures</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. EMOA League 2017 – Going well at present. b. EMOA Urban League – The NOC Sprints and LEI Loughborough events had taken place the previous weekend. The Sprints were very enjoyable (see later AOB as well). A question was asked if the Sprints were going to be in the Urban League. It was pointed out that Paul Murgatroyd had already included both events already in to the Urban League. c. Future Major Events <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) 18 March 2018 - Midland Champs 2018 – LEI – Belvoir (all going OK – Controller is Charles Daniel) ii) 16 Dec 2018 – East Midlands Champs – NOC – Dukeries iii) 17 March 2019 – CompassSport Cup Heat – NOC – Sherwood Pines iv) 11 Feb 2020 – Midland Champs 2020 – DVO – Shining Cliff d. Future Possible Events <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) 2018 – EM Score Champs – DVO are looking to host alongside the JIRCs ii) 2018 - Yvette Baker Trophy Heat – We need to nominate an event for the 2018 Yvette Baker Trophy in our region, to take place between February and May. It was proposed that LEI switch their Burbage and Spring Cottage events around to ensure good parking as may also have West Midlands wanting to attend as well. iii) Junior Inter-Regional Champs 2018 – DVO – Chatsworth / Carsington. iv) British Sprints / Middles 2019 – We should assume this will take place in 2019, but no definitive decision from British Orienteering as yet - LEI / DVO v) East Midlands Champs 2019 – Need a club to volunteer a date / venue. 	

	<p>vi) 2020 Junior Home Internationals - due to be in East Midlands, any clubs want to organise?</p> <p>vii) CompassSport Cup Final 2021 – Do DVO have a suitable area as other clubs think their areas are not suitable at this time of year?</p> <p>viii) British / British Relays 2021 – Talking to ERYRI in Wales. They have potential areas that may be suitable. Ursula and Chris looking in to arranging a trip to visit areas.</p> <p>ix) Midland Champs 2022 – NOC</p> <p>e. Other Fixtures</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is still discussion ongoing about incorporating the British Champs events in to the JK, and Mike Hamilton has explained a proposal in the latest Focus magazine. Comments have been requested from members and it is thought that this will be discussed by the Board in September. If anyone wants to provide feedback then John Hurley is willing to collate and submit (the best comments would be from those who have been involved as major event officials) • LEI have not thought of any real ideas for a formal event to accompany Belvoir to celebrate EMOA 50th anniversary. If anyone wants to organise something then let us know (a ceilidh?). Or maybe just beer mats as mementoes. • There was a question from a LEI member as to whether there should be a separate section of the EM League for Juniors, with fewer events scoring. It was felt that the league represented Juniors fairly at present and it should be left as it is. • NOC informed LOG that they will still have an event at Walesby in 2018, even if it is only a level D and LOG could still run their club champs there if they wished. 	<p>All - Feedback any thoughts on Merging British and JK to John Hurley by end August, and he will collate and send on any responses to BO.</p>
<p>10</p>	<p>Reports: EOC: Ann-Marie Duckworth represented EMOA at the EOC AGM. She had provided notes on the meeting which were appended to the agenda for this meeting. A special note for the Treasurer is that the per capita fee has been raised 5p from 70p to 75p. Another key point is that the next EOC AGM will not allow proxy voting. John Hurley has therefore requested that they send out their papers well in advance so they can be discussed and our rep appointed and briefed.</p>	
<p>11</p>	<p>Sharing Best Practice NOC have been using Facebook advertising for their recent “Explore the Parks” series of events. It does seem to have worked well. There was no paper advertising, but they still got around 80-100 attendees at each event. The events were on a Saturday afternoon. Their approach had been to print around 70 maps per event, all of which had 16 controls on them. Controls 1-5 were simple sites that could be visited by pushchairs, etc. A second alternative would be to treat the controls as a score event of 45 minutes. A third alternative would be to have to go round the controls in order. This seemed to work well. The events were free to new attendees from Nottinghamshire.</p>	

11	<p>EMEWS: The next EMEWS will be out in early July.</p>	
12	<p>Any Other Business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Bob Haskins stated he very much enjoyed the EM Sprint Champs. The only comments he had from a number of people were that for a 2 race event it would be better to have them run closer together. The long time period may be why not too many attended. b. LOG also expressed an interest in Hilary running a Coaching workshop for them. c. Pauline Olivant talked about the Orienteering Foundation. They are looking to identify ambassadors in each region and widen the interest. We may want to add under Reports in future meetings. 	<p>Mike Gardner to add Orienteering Foundation as a report item in future meeting agendas</p>
13	<p>EMOA AGM John Hurley is to write up a proposed constitution change for O-Safe inclusion in EMOA Constitution. Clubs should also consider adding this to their constitutions. Both Mark and Chris have done 4 years and we really need to get replacements for them.</p>	<p>John Hurley is to write up a proposed constitution change for O-Safe inclusion in EMOA Constitution Clubs to consider adding the same words to their constitution</p>
14	<p>Dates and venues for future meetings: All meetings to be held at the Pace Room, St Mary's Church, Clifton Village, Nottinghamshire at 7.30 p.m. The EMOA AGM is scheduled for Monday September 18th 2017. The next committee meeting was proposed for 6th November 2017 (John Woodall to check availability of meeting room for this date). Post meeting note – this looks like it may now need to be 20th November. John asked attendees to see if they could get names for the vacant roles we will have on the committee at the AGM. Those post we may need to fill will be all the 4 posts of Chair, Vice-Chair, Development and Financial Secretary.</p>	<p>John Woodall to book hall for next committee meetings. All to think of names for the roles that will be vacant on the committee at the AGM</p>

Meeting closed at 9:35pm