

East Midlands Orienteering Association Executive Committee Meeting – 17 June 2019

Item No	Description	Action
Present: Trudy Crosby (LOG), Mike Gardner (DVO), John Hurley (DVO), Pauline Olivant (NOC), Hilary Palmer (NOC), Chris Phillips (LEI), Amanda Roberts (LOG), Ant Squire (NOC), Mark Webster (NOC), Ursula Williamson (LEI), and John Woodall (NOC).		
1.	Apologies for Absence: Judith Holt (DVO), David Olivant (NOC)	
2.	Approval of Minutes of Meeting on 8th April 2019 – The minutes were accepted as a true record of the meeting. Approved: John Hurley Seconded: John Woodall	
3.	Website version of minutes – The minutes of the January meeting were accepted as is for promotion to the EMOA website. Approved: John Hurley Seconded: John Woodall	Mike Gardner to inform webmaster.
4.	Actions Outstanding from previous minutes (not covered elsewhere) a) Mark Webster had reworked the accounts to better reflect JIRCS. b) NOC will provide an event for the weekend of the Midland Champs 2020 (8 Feb 2020) – it will probably be a middle distance race at Bramcote to enable easy access from M1. c) John Hurley had sent link to the MAGIC website. NOC had found it did not identify any areas / car parking on their for them. LEI did not seem to have any areas impacted. LOG have yet to review the site. d) The AGM date has been booked by John Woodall for the Pace Room, St Mary’s Church, Clifton Village	
5.	Financial Secretary’s Report The Treasurer circulated a copy of the Income and Expenditure statement and JIRCS summary budget before the meeting. JIRCS shows a total loss of £94.62, which is under the budgeted loss of £200. It was noted that there will still be £600 outstanding from DVO for the Chatsworth map which will be paid when the maps are used which is currently planned for CompassSport Cup Final in 2021. This figure will need to remain in the accounts until then. The current accounts showed a loss of around £294. However, it was noted that the funding for Ben Squire and Rachel Duckworth to attend the World School Champs had not yet been included. The loss is likely to be around £894, though there should be some event levy income still to come in. The budget to be presented at the AGM will be discussed under AGM in Any Other Business. Mark will have to stand down from his role as Financial Secretary at the AGM.	Mark Webster to ensure that the funding for World School Champs was paid to Ben Squire and Rachel Duckworth
6.	Development	

	<p>The BOF Qualifications Database seems to be out of date for the officials in the region. The database maintains records of all current organisers, planners and controllers. Clubs should review the list of qualifications for their members (and especially ensure that lapsed members are removed). Clubs will have to currently mail changes to the BOF offices. Coaches are also included in the qualification database but Hilary believes they have just been verified so coaches should be up to date.</p> <p>There is a need for a new Development Officer who would be expected to organise the Planners and Controllers Conference in 2020.</p>	<p>Club Reps to get their clubs to review the qualification database for their members</p> <p>Mike Gardner to add a note in EMEWS about folk reviewing their entry on qualifications database and sending any changes to club reps</p>
7.	<p>Coaching Hilary reported that Sal Chaffey was now a level 2 coach. In addition another DVO coach should reach this level in the next week. John Mather (LOG) has run a series of coaching sessions on Saturday mornings which have been very successful.</p>	
8.	<p>Junior Squad Ant Squire reported on the latest activities of the Junior Squad.</p> <p>Past Training 13th & 14th April 2019 EMJOS joined the Yorkshire and Humberside Junior squad (and other squads (NE, NW and WM), 75 athletes in total) for a training session based at Malham (BOC2019 limestone terrain). Three areas of limestone training plus a fast head to head relay back at the hostel. The training went very well.</p> <p>Future Training A training day is to be undertaken at Clifton Campus during the summer.</p> <p>Selections to Junior Competitions Harrington Leake was selected to attend Lagganlia this summer.</p> <p>2 other DVO juniors have already reached championship standard this year.</p> <p>Ben Squire and Rachel Duckworth have been selected for the Talent Training Squad.</p> <p>The squad are preparing for JIRCS this year in Sheffield. One problem is that this is freshers week for universities so any 18 year olds may not be able to attend.</p> <p>The squad are looking for their next intake in September. Please contact Ant or Ann-Marie Duckworth if have any potential new members for the squad.</p>	<p>Club reps to contact Ant or Ann-Marie Duckworth if have any potential new members for the squad.</p>

9.	<p>Correspondence No correspondence other than that covered elsewhere.</p>	
10.	<p>Fixtures</p> <p>a. Future Major Events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) 23 Jun 2019 – East Midlands Sprint Champs - LOG – Witham St Hugh’s ii) 14/15 Sep 2019 – British Sprints / Middle 2019 – LEI / DVO – Loughborough / Chinley Churn. iii) 8 Dec 2019 – East Midlands Champs – LOG – Grimsthorpe iv) 8 Feb 2020 – Middle Distance Event to tie in with Midland Champs – NOC - Bramcote v) 9 Feb 2020 – Midland Champs 2020 – DVO – Longstone Moor vi) 10 Oct 2020 – British Schools Score Champs – DVO – Shipley Park vii) 22 Nov 2020 – East Midlands Champs – LEI – Bradgate viii) 7 Mar 2021 – East Midland Champs – DVO – Matlock area ix) 14 Mar 2021 – CompassSport Cup First Round – LEI - Wakerley x) 4 Jul 2021 - Yvette Baker Trophy Final 2021 – LEI - Irchester. xi) 17 Oct 2021 – CompassSport Cup Final 2021 – DVO - Chatsworth <p>b. Future Possible Events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Midland Champs 2022 – NOC <p>c. Comments on above</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. LOG have been approached to use the Grimsthorpe event in December as a Junior Selection Race. b. As the DVO Midland Champs has now changed venue, the roles will now be Organiser (to be agreed), Planner (Paul Addison) and the controller remains Simon Thompson (HOC). This was approved by EMOA (though need an agreed organiser) 	
	<p>d. EMOA 2019 Remaining Fixtures</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The following are the remaining EMOA Fixtures this year: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Major Events <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sat 14th Sep – British Sprint Champs (LEI) – Loughborough University 2. Sun 15th Sep – British Middle Champs (DVO) – Chinley Churn 3. Sun 8th Dec – EMOA Champs (LOG) – Grimsthorpe Castle, Bourne ii. Urban League Regional Events <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 23rd Jun – Witham St Hughs, Newark (LOG) – EM Sprint Champs 2. 18th Aug – Lincoln City, Lincoln (LOG) – UKOL 3. 29th Sep – to be arranged (NOC) 	

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. 13th Oct – Ashby (LEI) 5. 24th Nov – Nottingham University, Nottingham (NOC) <p>iii. EMOA League</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 26th Oct – Longshaw, Sheffield (DVO) 2. 3rd Nov – Shirebrook Wood, Mansfield (NOC) 3. 17th Nov – Aylestone Meadows, Leicester (LEI) 4. 1st Dec – Allestree Park, Derby (DVO) 5. 15th Dec – Cademan and Thringstone Woods, Leicester (LEI) <p>e. Other Fixtures</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Chris Phillips reported that for JK 2024 a number of clubs have been approached to support the event. LEI will run one of the days. There is likely to be an overall paid co-ordinator for the JK as a whole. The event is likely to be in West Midlands area but not hosted by WMOA as such (though the local clubs will obviously help with permissions). 	
<p>11</p>	<p>Reports: Orienteering Foundation Report (Pauline Olivant) Latest news.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coaching day again planned in the Lakes in the autumn. More information due shortly. • Foundation still interested to hear from any clubs who would like support to organise a day in their region. • The Orienteering Foundation is supporting Steve Rush to host orienteering photos that he has taken that can be used for publicity etc. by clubs and British Orienteering. • Grant given to Lagan Valley OC to help with enhancement for JHI's. • Orienteering Foundations now have an Ambassadors pack aimed at anyone interested in being a conduit for information between the Foundation and Associations. • The Foundation is looking to commission video on how POC's work and how to access them, clubs are asked to check the condition of their POC's when this is launched. • Reminder that any donations to the Orienteering Foundation can now be made via CAFDonate <p>If you would like to read any more about this news or would like to find out more about the Foundations work please see their web site, www.orienteeringfoundation.org.uk or contact me if you would like to discuss anything further.</p>	
<p>12</p>	<p>Sharing Best Practice</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hilary Palmer brought up the question of shadowing of juniors at events. NOC had circulated a survey of members and one of the comments that came back involved shadowing. See below: <p>Family friendly orienteering</p>	

Some families with young children in NOC have commented in a survey of club members that they are not allowed to shadow a child on a White or Yellow course unless they have done their own run first.

John and I used to do this with our children at colour coded events and I was horrified that parents are now being told that they cannot do this (no clubs were mentioned in the survey answers) – I cannot see how running round behind a child on a W or Y course could significantly improve the parent's chances when they do their own course and, in any case, does it really matter? I can understand that this should not be allowed for a national or major event such as the CSC or a regional or national championship but not for a Colour coded event even if it is a regional league event.

My reasoning for thinking this was is that clubs should be encouraging families by allowing 1 parent to shadow whilst the other parent has their run and then the shadowing parent can have their run. If we do not allow this the children and 1 parent have to hang around or wait in the car and then the returning parent can shadow 1 child or they all have to go round together. Enforcing the 'no shadowing before you 'run' rule could alienate keen parents and mean that they leave the sport.

I looked up in the BOF Rules to see what is said there and found 2 places quite early on about shadowing:

9 Conduct

9.14 The Organiser may permit the shadowing of one competitor by another person. Certain competition rules may prohibit shadowing on certain courses. The competition rules explain how the shadowed competitor's result is to be recorded.

9.15 If you are the 'shadower' then you must have completed your own race before undertaking any shadowing. There may be other restrictions imposed on the 'shadower' by the Organiser.

12.9 The Organiser may permit the shadowing of a competitor by another person, subject to any specific requirements in the competition Rules. The Organiser is permitted to impose any other appropriate restrictions on the 'shadower'.

And also: 12 Event officials

12.1 The spirit of fairness and good fellowship is to be the guiding principle in all aspects of the sport, including the interpretation of these Rules.

I think that in the 'spirit of fairness and good fellowship' organisers should allow shadowing of young children by parents at local and regional events. I guess some people might not like this if the event is a regional league

	<p>competition but I refer back to the point made above and highlighted. There is no mention of the status of someone who has shadowed before having their run in the current East Midlands League Rules (on the EMOA web site).</p> <p>The committee agreed with Hilary. The problem is that if you do not apply a rule, you are deemed in breach of that rule. It was agreed that EMOA would ask for a rule waiver to allow shadowing on White and Orange at Level C events in EMOA. Hilary to submit proposal to Chris Phillips with his E&CC hat on. Chris Phillips said he would do any necessary paperwork if Hilary applied for the waiver. It was also mentioned that Judith Holt was sympathetic to the proposal and would raise at Board level.</p> <p>2. NOC's urban event at Clifton campus had complex looping and before the event the competitors were presented with an outline course so they understood the complexity of the loops. The officials had thought that there may be a lot of disqualifications as there were many controls and multiple loops. However, there were very few, and they believe it was because people were well briefed in advance.</p>	<p>Hilary Palmer to request a rule waiver to allow shadowing of juniors on White and Yellow at Level C events in EMOA (so that adults who do the shadowing can still be competitive on their courses)</p>
<p>13</p>	<p>EMEWS: Mike had arranged for all missing EMEWS to be published on the website. The next EMEWS will be out in a couple of weeks.</p>	
<p>14</p>	<p>Any Other Business:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The AGM was discussed. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The first thing was the need to ensure the AGM was quorate. A number of the committee will be away, so there is a plea for club reps to please try and get members to attend the AGM. b. The members holding non-elected roles were run through: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Mapping – David Olivant (NOC) – believed to be still OK ii. Coaching – Hilary Palmer (NOC) – OK iii. EM Junior Squad – Ant Squire (NOC) / Ann-Marie Duckworth (DVO) - OK iv. EM League – Ursula Williamson (LEI) – OK v. Urban League – Paul Murgatroyd (LOG) – Paul has requested to stand-down at the AGM. It was suggested John Cooke might want to take on the role. It was also agreed that as Paul had set up and run the league Amanda would provide a formal letter of thanks for all his work in getting the Urban League started and running it since then. vi. Regional Fixtures Secretary – Ursula Williamson (LEI) -unless someone else willing to take it on she will continue vii. President – John Woodall (NOC) – OK viii. Minutes Secretary – Mike Gardner (DVO) – OK ix. EMEWS – Mike Gardner (DVO) – OK 	<p>Club reps to try to encourage members to attend the AGM to ensure it is quorate.</p> <p>Amanda Roberts to create a letter / card thanking Paul Murgatroyd for all his work on Urban League.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> x. Webmaster – John Cooke (DVO) – believed to be OK xi. National Forest Rep – Roy Denney (LEI) – believed to be OK. c. For the principal officers, Chair (Amanda Roberts) and Vice-Chair (Chris Phillips) are willing to stand again. However, we still need a Development Officer and Financial Secretary (Mark Webster) has to stand down at the AGM. A number of names were suggested and folk will be approached. d. Budget – Mark Webster will look to present the budget at the AGM. This year we are likely to see a loss of around £800 approx, though quite a large part of that was for the shoes bags for the EMOA 50th anniversary that had not been budgeted for. It was agreed that as stated in the minutes of 11th June 2018 “EMOA should maintain a cash reserve of £10,000 in the current and savings accounts (excluding the Junior Squad Deposit Account), to allow for the support of major events.” This should continue as the aim of the budget and so Mark was asked to make sure we maintained event levies and membership at a similar level to this year. e. Mike Gardner to publish an agenda in EMEWS and ask for any changes to the constitution to be sent in (there were no proposed changes this year from the committee). 	<p>Club reps to encourage members to stand for Development Officer / Financial Secretary</p> <p>Mark Webster to create a balanced budget for AGM</p> <p>Mike Gardner to send out AGM details in EMEWS</p>
<p>15</p>	<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 booked for September 23rd. The next committee meeting was proposed for November 18th.</p>	<p>John Woodall to book Pace Room for Nov 18th Committee meeting.</p>

Meeting closed at 9:05pm