

**East Midlands Orienteering Association Executive Committee Meeting – 20 January 2020**

Item No	Description	Action
<b>Present:</b> Trudy Crosby (LOG), Ann-Marie Duckworth (DVO), Mike Gardner (DVO), Judith Holt (DVO), John Hurley (DVO), Ranald Macdonald (DVO), David Olivant (NOC), Pauline Olivant (NOC), Hilary Palmer (NOC), Chris Phillips (LEI), Amanda Roberts (LOG), Ursula Williamson (LEI), John Woodall (NOC), and Paul Young (DVO).		
1.	<b>Apologies for Absence:</b> None	
2.	<b>Approval of Minutes of Meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> November 2019</b> – The minutes were accepted as a true record of the meeting. Approved: John Hurley Seconded: Chris Phillips	
3.	<b>Website version of minutes</b> – The minutes of the November meeting, with the funding total for Peter Hodkinson removed were accepted for promotion to the EMOA website. Approved: John Hurley Seconded: Chris Phillips	<b>Mike Gardner</b> to inform webmaster.
4.	<b>Actions Outstanding from previous minutes (not covered elsewhere)</b> a) LEI stated that they had reviewed the club qualification database and it was OK. DVO are progressing and putting out a note in the next DVO newsletter. LOG are working towards ClubMark and as part of their resubmission will need to ensure this in place. b) John Hurley had sent notes to Paul Young on the information to be shared. c) Paul Young had met with the bank to get the mandate for the EMOA accounts updated. Paperwork is still being progressed. d) Mike Gardner had asked the webmaster to update details on website (it had already been done). e) Paul Young provided the funding to Peter Hodkinson (and Peter has provided an article for the next EMEWS). f) We still do not have a club volunteering to host the 2021 EMOA Sprint Champs. g) Pauline Olivant had arranged for the EMOA League prizegiving to be at the NOC Bramcote event. h) John Woodall had booked Pace Room for April meeting.	<b>DVO and LOG reps</b> to get their clubs qualification database entries updated.  <b>Paul Young</b> to complete paperwork for bank mandate update.
5.	<b>Financial Secretary's Report</b> The Financial Secretary reported that the funds looked pretty good. The renewals numbers are within £30 of the figure for the previous year at this time. Clubs are encouraged to follow up lapsed members to encourage them to	<b>Club reps</b> to encourage clubs to chase up lapsed members

	<p>rejoin. Event levies are slightly up on where we were last year, so at this stage the Financial Secretary expects to be close to the budget.</p> <p>In terms of sponsorship Ultrasport UK has now closed down so there is no more sponsorship for the advert in EMEWS. Mike Gardner to remove the advert from future EMEWS.</p> <p>The Junior Squad have had a refund of £5 per JIRCS attendee due to the standard of catering / accommodation not being up to standard at JIRCS. So far there has been no expenditure on volunteer development, coaching or external conferences.</p> <p>Jake O'Donnell had requested support as he had been selected for the England M14 team in Interland 2020 near London. He confirmed that this was the only source of funding approached. It was agreed to provide the usual 1/3 funding of the cost. Paul Young to provide funding to Jake and request an article for EMEWS.</p> <p>It was believed that Hannah Mather had also been selected for Interland, so Trudy Crosby to approach her as LOG rep and ask if she required similar funding. This would be approved if this was the case.</p> <p>The Strawberry Hill event was run by the East Midlands Junior Squad. As the event funds are to go towards the Junior Squad it was agreed that the EMOA levy for this event would be waived.</p> <p>The EMOA Junior Squad trip to Sweden this Summer is going to cost participants around £255 plus their own flights (around £180). The income from Strawberry Hill will go towards funding the trip.</p> <p>It was suggested that Ann-Marie should bring a breakdown of costs and budget for the trip to the next EMOA meeting (at this stage there are 6 EMOA juniors and 3 adults attending).</p>	<p><b>Mike Gardner</b> to remove Ultrasport advert from EMEWS.</p> <p><b>Paul Young</b> to provide funding in response to Jake O'Donnell request.</p> <p><b>Trudy Crosby</b> to contact Hannah Mather to see if she require support to attend Interland.</p> <p><b>Ann-Marie Duckworth</b> to provide breakdown of costs for EMJS Sweden trip to next meeting.</p>
<p>7.</p>	<p><b>Development</b></p> <p>Ranald had received a number of requests to attend the Planners and Controllers Courses, although the majority were for a Planners course (1 for the controller's course, 9 for the planner's course). Ranald had considered a traditional day approach, or an alternative might be to use an evening for the sessions and have a practical at an event on a Sunday. At present Viv Macdonald is helping with the admin, so will look to identify a suitable venue and an approach and arrange for the courses in the spring.</p> <p>Ranald is organising a DVO Event Officials evening on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March. Other event officials are welcome to attend.</p> <p>Ranald will look to organise an EMOA Development Conference in the autumn (and also possibly a Development Day). The Development conference might cover the recent rule changes (which should be out shortly). There has been significant changes to remove duplications. There are also a number of changes around Level B events. The</p>	<p><b>Ranald Macdonald</b> to organise for the planning course to go ahead (and possibly controllers if get more numbers).</p> <p><b>Ranald Macdonald</b> to look at organising Development Conference for the Autumn.</p>

	<p>development conference might also cover rules that are not always being followed (e.g. finish control should have a kite; must not remove the start kite until the event has finished). Ranald did write a series of articles for DVO Newstrack on how we ensure that people do abide by the rules. He will share these with other clubs (possibly via EMEWS).</p> <p>The British Orienteering Development Conference recently took place and was attended by 3 LEI, 3 DVO and 1 LOG member. The reports were that it was an excellent conference. Details of the event are available on the BO website.</p>	<p><b>Ranald Macdonald</b> to share articles on how to abide by rules with other clubs either by EMEWS or email</p>
<p><b>8.</b></p>	<p><b>Coaching</b></p> <p>Hilary has no plans for any coach training this year. The last course was begun in 2017 and all those people have now qualified as coaches. Is there a requirement for any more coach training at present?</p> <p>Hilary is planning on running a ½ day coaching safety workshop (for coaches using remote terrain).</p> <p>Hilary ran a club coaching day in Sherwood Forest (attended by 2 LOG, 1 LEI, 2 DVO and 12 NOC). The day went well. It was suggested that clubs may want to make sure that if they run any sort of coaching workshop at a club level that they open up the session to other clubs in the region. We should encourage people to train to improve and not just compete.</p> <p>Ranald Macdonald commented that from a safety workshop perspective we need to ensure that planners, controllers and mappers have defined processes in place (especially when they go out on their own to a remote area) so that when they go on to an area before an event they inform people of their whereabouts.</p> <p>Judith Holt commented that we also need to ensure that safeguarding of competitors is the responsibility of all officials (it is not part of the risk assessment form currently). There ought to be a prompt on all risk assessments to get officials to think about the safeguarding of all participants (health, welfare &amp; safeguarding).</p> <p>It was also mentioned that the production of risk assessment documents can sometime be quite poor. Hazards and their severity need to be properly considered. This may be a good topic for the Development Conference.</p>	<p><b>Club Reps</b> to ask if any of the clubs require coach training.</p> <p><b>Hilary Palmer</b> to send memo to EMOA coaches about need for ½ day safety workshop</p> <p><b>Club Reps</b> to ask clubs to open up any club coaching sessions to other club members.</p> <p><b>Ranald Macdonald</b> to consider including a session on completion of risk assessment form at EMOA Development Conference.</p>

**9. Junior Squad – Summary September 2019 to January 2020**

**Past Training:**

We have had 5 training events open to all and 2 JROS events attended (JIRCS & Hawkshead).

**Hardwick Hall Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2019**

5 juniors attended the day. The focus of some of the exercises was to use the contour detail to plan and then execute the leg. Other exercises challenged the use of compass to set an accurate bearing off the major trees mapped.

**JIRCS 2019 (SYO for Y&HJS) at Cowms Rocks (28<sup>th</sup> Sept) and Tankersley Wood (29<sup>th</sup> Sept).**

10 juniors ran at the junior championships, in what was a memorable year for horrendous weather, courses rubbing off wet maps and bee stings! But probably the best results for EMJOS in decades:

The boys relay team: Ben Mather, Jake O'Donnell and Benjamin Squire sprinting in to claim podium 3<sup>rd</sup> position, just 1 minute down behind South West and Scotland teams.

Individual results M14: Jake 5<sup>th</sup> and Harrington 27<sup>th</sup>.

M16: Ben S 10<sup>th</sup>, Ben H 28<sup>th</sup> and Ben O'D.

M18: Ben M 24<sup>th</sup> and Jamie 25<sup>th</sup>

W14: Hannah 11<sup>th</sup>

W16: Rachel 2<sup>nd</sup>

W18: Sophie 18<sup>th</sup>

**WMJS Barton Dasset 19<sup>th</sup> October 2019**

A long trip to attend the WMJS training but there was an incentive to help Harriet Lawson achieve her Level 2 coaching status. Rachel was on her way to the Compass Sport Cup final, at which she ran the quickest last leg to the finish and received the golden boot trophy. Ben S and Ant also joined the session on the open grassland. The mind-bending depressions mapped on every slope made navigating very difficult when all other visual indicators of the north direction were taken off the map.

**November Classic weekend 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov) New Forest training and selection race.**

The Classic was a selection race and the terrain so very different to the East Midlands, so the Saturday training was important for juniors and coaches alike. It was also Anthony Squires assessment for his Level 2 coaching status.

The open heathland and woods had very gentle contouring which was more difficult to interpret and use for leg planning/execution. So the weekend was an experience of getting lost and finding alternative vegetation features to relocate from.

The overnight stay at Hale village hall saw Ben S and Isaac cook a very hot chilli!

#### **Hawkshead JROS M/W16 22<sup>nd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> November**

The weekend (Friday to Sunday) saw 4 juniors take part, some for the second year. Rachel Libby Ben M and Ben S all participated in the relays, training sessions and high jinx that is a JROS fun packed event in the Lakes.

#### **Martinshaw Woods 30<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

6 juniors took the opportunity to run the exercises in the woods, practicing leg planning and simplification.

#### **YHJS Warncliffe 14<sup>th</sup> December 2019**

An invite to join the other squad training day was taken up by 4 EM juniors, one from each regional club. The feedback was that it was a tough day given the rough bouldery terrain and the driving rain/sleet.

#### **EMJOS EM League event Strawberry Hill (NOC) 5<sup>th</sup> January 2020**

As the organiser it was like holding the reins of a well trained pack of sledge pulling huskies – everyone was very eager to help and all work together to make a very enjoyable event. Thanks to all the junior and adult volunteers.

There were many complements about the courses using the best parts of the area well, so well done to planner Ben Squire (and Ant), with the gentle guidance from Steve Kimberley (controller).

Subject to final auditing by NOC Treasurer, there may be as much as £430 profit to go towards the EMJOS Swedish tour this summer.

#### **Selections to Junior Competitions**

JROS summer camps – Harrington Leake went to Laganlia.

Ward Home International competition – Cassey Water Northern Ireland 12<sup>th</sup> Oct 2019:

Jake was 6<sup>th</sup> on M14 even with quite a major injury. Rachel came 3<sup>rd</sup> on W16.

Interland Competition (1<sup>st</sup> March 2020 Buckinghamshire, Southern England)

	<p>The East Midland juniors Jake (M14) and travelling reserves Rachel (W18) and Hannah (W14) will be representing England.</p> <p>Talent Tier 1 (British Squad) – Ben Squire &amp; Rachel Duckworth</p> <p><b>Champions from the regular core squad:</b>  British Champion Long (Kilnsley North) Jake O'Donnell M14  Midland Championships (Brown Clee 26<sup>th</sup> May): M14 Jake O'Donnell, W16 Rachel Duckworth,  East Midlands Sprint (Witham St Hughs 23 June) Hannah Mather JW, Ben Mather JM  JK Sprint Champion (Aldershot barracks): Jake O'Donnell M14.  East Midland Champions: M12 Daniel Glover; W14 Hannah Mather; M14 Jake O'Donnell; M16 Ben Squire;  W18 Rachel Duckworth; W20 Jessica Dring-Morris.</p> <p><b>Future events:</b>  Joint EMJOS and Y&amp;HJS training at Big Moor and Stanton Moor  1<sup>st</sup> &amp; 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2020</p> <p><u>Cake stall</u> will be out at LOG's Harlaxton's event 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2020.</p> <p>The <u>O'Planner</u> (spreadsheet copy on the EMJOS website) that lays out the dates for EMJOS training - is being updated with regular in region training sessions and other opportunities with the nearby regions.</p>	
10.	<p><b>Correspondence</b>  There was no additional correspondence to discuss.</p>	
11.	<p><b>Fixtures</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>EMOA League 2019</b> – Ursula has sent a reminder to all last years winners to return their trophies for Bramcote on 8<sup>th</sup> Feb. John Woodall will present the trophies around 10:00am.</li> <li>2. <b>EMOA League 2020</b> – No problems at this stage.</li> <li>3. <b>EMOA Urban League 2020</b> – The LEI Ashby event has been cancelled as it clashed with 2 other major urban events. LEI are looking at putting on an event later in the year but this has yet to be identified.</li> <li>4. <b>Future Major Events</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) <b>13 Jun 2020 – East Midland Score Champs</b> – DVO - Carsington</li> <li>ii) <b>10 Oct 2020 – British Schools Score Champs</b> – DVO – Shipley Park</li> <li>iii) <b>22 Nov 2020 – East Midlands Champs</b> – LEI – Hanging Hill</li> <li>iv) <b>28 Feb 2021 – East Midland Champs</b> – DVO – Stanton Moor</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	

	<p>v) 14 Mar 2021 – CompassSport Cup First Round – LEI - Old Dry Hills &amp; Old Harry Park  vi) 4 Jul 2021 - Yvette Baker Trophy Final 2021 – LEI - Irchester.  vii) 17 Oct 2021 – CompassSport Cup Final 2021 – DVO – Chatsworth  viii) 30 Jan 2022 – Midland Champs – NOC – Sherwood</p> <p><b>5. Future Possible Events</b></p> <p>a. East Midlands Sprint Champs 2021  b. JK 2024</p> <p><b>6. Comments on above</b></p> <p>a. Access to Bradgate Park for organised events has been stopped currently. Not sure if will be able to use again in near future.  b. There will probably now be no 2020 Midland Champs (and Southern Champs has also been cancelled).  c. We want club reps to see if any club willing to organise EM Sprint Champs 2021  d. JK 2024 – The plan is that EMOA will part organise JK 2024 with WMOA. LEI would run the sprints on the Friday, DVO would run the relays on the Monday, while WMOA would organise the events on Saturday and Sunday on Cannock Chase. Other clubs in EMOA would be requested to help on the days as well.  e. Chris Phillips requested the EMOA committee approve the officials for the EMOA Champs on 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2020. The organiser is Chris Phillips (LEI), the planner is Steve Edgar (LEI) and the controller is Jeff Baker (LOG). All are level A qualified. Approval of the officials:  Proposer: Hilary Palmer  Seconder: John Hurley  The meeting agreed unanimously.</p>	<p><b>Club Reps</b> – still to see if any club willing to organise EM Sprint Champs 2021</p>
<p><b>12</b></p>	<p><b>Reports:  Orienteering Foundation</b>  There was no formal Orienteering Federation report this time as next meeting was a week after the meeting. However there were some postcards that Pauline Olivant asked club reps to take to the clubs.</p>	<p><b>Club reps</b> to distribute Orienteering Federation postcards to clubs.</p>
<p><b>13</b></p>	<p><b>Sharing Best Practice</b></p> <p>1. The DVO Night Urban Event on 4<sup>th</sup> December using a SmartPhone app went very well with a good attendance. DVO are following this up with a series of 4 events in the Spring.  2. LEI commented on one thing NOT to do. At a recent event an organiser spotted a metal stake sticking up out of the ground so decided to tape it so competitors would not run in to it. Unfortunately they used red and white</p>	

	tape. A competitor saw the tape and thought it was a taped route and ran in to the stake. Remember to use black & yellow tape when taping a hazard.	
<b>14</b>	<b>EMEWS:</b> The next EMEWS copy date is 3 <sup>rd</sup> March.	
<b>15</b>	<b>Any Other Business:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. David Olivant stated that there are revised sprint map specifications which should be operational from January 2020. The old scale was 1:5000, the new scale is 1:4000.</li> <li>2. John Woodall said he had been approached by the Pace Room owners to say they were not formally raising the price, but if we could pay £30 instead of current £25 it would be appreciated. It was agreed that this would happen.</li> <li>3. Paul Young wondered if given there were a lot of access problems currently whether BOF were doing anything. Ranald Macdonald mentioned that there is to be a BO Access Officer (and Ranald was part of the interview panel).</li> </ol>	
<b>16</b>	<b>Dates and venues for future meetings:</b> All meetings to be held at the Pace Room, St Mary's Church, Clifton Village, Nottinghamshire at 7.30 p.m. The next committee meeting was planned for 27 <sup>th</sup> Apr 2020, and the following meeting was proposed for 15 <sup>th</sup> June 2020.	<b>John Woodall</b> to book Pace Room for Jun 15 <sup>th</sup> Committee meeting.

Meeting closed at 9:14pm