

## East Midlands Orienteering Association Executive Committee Meeting – 21 June 2021

Item No	Description	Action
<p><b>Present:</b> Trudy Crosby (LOG), Ann-Marie Duckworth (DVO), Mike Gardner (DVO), John Hurley (DVO), Ranald Macdonald (DVO), David Olivant (NOC), Pauline Olivant (NOC), Hilary Palmer (NOC), Chris Phillips (LEI), Iain Phillips (LEI), Ursula Williamson (LEI), John Woodall (NOC), and Paul Young (DVO) .</p>		
	Held on Zoom.	
1.	<b>Apologies for Absence:</b> None	
2.	<p><b>Approval of Minutes of Meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> April 2021</b> – The minutes of the April meeting were approved.</p> <p>Approved: Chris Phillips Seconded: John Woodall</p>	
3.	<p><b>Website version of minutes</b> – The minutes of the April meeting were accepted for promotion to the EMOA website.</p> <p>Approved: Chris Phillips Seconded: John Woodall</p>	<b>Mike Gardner</b> to inform webmaster.
4.	<p><b>Actions Outstanding from previous minutes (not covered elsewhere)</b></p> <p>a) John Hurley had written to Peter Brooke requesting clarification of the “missing” sections from the O-safe document. Peter had replied on 30<sup>th</sup> April but only to acknowledge receipt. Ann-Marie Duckworth did mention that the Junior Squad document did have some references to the O-safe document. John Hurley to chase up Peter on status of the missing sections of the O-safe document.</p> <p>b) Chris Phillips reported that the “Thriving Clubs for a new generation” document was not as such a strategy document. It is an outline strategy document which requires clubs to provide further input, more an aspirational document. At this stage there is no further action on this. Post Meeting Note: BO have now set up some focus groups and are looking for volunteers, see <a href="https://www.britishorienteering.org.uk/news/5676">https://www.britishorienteering.org.uk/news/5676</a>.</p> <p>c) In terms of the Equalising winning times, the most recent BO board minutes stated that a working group had been set up to look at this and report to the Events &amp; Competitions Committee. DVO had a nominee for the working group but had not been told how to submit the nominations. Chris Phillips will contact Peter Hart to see if the working group is still looking for further nominees for the working group.</p>	<p><b>John Hurley</b> to chase up Peter Brooke on O-safe document.</p> <p><b>Chris Phillips</b> will contact Peter Hart to see if the working group is still looking for further nominees for the working group.</p>
5.	<p><b>Financial Secretary’s Report</b></p> <p>We are now approaching the year end and Paul shared the latest accounts earlier that day. There has been little recent activity. Membership fees have continued to drip feed through from BOF. There has been a flurry of local (Level D) events, but these don’t contribute any income to EMOA, so there has been little levy income. On a positive front there has now been some EMJOS activity taking place, and attendees have contributed to the small costs (the main cost is the printing of maps).</p>	

	<p>The year-end is 9 days away. If there are any outstanding expenses, please let Paul know so he can include them in this year's accounts. Roger Edwards has again agreed to audit the accounts. The DVO payment for Chatsworth is still outstanding as DVO have been unable to host an event there.</p> <p>Ann-Marie reported that she had attended the EOC AGM and while we had paid no contributions last year, the proposed levy will be 80p per adult next year, so we need to budget for this. The committee agreed that Paul could go ahead and pay this.</p> <p>In terms of a budget for next year Paul proposed using the 19/20 accounts as a basis rather than the 20/21 accounts. Hilary Palmer asked for confirmation of the contribution for level D events. Clubs have zero payment for level D events.</p> <p>John Hurley stated that the Juniors are likely to attend training camps in the next few months and though no-one has yet applied (as it is not certain exactly which camps will be going ahead), we should ensure that we allow additional budget for 21/22 to cover those training camps which have been delayed from early 2021 until later in 2021.</p>	<p><b>Paul Young</b> to pay the EOC EMOA contribution</p> <p><b>Paul Young</b> to ensure accounts allow for the additional junior training camps</p>
<p><b>6.</b></p>	<p><b>Development</b></p> <p>Ranald stated there was nothing to report this time. He is still looking to this Autumn or early 2022 for an Officials training session. He is also looking at setting up an event official's newsletter.</p> <p>Ranald mentioned that all new officials must attend an Event Safety Workshop (which is available on-line).</p>	
<p><b>7.</b></p>	<p><b>Coaching</b></p> <p>Hilary mentioned that it is 4 years since she ran the last level 2 Coach training course in the region. She asked if there was demand for another course in the region in the next year or two?</p> <p>With her club welfare hat on, Hilary stated she had received a newsletter from peter Brooke and that there is shortly to be a seminar. And other club reps may want to assess if there is an interest in attending and ensure they mention this within the clubs.</p>	<p><b>Club Reps</b> to see if there is any requirement for a level 2 Coach Training course in next year or two.</p> <p>Club Reps to see if they have members who need to attend the seminar.</p>
<p><b>8.</b></p>	<p><b><u>EMJOS Summary April to June 2021</u></b></p> <p><b>Training:</b></p> <p>Over the last few months, junior orienteering has been focused on travelling to the larger events that are either selection races or were on quality areas to show their race form. This has included the Chilterns Southern Champs (Hambleton), Midland Champs in Shropshire (Stapeley and Rorrington), the Lakeland selection events near Newby Bridge and the junior sprint competition in Keswick.</p>	

	<p>The East Midlands juniors have impressed the selectors:  <b>Rachel Duckworth</b> (DVO) has been selected to represent Great Britain in both the European Youth Orienteering Champs (EYOC) to be held near Vilnius, Lithuania (20-22 Aug) and the Junior World Orienteering Championships (JWOC) Kocaeli, Turkey (5-10<sup>th</sup> Sept).</p> <p><b>Hannah Mather</b> (LOG) and <b>Jake O'Donnell</b> (DVO) are going to the Badaguish Camp (run for BOF by Paul Murgatroyd).  <b>Ben Glover</b> is attending the JROS camp Laganlia.</p> <p>Ben Squire has applied for the JROS Stockholm camp which will now be held in the UK (areas to be confirmed).</p> <p>The <b>Talent South/North</b> zoom sessions were held regularly (twice monthly). Most of our top athletes have attended some of the sessions, fitting it in between exams, revision and other sports. These online sessions have finished now as we are able to train in the woods.</p> <p>For example, before the Chiltern Hambleton event, Jake, Rachel and Ben joined the South Central Junior Squad training day in a bluebell wood near Pangbourne. Practicing simplifying the route plan to use the larger contour details and ignoring the messy vegetation changes.</p> <p><b>Future EMJOS training:</b>  In conjunction with <u>NOC's University of Nottingham</u> event (11<sup>th</sup> July, 10:30am to 1:15pm), EMJOS are planning <i>sprint training exercises</i> (short &lt;800m exercises, much changing of direction and where inclined run at speed)  The session is open to other BO members who send names to Ann-Marie Duckworth in advance of the event.</p> <p>Ann-Marie Duckworth - East Midlands Junior Squad coordinator - June 2021</p> <p>Ranald commented that the EM Juniors had shown a lot of commitment to keep their fitness and technique over the pandemic.</p>	
9.	<p><b>Correspondence</b>  None.</p>	
10.	<p><b>Fixtures</b>  While there are some events happening now, there are no major updates this time.</p>	

	<p><b>1. EMOA League 2021 / EMOA Urban League 2021</b> – In terms of future events in the league DVO autumn events are on National Trust land and still awaiting permission, so can't commit these events will take place. Forestry England costs have also reduced the access to some areas. Private landowners are the best areas currently.</p> <p><b>2. Future Major Events</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>i) 27 Jun 21 – East Midland Champs 2021</b> – DVO - Chinley Churn.</li> <li><b>ii) 12 Sep 2021 – East Midlands Sprint Champs</b> – NOC – Clifton Campus.</li> <li><b>iii) 29 Jan 2022 – Pre-Midland Champs 2022</b> – DVO – Chatsworth.</li> <li><b>iv) 30 Jan 2022 – Midland Champs</b> – NOC – Sherwood Forest</li> <li><b>v) 20 Mar 2022 – East Midlands Champs 2022</b> – DVO – Stanton Moor - will be a level B event. (subject to British Champs not being this weekend, though this now looks unlikely)</li> <li><b>vi) 3 Jul 2022 - Yvette Baker Trophy Final 2022</b> – LEI – Irchester</li> <li><b>vii) 8 Oct 2022 – British Schools Score Champs</b> – DVO – Shipley Park</li> </ul> <p><b>3. Future Possible Events – JK 2024</b> – At the moment the event is going ahead as planned. It will need a lot of time. EMOA are down to host the Friday Sprint (LEI) and the Monday Relays (DVO) (WMOA are hosting the longer events over the weekend). Areas are still being looked at. It is planned to have a Zoom meeting between LEI, DVO and WMOA. Chris Phillips to arrange zoom meeting with a DVO nominee (John Cook / Ranald Macdonald / John Hurley to be involved).</p> <p><b>4.</b> Ursula will look to co-ordinate the level C events for next year after July 10<sup>th</sup>. One problem at present is that the British for next year has two alternative dates, and the CompassSport Cup also has two dates, which make fitting in club fixtures difficult.</p>	<p><b>Chris Phillips</b> to arrange JK 2024 Zoom meeting.</p>
<p><b>11.</b></p>	<p><b>Reports</b></p> <p><b>1) Orienteering Foundation (Pauline Olivant)</b></p> <p>EMOA committee meeting 21 June 2021</p> <p>At the last meeting Peter Hart gave a presentation of the British Orienteering's strategy "Thriving Clubs for a New Generation" particularly highlighting where the 2 organisations could work together and the Orienteering Foundation checked progress against their <a href="#">own strategic and operational plans</a>. Ian Gamlen was appointed as a new Ambassador for the West Midlands.</p> <p>Latest news.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A Newcomer retention group has been launched, more details <a href="#">here</a>.</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Aspiring Elites project has commenced with a grant of £3000 this year. More <a href="#">details</a>.</li> <li>• A grant was awarded to AYROC towards their <a href="#">Arran Project</a></li> </ul> <p>If you would like to read more about this news or would like to find out more about the work of the Foundation please see their web site, <a href="http://www.orienteeringfoundation.org.uk">www.orienteeringfoundation.org.uk</a>, Why not sign up for the Orienteering <a href="#">newsletter</a>, <a href="#">Facebook</a>, or <a href="#">Twitter</a> accounts .</p> <p>Pauline Olivant - Trustee Orienteering Foundation - 01623 792336 -<a href="mailto:p.olivant@btinternet.com">p.olivant@btinternet.com</a></p> <p><b>2) English Orienteering Council (Ann-Marie Duckworth)</b></p> <p>The zoom meeting meant it was quorate.</p> <p>There is an issue with the EOC wanting England to host 5 events in 4 years, but the regions feel they can't continue with the current level of events, let alone add more. So there may need to be approaches to merge some of the events (Junior / Senior / Veteran Home Internationals).</p> <p>In our meeting the question was asked if EMOA could host one of these events in next year or so, and there was no response, so it is likely EOC will need to look at ways of merging the events going forward (or reduce the need to find accommodation, meals, etc. for participants).</p>	
<p><b>12.</b></p>	<p><b>Sharing Best Practice</b></p> <p>1) Pauline Olivant noted that NOC had been using a new entry system "Startkite" for their events. It uses the same policies as Fabian and will cope with a level C event, and is cheaper than Fabian. Chris mentioned that SYO also had a new entry system which seemed quite good (as got a lot of information back). It was suggested that it might be a good idea if all clubs used the same system, as for newcomers in particular it can be confusing if different systems are used.</p> <p>2) John Hurley noted that DVO were now using a new payment system (Stripe) which seems to work quite well. However, also noted that the Sumup device had led to queues at events so now encouraging use of pre-payment for most events.</p> <p>It was suggested that it might be a good idea if Club Reps could go back to the clubs and identify someone who could talk about all these different systems to see if it is possible to come up with a common set of systems across the East Midlands.</p>	<p><b>Club Reps</b> to identify people for each club who could get together to discuss having common entry systems across EMOA</p>

13.	<p><b>EMEWS:</b> The next EMEWS is planned to be out around the end of July.</p>	
14.	<p><b>EMOA AGM 2021</b> The first question was whether the meeting should be held on Zoom or in person. It was agreed that the meeting should be held on Zoom as last year we did get more attendees that way. All of the key posts should remain the same (if that is what members want). The one post we do need filling is Vice-Chair. Mike to get out an agenda and details in the July EMEWS. Paul Young to collate end of year accounts and have them ready for AGM.</p>	<p><b>Mike Gardner</b> to send out details of AGM in July EMEWS <b>Paul Young</b> to get end of year accounts completed with budget for next year</p>
15.	<p><b>Review of JK</b> Iain Phillips was the nominated rep to attend the meeting on behalf of EMOA. The premise is “where do we go with future JKs? Can regions continue to support by doing the whole, or part of the event?” At this stage:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NOC felt they could assist organise a Sprint or Relay but couldn’t do it by themselves.</li> <li>• DVO / LEI felt there was nowhere in the EMOA region that could host a long race at Easter, however we could team up with other regions (as is plan for 2024)</li> </ul> <p>Another question to be covered is how could BOF help reduce the load on volunteers? The ability to assist clubs from other regions supporting the organisation of events.</p>	<p><b>Iain Phillips</b> to attend the Review of JK meeting on behalf of EMOA</p>
16.	<p><b>Any Other Business:</b> There was no AOB.</p>	
15.	<p><b>Dates and venues for future meetings:</b> The next meeting will be the EMOA AGM, held on Zoom on 13<sup>th</sup> September.  The next committee meeting will take place on 15<sup>th</sup> November. At this stage the venue (Zoom or the Pace Room) will be left open, but will request John Woodall to book the Pace Room.  All meetings (normally) to be held at the Pace Room, St Mary’s Church, Clifton Village, Nottinghamshire at 7.30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>John Woodall</b> to book Pace Room for November meeting.</p>

Meeting closed at 9:36pm