



2020 Annual General Meeting

Venue: On-line meeting

Date: 3pm Saturday, 7 November 2020

MINUTES

PRESENT:

David Pal	Chairman WRE	Jim Wood	ERYRI
Alice Bedwell	Secretary SWOC	Niall Reynolds	SBOC
Jean Lochhead	Treasurer EPOC	Lyndon Sutton	SWOC
Mark Saunders	Development Officer SWOC	Kyla da Cunha	ParcoursO
Anne May	Membership Secretary SWOC	Peter Ribbans	SWOC
Megan Carter-Davies	Information Officer SBOC	Fay Walsh	MWOC
Robert Griffiths	Mapping Officer MWOC	Ben Mitchell	SBOC
Kerina Lake	Fixtures Secretary SBOC	David May	SLOW
Clare Dallimore	Safeguarding Officer SWOC	Jill Manning	SWOC
Andy Robinson	British Orienteering Rep	Kostas Koukouris	ERYRI
		Brian Hughes	HOC
		Diane McClure	SBOC
		Adrian Moir	SWOC

1. **Apologies** – Gabriella Walsh WOA Coaching Officer MWOC, Margaret Reynolds SBOC, Ellie Salisbury ERYRI

2. **Minutes of 2019 WOA AGM** (22 June, 2019) – agreed as an accurate record of the meeting.

3. **Matters arising from minutes of 2019 WOA AGM** – Item 10c – no action has been taken on an all Wales agreement with land owning bodies such as NRW and DP would not be progressing this in his remaining time as chairman. He noted that similar agreements in England had resulted in high fees for local events. An agreement does remain as an aspiration of the committee.

4. Reports of Officers for 2019 (see WOA Annual Report 2019):

Note - use of [] brackets when report not included/requested. Safeguarding Officer report is yet to be added to the website

- a. Chairman (David Pal) – report accepted
- b. Treasurer (Jean Lochhead) – report accepted
- c. Membership Secretary (Anne May) – report accepted
- d. Fixtures Secretary (David Pal) – report accepted
- e. Coaching Officer (Gabriella Walsh) – report accepted
- f. Information Officer (Megan Carter-Davies) – report accepted
- g. Mapping Officer (Robert Griffiths) – report accepted
- h. Development Officer (Mark Saunders) – report accepted
- i. [Technical Officer (Mark Saunders)]
- j. [Secretary (Position Vacant)]
- k. Safeguarding Officer (Clare Dallimore) – report accepted

NR asked whether the WOA policies could be used by the individual clubs. DP replied that the policies were being updated and that the club requirements should be kept in mind. The clubs could then have a one page policy which would link to the WOA policy.

5. Reports of Advisors for 2019 (see WOA Annual Report 2019):

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- a. [Schools Liaison Officer (Position vacant)]
- b. Junior Squad Manager (Mark Saunders)
- c. Senior Squad Manager (Clare Dallimore, submitted by MCD)
- d. Veteran Squad Manager (Kate O’Sullivan)
- e. [Welsh League (Richard Cronin)]
- f. [Webmaster (Roger Stein)]
- g. [Regional Volunteer Champion (Gabriella Walsh)]

DP updated that a draft set of rules was almost ready for circulation and review

6. Constitution Amendments

One editorial amendment to correct the reference in sections 7.3b and 8.2 from 19.7 to 20.7

7. Election of Officers

- a. Chairman – David Pal will continue until May 2021 – all agreed
- b. Treasurer – Jean Lochhead happy to continue – all agreed
- c. Secretary
Alice Bedwell, BOK, has agreed to stand for this position and was adopted by WOA committee until the 2020 WOA AGM – all agreed
- d. Membership Secretary – Anne May will continue – all agreed
- e. Fixtures Secretary

Kerina Lake, SBOC, has agreed to stand for this position and was adopted by WOA committee until the 2020 WOA AGM – all agreed

f. Coaching Officer

Gabriella Walsh, MWOC, is standing down from this position. David Pal thanked Gabriella for her work

Jim Wood was proposed as Coaching Officer by David Pal and this was seconded by Mark Saunders. Jim Wood was unanimously elected as Coaching Officer

g. Information Officer – Megan Carter-Davies is happy to continue – all agreed

h. Mapping Officer – Robert Griffiths is happy to continue for one more year but will probably stand down the following year – all agreed

i. Development Officer – Mark Saunders is happy to continue for one more year but will stand down the following year – all agreed

j. [Technical Officer (*currently handled as part of Development Officer role*)]

k. Safeguarding Officer – Clare Dallimore is happy to continue – all agreed

Clare updated on the ongoing frustrations with adopting the British Orienteering Safeguarding policy which does not currently refer to Welsh Government legislation. There also issues with different viewpoints of BOF and the Child Protection in Sport Unit as to whether this document should be a Wales only document.

8. Appointment of Advisors – no changes to the advisor roles.

9. Appointment of Auditor

a. Proposal 1: That Brian Cheetham be re-appointed as auditor.

JL corrected this proposal: Richard Payne, an EPOC member and a retired chartered accountant, is the current auditor.

The amended proposal was accepted by 19 votes for 1 against

10. Budget 2020-21 (*see WOA Annual Report 2019*):

a. Proposal 2: That the fees and levies for 2021 remain the same as 2020.

The proposal was accepted 22 votes for 0 against

11. JK2022 – Chairman's update

DP updated on the issues with the JK 2022 which were discussed at the October 2020 WOA committee meeting. This event is run as a partnership between WOA and British Orienteering with BOF taking the larger share of risk. In the current circumstances, landowners are reluctant to confirm permissions and as a result not all the clubs have confirmed planners and organisers in place. The committee agreed in the October meeting to work to a deadline of the end of this year to

have permissions and officials in place. DP has a meeting the chief executive next week.

NR updated on the situation with permissions from Swansea University (sprint area). Currently they are expecting WOA to pay for 2 days on site (£10,000) although we require little access on the Thursday. NR is in discussions with Swansea University

DP reported that further progress has been made with areas. Merthyr Mawr Warren is OK and PR is looking into using Pwll Du.

12. Any Other Business

The following questions/remarks were submitted during the meeting

a. K de C One of the key pieces of Welsh legislation is the vision, development and inclusion of 'O' for future generations. I was just wondering if this is included in WOA plans?

MS replied that we have not done anything about this but recognised that this was an omission

b. MS – Congratulations to Jim Wood for his MBE

c. Adrian Moir Has there been any contact with BOF re: post firebreak rules on events. From Monday 30 competitor limit (no limit to under 11s), plus any number of officials. Current Welsh Guidelines dated 20th August.

DP replied that he had received an e-mail from Peter Hart (BOF Chief Executive Officer) with a draft of update guidelines following discussions with the Welsh Government. This included the 30 competitor limit plus officials but needed to be amended to include reference to travel from England to Wales

d. JW Is there any SBOC/SWOC contact with UK-wide project on sand dunes, Dynamic Dunescapes. North Wales ecologist was keen to use orienteers to help break up sand surface! ie supportive of running events on dunes.

NR added that there was a Wales Project SandsofLife/TwyniByw and that WOA should get an official contact with them as part of our national agreements (see 3.Matters Outstanding).

Suggested roles Partnerships officer and Environment Officer. Niall failed to rise to the bait when it was suggested he was ideal for the roles

13. Date of 2021 AGM – date to be confirmed.

The 2020 accounts need to be closed before the meeting and JL stated that these could be available by late March.

DP suggested the AGM could be held during the Springtime in Shropshire event (29 – 31, May 2021).

The date and whether the meeting will be live or virtual will be confirmed when there is more certainty as to whether large events will be happening next spring.

The meeting was closed at 4.05pm