



BUSINESS MEETING OF THE WELSH ORIENTEERING ASSOCIATION

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4 pm on Sunday 8th June 2014.
Ludlow Mascall Centre (Teme Room), Lower Galdeford, Ludlow, SY8 1RZ

MINUTES

PRESENT: Pete Ribbans (WOA Chair and Chair of SWOC), Dave Pal (WOA Fixtures Secretary, WOA/DEE), David May (WOA/SLOW), Amy Peltor (WOA Treasurer, BAOC), Bob Dredge (British Orienteering Director), Roger Stein (WOA Information Officer, SBOC), Robert Griffiths (WOA Mapping Officer, MWOC), Mark Saunders (WOA Development Officer, WOA/BOK), Alice Bedwell (WOA/BOK), Gabriella Walsh (WOA Junior Squad Manager and Chair of MWOC), Anne May (WOA Membership Secretary, WOA/SLOW)

1. APOLOGIES – Helena Burrows (WOA Coaching Officer, WOA/LOC), Bridget Stein (WOA Schools Liaison Officer, SBOC), Eunice Carter (WOA Junior Squad Manager, MWOC), David Doherty (SBOC)

2. Minutes of last business meeting. Passed as an accurate representation of the meeting.

AM requested that all Actions referred to be given a very brief heading to clarify what was subject of actions. Agreed. ACTION 2014/10: PR/AM

3. Matters arising, not covered below

2013/27 Dev in Northern Ireland: report by GW to be also discussed as part of the Development Officer's Report below.

RS stated that Neath Port Talbot put in £100,000 to develop orienteering in the area in 2013.

2013/54: Y Ddraig: Copy produced by AM and MS in March 2014. It is hoped that another issue may be produced in Autumn.

2013/55: Funding for new Welsh Tops:v not yet discussed by PR/AP. Action 2014/11: PR/AP

2014/01: Croeso dates have been confirmed as 24-30 July 2016.

2014/02: Senior Home International - ERYRI hosting on the 22nd/23rd Oct 2016

2014/03: Development: MS has prepared a paper which is discussed below.

2014/05: Dev. DP: Sue Norris no longer Secretary of Eryri. Bill Teahan now Eryri Secretary.

It was agreed that all clubs should have links to pages in the WOA website, e.g. to Welsh league which should be given greater prominence).

2014/04, 2014/06, 2014/07 ALL discussed as part of the Development Officer's Report below.

2014/08: AGM date and venue. Done.

- a. 2014/09: WOA Orienteer of the year and Volunteer of the Year. Done. Robert presented Pete with Volunteer of the Year trophy.

AM to ask Jean Lochhead to return the Orienteer of the Year trophy which was awarded for 2013 to Katie Reynolds. ACTION 2014/12: AM
(post-meeting note: AM got an email from Katie to say she has the trophy)

4. Reports from officers (for the period February 2014 to May 2014): (to be received **beforehand** and circulated by Chair for reading prior to meeting)

- a. Report from the Treasurer (Amy Peltor)

Budget was discussed at meeting in Feb.

Treasurer's report (previously circulated) was discussed.

Outcome from this year's JK: 2/3 profits goes to BOF, but 1/3 goes to WOA. It was agreed that it could be capped to the equivalent to the WOA levy with the rest being distributed to clubs who helped, using the Croeso model. Nigel Ferrand has agreed to sort this out.

ACTION 2014/13: NF

Please send Amy an email if lodging money into WOA a/c.

Cheques need to be sent to her new address. Clubs to email Amy and she will send her address for correspondence.

ACTION 2014/14: ALL

Junior National and International funding: please ask the juniors to send Amy

confirmation they have been selected and how much it will cost. ACTION 2014/15: MS

- b. Report from the Secretary (Vacant)

- c. Report from the Fixtures Secretary (David Pal)

Venue for league match in November has been changed.

New dates Croeso to be put onto the BOF website.

ACTION 2014/16: DP

CROESO website still exists. David May is webmaster. MS will write something re next

Croeso for DM to put onto website.

ACTION 2014/17: MS/DM

BOC 2021 - down for WOA/East Midlands OA. RB commented that 2021 not ideal for WOA if Croeso continues to be every 4 years. DP will push for 2022.

ACTION 2014/18: DP

JHI – 2017 – no problems.

MS: not ideal to have Cupan Y Ddraig in May – exam season. Perhaps earlier. MS will

liaise with DP to sort this out.

ACTION 2014/19: DP/MS

- d. Report from the Membership Secretary (Anne May) – circulated to all.

- e. Report from the Development Officer (Mark Saunders) plus discussion of paper on USE OF WOA DEVELOPMENT FUND

To be taken back to clubs for discussion and feedback is required for the next committee meeting.

ACTION 2014/20: ALL to take to their clubs

RS: £24,000 (over 4 years (is the upper limit of fees available).

RG: Development – very hard to get more people to volunteer to do more dev work.

HB did try, unsuccessfully, to get a grant for a development officer.

AP: if more information were available about what a job was about we might get more volunteers, e.g. webmaster – pay for a person to go on a course; mapper – to go on a mapping course.

MS: Volunteers' activity weekend and run courses on particular topics as in Scotland. MS thinking of over WL weekend, bunkhouse for 2 nights, meeting spaces etc. key topics: development – GW talk about her experiences at Plas Grieg, RS to talk about Neath project of last year. Craig Antony BOF could help MS get someone from another club to hear about their dev.; possibly a planning course including purple pen; possibly training on SI. Ponterwyd - possibly 50% club/50% WOA for travel and WOA pay for bunkhouse cost. All agreed it was a good idea, MS will investigate possible location and accommodation.

ACTION 2014/21: MS

Central initiatives:

Developing clubs in areas poorly serviced. Bridget's paper on a SW Wales. Historically, Helena had suggested one in N E Wales. BS needs to discuss it when she is ready with SBOC committee and then bring it to WOA.

ACTION 2014/22: BS

Implications of employing people to do certain jobs: PR attended a tax seminar and will write up and circulate notes on this.

ACTION 2014/23: PR

- f. Report from the Mapping Officer (Robert Griffiths) NO FURTHER COMMENT
 - g. Report from the Information Officer (Roger Stein) included in Annual report and an Y Ddraig was issued to all before Easter.
 - h. Report from the Coaching Officer (Helena Burrows) – report on email. RS – we need to encourage people to develop their coaching skills and qualifications.
5. Reports from advisors
- a. Report from the Junior Squad Manager (Mark Saunders) Report: sent to all. No comment.
 - b. Report from the Senior Squad Manager (Ed Nicholas / Lauren Ferrand) – no report
 - c. Report from the Veteran Squad Manager (Sophie Brown) – no report
 - d. Report from Schools Liaison officer (Bridget Stein) – included in her AGM report.
6. News from British Orienteering –
- a. On behalf of BOF thanks for splendid JK and for the AGM facilitation
 - b. Mapping scales – needs to be work on the standardisation of controlling
 - c. BOF board meeting a week next Sat.
BOF Budgets OK.
 - d. Selection for Junior Squads, appeal upheld. As a result, Sarah Hague offered her resignation and is leaving in August. Caroline Povey also tendered her resignation (made an offer she cannot refuse).
 - e. WOC. IOF meeting a couple of weeks ago. Happy that all is on track.
 - f. Talent Performance. Bob has agreed to take on Chair of Talent Performance committee and will work with Mark S to get feedback from WOA.
 - g. Sport England funding – bid accepted 2014-2017, subject to performance.

Feedback from WOA:

- entry fees to BOC – (RS) appeared to be unbalanced re championship/colour-coded entry fees. Fees perceived to be very high.
- catering – quality, price, exclusive contracts – did not work well this year. Juniors selling cakes, very important socially for them.

Bob said he would take the comments back to the British Orienteering Directors' meeting in a couple of weeks' time.

ACTION: 2014/24: BD

7. WOA Development fund use - covered under Development officer's report above.
8. Any other business –
Courses are normally open to people from other clubs. AP: how are they advertised. Emails to Secretaries of other clubs.

OCAD 11 now available. Not a lot different to OCAD 10 (Robert G).

Courses could be advertised on website. Agreed.

ACTION 2014/25: RS

9. Date of next meeting: early October, PR to arrange.

ACTION 2014/26: PR

GOOGLE hangout software keeps changing. DJM thinks SKYPE now offers a similar provision to hangout.

Pete will be on ½ hour early to the meeting to help people join the Hangout/Skype.