



BUSINESS MEETING OF THE WELSH ORIENTEERING ASSOCIATION

Venue: our own homes!

DATE: Monday, March 18th at 7:30 pm via Google+ Hangout
(organised by David May)

MINUTES

PRESENT: David May (acting Chair), Amy Peltor, Roger Stein, Anne May, Helena Burrows, Mark Saunders, Robert Griffiths

Apologies - Pete Ribbans (SWOC), Sue Norris (ERYRI), John Ellis (ERYRI)

1. **Minutes of last business meeting** (Feb 26th) were accepted as accurate. This meeting continued, using the agenda of the last meeting.

2. Matters arising

3. 4 g. **Welsh Schools Sports Association:** HB has been in touch with Anne Hamilton. No other sports are interested in forming a Welsh Schools Sports Assoc.

5 a. **Welsh Champs:** MS has discussed this with SN at the Juniors. October Odyssey was same weekend and BOF Fixtures does not want the Welsh w/e clashing with this – 2nd hand info. AM to check with SN. **ACTION: AM**

5 b. **Welsh League:** RG: 16th June, Alice Bedwell is controlling. Another on 15th Sept that David Pal is controlling. – clashing with JHI. RS does not think it a good idea as the best juniors plus parents would be at the JHI. RG thought both events were to be held on the same day at the same event. JHI is in S Wales. 2nd POW Welsh League event due to be in Carneddau in Sept. RG will check up with Sarah who does programme – would need to look for alternative date if both are scheduled on the same day. **ACTION: RG**

5d: **JK 2014.** JK 2014 meeting tomorrow so report will be after that. MS confirms that Welsh Juniors will put on a Middle race Clydach on Wed, and training maps on Thurs on Llangattoch.

9a: **VHI:** Sophie Brown and Andy Kelly confirmed to be in charge. Sophie has circulated all on the VHI mailing list.

4. 4a: **Report of Treasurer:** nobody has any comment to make on Treasurer's report. AP: as long as all on committee agree, then she can submit the report. A/c for 2012, the budget for 2014 and the other statement for 2014 –all agree.

4b: Report from Membership Secretary: AM wrote to Mike Hamilton re reminders to renew. Apologies to those present at the meeting: AM had stated BO did not have a policy of reminders. This is incorrect – see Caroline Poveys's comment below:

Caroline Povey, Marketing Manager of BOF replied: "Further to your email, I can confirm that across all clubs the number of members that have renewed for 2013 is higher than usual. We also find that we have a spike in renewals just before the JK last entry date which is fast approaching. We always do a reminder to lapsed members after the final closing date so this will be in early March. However please note that this reminder will only go to those members that we have an email address for.

I have attached the current list of WOA lapsed members (which you can also download from the website). You are obviously welcome to contact all these members directly with a reminder."

POW membership: the effect of the changes to membership: down by 4 members (sleeping members). 25 members who have not rejoined but probably will do. Down to 42 members at present. SWOC have increased by 12 since Feb meeting (PR).

4i: **Report of Development Officer:** MS had circulated report for last meeting. MS has now visited all clubs. He will try to summarise his findings and will try to come up with proposals ready for the next meeting. He did ask clubs about Croeso. With one exception, all those he spoke to were positive that Wales should continue to hold Croeso. Possibility of paid co-ordinator was discussed. In past there has been some payment for co-ordinator for Croeso in the past.

ACTION: MS

6c: SHI/VHI/JHI commitment: action was not clear. HB had raised the possibility with NI about 2 years ago regarding sharing the organisation of these events. They were not willing share as it is a good earner for them and it would mean less income and they would have to travel to the events. DM might chat with Philip Baxter if he sees him (at the JK?). RS: it would be good for us to be clear what is being asked of WOA for the next 3 years so that clubs know what the future commitments will be.

SOA wanted to do the VHI in 2014 instead of 2015 when they now have the World Champs. WOA had agreed to do VHI in 2015 and let SOA do it in 2014.

David Pal to be asked to look into this and to draw up a list for clubs.

AP: could list be on the website once list is drawn up? RS will put it up when DP produces list.

ACTION: DP

4E Coaching Officer's report

Coaching conference Jan 2013:

- 5 from Wales (Helena, Mark, Alice, Gabriella, Roger – Terry didn't get there due to snow) – thanks to WOA for support.
- Future conferences likely to be at a different venue – no support from BOF.
- HB devising questionnaire to send to all BOF coaches re format/venue/timing & cost of future conferences.

Questionnaire sent to all Welsh coaches to see what support is needed to get more of them active – very few replies! Will work with individual clubs.

CPD logs: All licensed Welsh coaches have been emailed re the logs which should be sent in to HB for review by end of April. None received yet.

ACTION: HM will follow up.

Coach education:

- 5 people trained at level 2 in 2012 – they have till April 2014 to complete
- Plas Y Brenin courses in 2013 – L1 March and L2 April both cancelled due to lack of numbers. Another L1 course due to be held at PYB in October (Welsh Champs w/e)
- L1 changes – likely to become 2 day rather than 3 – reduction in cost, more people willing to do it? To be confirmed with UKCC, but likely.
- L2 too many tasks – being reviewed to try to slim down the number of home study tasks

Coaching committee:

BOF coaching committee has been disbanded. A "coaching needs group" has been established and will report to the BOF board with recommendations on the direction of coaching in the June Board meeting.

HB

Comments on Report:

MS: next training in POW area, Gabriella Walsh will be leading this, using her coaching skills.

6. AOB:

- i) Possibility of an issue of Y Ddraig? AM will be producing an issue mid-April to give members notice of the AGM, details of the AGM, vacant positions on committee, etc.

MS has asked juniors to report on Portugal and on this last w/e's. MS is keen to have it in paper form as he feels it will mean more to people and will help link Welsh orienteers. AP suggests we use electronic form rather than paper copy. HB said in past most people when

given the choice did prefer a paper copy. She suggested email copy be the default and people could request paper copy. MS suggests an opt-out of paper form. It was agreed this issue will be paper copy and will also be up on the WOA website. Deadline for copy will be 31st March. ACTION: AM

ii) Croeso: AP. What is the plan for the next Croeso? Time line? MS: all club committees are in general in favour of Croeso, though only one club thinking of forming a sub-committee to consider Croeso feasibility is SBOC, though this is not a commitment. SBOC will report to the WOA AGM. Co-ordinator , paid/advertised, not yet discussed. ACTION: SBOC

AP: A report? DB did a report as co-ordinator of the last Croeso.

iii) Neil Cameron, the British Orienteering Director with portfolio for Wales is retiring. We would like to record our appreciation for his interest and AM will send him a buff as a thank you.

ACTION: AM

iv) RS: What vacancies are coming up in WOA? (Chair, Secretary, Technical Officer, Membership sec,). All to consider who might agree to do above roles. ACTION: ALL

v) RG: HANGOUT – a sceptic of it but now thinks that this method of communicating could get more people involved.

Next meeting 25th September after AGM.