



BUSINESS MEETING OF THE WELSH ORIENTEERING ASSOCIATION

Venue: Google+ Hangout

DATE: Thursday, June 27th at 8:00 pm

MINUTES

PRESENT: Pete Ribbans (SWOC) (Chair), Mark Saunders (BOK), Roger Stein (SBOC), David Pal (SPLOT), Sue Norris (ERYRI)

1. **Apologies** - Amy Peltor (BAOC), Helena Burrows (LOC), Robert Griffiths (POW), Anne May (SLOW), Terry Smith (POW), Gabriella Walsh (POW)

2. **Minutes of last business meetings** (18th March and 16th June) were accepted as accurate.

3. **Matters arising, not covered below**
18th March

3.5 b. Welsh League: The POW event at Carneddau has now been rescheduled for 24th November so this no longer clashes with the JHI. Note that this event is not currently part of the Welsh league.

4.6 c. DP has produced the Home International rota with respect to WOA. RS to put this this on the WOA web site. **ACTION 2013/24: RS**

4E 5 out 12 coaches have sent logs for review. Report is not clear whether the remaining 7 are still outstanding. HB to clarify. **ACTION 2013/25: HB**

6i The proposed issue of Y Ddraig was produced

6iii AM to send Neil Cameron a buff as appreciation of his work in supporting WOA
Note – post meeting from AM – action already completed **ACTION 2013/26: AM**

6iv Vacancies were partly filled following the AGM, but we are currently without a secretary.

16th June

8a PR to provide SI contacts to John Ellis for Welsh Champs – done.

8b Funding for development: GW and Rose Phillips to discuss possibilities for funding bids for development. This might include money for a paid development officer for Croeso. GW to write up notes and report back. **ACTION 2013/27: GW**

8c Further discussion has gone with regard to the proposed JOK chasing sprint on the 12th October. The requirement is a forested area to support 2-300 competitors. Apparently the NE who are putting on the October Odyssey that weekend do not have any objection to the event being in Newborough, although the original change of date was only granted by BOF fixtures on the basis that this was not a multi day event. It was agreed that DP and SN clarify the situation. **ACTION 2013/28:DP/SN**

4. Officers reports

a. Report of the Treasurer (Amy Peltor) – *circulated by email before the meeting*
Amy was unable to attend the meeting but had provided her report in advance. The report was noted and no issues identified.

b. Report of the Membership Secretary (Peter Ribbans) – *circulated by email before the meeting*
PR as outgoing membership secretary provided a current set of figures. The total membership of 299 is 52 down on the figure at the end of June 2012. PR will produce the club invoices before handing over the role to Anne May. **ACTION 2013/29:PR**

c. Report from Technical Officer (David May) – no report
As discussed at the AGM with David May standing down and the requirement for the Technical Officer to attend rules group redundant, this post has now been removed. It was agreed that the co-ordination of planners and controllers courses feasibility falls into the remit of the Development Officer. MS agreed to take this on as part of his existing role. The constitution will require amending to remove references to the Technical Officer. PR to do this ready for the 2014 AGM. **ACTION 2013/30: PR**

d. Report from Mapping Officer (Robert Griffiths) - no report

e. Report of the Coaching Officer (Helena Burrows) – *circulated by email before the meeting*

f. Report from Junior Squad Manager (Mark Saunders) – *circulated by email before the meeting*
MS provided a report prior to the meeting. He mentioned the general success of the squad and that the next two key items on the calendar were the squad tour to Sweden in August and JHI in September.

g. Report from Schools Liaison officer – no report
Due to a family bereavement Mair Tomos is standing down as Schools Liaison Officer. PR to ask Bridget Stein if she would be interested in taking on the role. **ACTION 2013/31:PR**

- h. Report from the Fixtures Secretary (David Pal) – *circulated by email before the meeting*
- i. Report from the Development Officer (Mark Saunders) – *circulated by email before the meeting*

5 Fixtures

5 b. **Future Fixtures:** The Welsh League events for 2014 are almost all confirmed. The date of the SWOC event in September/October needs to be finalised. PR to confirm following next SWOC meeting. Also there may be an ERYRI event included but again this is subject to confirmation by DP/SN.

ACTION 2013/32:PR
ACTION 2013/33:DP/SN

SWOC may be interested in hosting a first round match of the Compass Sport cup in 2016 but not if they are pencilled in for the Welsh Championships that year. The rota for the Welsh Champs was unclear beyond 2014 as POW may be putting on the VHI in 2015. DP agreed to clarify these issues and report back.

ACTION 2013/34:DP

5 c. **Croeso 2016:**

There is some interest from SBOC, who have a subcommittee in place and have some potential areas in mind. RS pointed out that even though it is possible that the event would potentially be in the SBOC area they did not expect to have to fill all the key posts for the event from within the club. The event is currently pencilled into the BOF calendar for the week commencing the 31st July. It was pointed out that the event was not always held that early and the following week was more typical. DP agreed to look at which other major multi day events have been scheduled around then and to propose an appropriate week.

ACTION 2013/35:DP

5 d. **JK 2014:** PR: Dave Peel is currently remapping Pwll Du for the relays and updating Merthyr Common and Mynydd Llangynidr. Helen Errington (BOF) and Tim Pribul (Day2/3 controller) will be down early July to look at assembly areas etc. MS raised the question of the partnership agreement and whether it is with WOA or the individual Welsh clubs. PR to clarify this with either Helen Errington or Nigel Ferrand.

ACTION 2013/36:PR

6 Development

Nothing over and above the development officers report (4i).

7 News from British Orienteering (Robert Dredge)

Robert was unable to make the meeting.

8 Any other business.

a. The request from Mike Hamilton from British Orienteering for members from the WOA to be part of British Orienteering steering groups was discussed. The required is for one person from the WOA to a members of the following steering groups (Development, Talent & Performance and Coaching) as well as a person within WOA to be the point of contact for strategic planning purposes. MS agreed to be the person on the Development group (at least on an initial basis. PR agreed to be the point of contact. It was proposed that HB be asked if she would take on the role on the Coaching steering group, PR to ask her. No one came forward or was suggested for the Talent & Performance group. PR also to inform Mike Hamilton of the proposals.

ACTION 2013/37:PR

b. RG requested that the travelling expenses for Rob Postlethwaite who is travelling to Wales to put on a mapping course be funded by the WOA. This was approved.

c. The issue with regard to the WOA fees being included in the club fees for 2014 was discussed. There was consensus that the best way going forward was that the WOA element should be

shown separately. This should ensure that WOA actually gets the revenue earlier than it currently does. Club membership secretaries will need to be informed so that when BOF request the fees for 2014 the clubs understand how this will work. AM to contact club membership secretaries / treasurers to inform them. **ACTION 2013/38:AM**

d. RS mentioned that at short notice Kris Jones of SBOC had been selected to represent the senior GB squad in Finland. Travelling expenses for the trip would be £450. It was agreed that the WOA would fund one third of this. This is in addition to the similar funding ratio for the other Welsh juniors selected for various tours this summer.

5. Date of next meeting: Sat 12th October

It was discussed whether the next meeting should be via Google hangout or face to face. It was agreed that there were merits in using both but that the preferred for the next meeting would be face to face. It was agreed that the meeting would be held early evening on the Saturday of the Welsh Championships weekend. The time is tentatively set for 5pm at Aberffraw Village Hall? SN to confirm **ACTION 2013/39:SN**