

Committee Meeting

Venue: St Madoc Centre, Llanmadoc, Swansea, SA3 1DE

Date: 1.30pm Sunday, 29 October 2017

MINUTES

Present: Roger Stein (Chair), David Pal, Robert Griffiths, Allan Lasky, Jim Wood.

1. a) Apologies: Jean Lochhead, Anne May, Sam Healy, Gabriella Walsh, Mark Saunders, Clare Dallimore, Bob Dredge.

b) Declaration of Interests: none.

2. Minutes of last committee meeting (23 April 2017): Agreed as an accurate record.

Matters arising, not covered below

2015/24: West Wales Development. Report has been completed and circulated to WOA Committee. Copies can be obtained from either Bridget Stein or Mark Saunders.

2016/02: O-Safe. The Safeguarding policies and procedures will now be reviewed. Sam Healy has kindly agreed to take on the WOA role of Welfare Officer and is currently liaising with the Sport Wales contact. Improvements in some areas (like the web site) will be needed in order for the Association to comply with current Safeguarding Framework as set out by Sport Wales. The first step is to achieve Level 1 of the Safeguarding Standards.

3. Minutes of the 2017 WOA AGM (23 April 2017): Agreed as an accurate record.

Matters arising, not covered below

a. Vacancy of Chairman. This remains a problem for the satisfactory functioning of the Association. Some options were discussed but no clear solution. Committee members and Clubs are asked to consider this and forward suggestions to the WOA Secretary.

b. Approval of 2016/17 Accounts. Accounts for 2016/17 have now been completed and audited. The committee had been asked to approve them on behalf of the AGM. Approved. (Proposed DP; seconded JW.)

4. Reports from Officers

a. Secretary (Roger Stein)

Nothing to report.

b. Treasurer (Jean Loch head)

Nothing to report.

c. Fixtures Secretary (David Pal)

Croeso 2020. There was quite a bit of discussion about the various aspects of putting on Croeso 2020. It was noted that the bid for WMOC 2020 had been unsuccessful. Whilst it would be an advantage to utilise the work done for WMOC2020 in holding Croeso in S. Wales, there was also support for Croeso being in N. Wales and helping to boost the current maps available to ERYRI. There was general support for staging Croeso 2020 though it was realised that it was vital for a co-ordinator to be appointed in order to move things forward.

BOC2022. The association rota had WOA as potential host for BOC 2022. It was noted that EMOA was still in discussions for potential areas in mid and N Wales for staging BOC2021.

BNC2018. RS informed the meeting that the proposed venue (Pembrey) for the British Night Champs 2018 was not proving satisfactory for the planner and controller. It was proposed to

change the venue to Merthyr Mawr Warren and Woods; and for the National event the following day to swap from Margam Forest to Pembrey. SBOC and SWOC had agreed to stage the weekend jointly. They were currently awaiting the agreement from E&CC regarding the waiving of the embargo restrictions. (*This was confirmed a few days later.*)

d. Information Officer (Clare Dallimore)

No report.

e. Mapping Officer (Robert Griffiths)

No report

f. Coaching Officer (Gabriella Walsh)

No report.

g. Technical Officer (Mark Saunders)

No report.

h. Membership Secretary (Anne May)

A summary report of WOA membership was presented – this showed a total WOA membership of 310 (the same total as at the end of 2016). It was noted that since the compilation of the report a further couple of new memberships had been received by both SBOC and SWOC – so now showing an increase in WOA membership, which was pleasing to see. It was noted that the membership changes varied considerably among the clubs.

i. Development Officer (Mark Saunders)

No report.

5. Reports from Advisors

Welsh League - - Richard Cronin had agreed to take over as Welsh League co-ordinator from Nick Silk. There had been some email correspondence between RC and RS. It was agreed that any changes to the rules for the league points calculations could only be implemented from 2018. In summary it had been suggested that events counting for Welsh League should be distributed throughout Wales as much as possible. The suggestion that more events would count towards the points total seemed acceptable. But as no clear description of the rules change was available, the secretary was actioned to request the suggestions for the new rules from RC and to distribute by email for agreement.

6. News from British Orienteering

Nothing to report.

7. Any other business

a. Safeguarding - see section 2 above.

It was noted from the emails circulated prior to the meeting that there was support for updating the current web site.

8. Date of next meeting

To be confirmed.

Meeting finished at about 3.00pm.