

Events & Competitions Committee (E&CC) Strategic Approach Sept. 2015

Background

The Board is creating an updated "Vision" for 2015-2025 in which Events & Competitions form a key part.

E&CC was the first new committee to be formed when the Board reviewed and re-vamped the structure of committees and working parties in 2010. Since then the committee has focused on "Operational Matters" rather than "Strategy". The system has matured to the point where the focus will now be on developing strategies to address the broad challenges in front of us.

Committee Membership

Each committee member has an operational role but together the whole Committee evolves the "Strategy". We can all draw upon a number of further members for expertise when needed.

- Event Systems (ESys) including Mapping & Technology – Terry Smith
- Event Officials (EOG) – Ernie Williams
- Event Programme & Publicity (EP&P) – Chris Phillips
- Event Scheduling (ESch) – Mike Cope
- Event Rules & Guidelines (ER&G)– Barry Elkington
- Major Events (ME) – Sally Pygott

Strategic Challenges

The following operational needs each carry Strategic implications in particular the resources available to fulfil all operational requirements:

- Valuing and recognising volunteer effort and contributions
- Ensuring Risk Assessments & Event Safety for ALL events & competitions
- Clarifying criteria for A,B,C & D Levels of event
- Identifying Essential Rules and specifying the rest as Guidelines
- Scheduling Major Events for up to 3-4 years ahead
- Covering Terrain Assessments
- Encouraging inter Regional co-operation in staging Major Events
- Ensuring Map Advisors are appointed as well as Technology expertise when needed
- Developing Organisers, Planners & Controllers through training and mentoring
- Appointing Qualified Officials for Level A & all UKOL events
- Considering variable physical abilities of M/W65+ in planning Level A & B events

Membership & Association Implications

The current feeling is that most of the above may have serious resource implications:

- Are there enough qualified and developing Officials working their way up the grades to satisfy future requirements at all levels especially for Grade A?
- Have Associations considered collaborating to take responsibility for Grade A Competitions?
- Are Associations establishing needs and training courses to fulfil them where required for Organisers, Planners, Controllers and other roles?
- Are there members who can be encouraged to share in the E&CC work through undertaking specific projects and/or identified roles?