

## Map Group Minutes

Saturday 15 October 2008



31 Blackthorn Close, Birmingham

	Present: Colin Spears, Robert Dove, David Olivant, Erik Peckett, Rod Postlethwaite.	
M08/38	Apologies were received from Bruce Bryant, Christine Roberts, Peter Roberts	
M08/39	No change in declaration of interest	
M08/40	The minutes of the meeting held on Saturday held on 28 June 2008 were accepted as a true record. It was noted that under M08/26 Colin Hickes should be Colin Hicks.	

M08/41	<b>Notification of AOB</b>	
	OS Copyright Appendix H	
M08/42	<b>Review of Action List</b>	
	1. Set up system for monitoring major event maps in collaboration with Major Events group: Ongoing.	CS/RD
	2. Investigate and assess possible sources of base map information: Agenda item.	
	3. Send positive advice to improve maps submitted for assessment: Ongoing.	PR
	4. Monitor possibility of advice stand at major events: Agreement to take ahead at BOC2009. Equipment required (tent, table and maps). Ensure note in programme and members of Map group available to man at appropriate times.	CS
	5. Take steps to ensure all maps are registered and copies are submitted to National Office: Ongoing.	CS
	6. Continue to investigate digital storage of maps: Agenda item.	
	7. Distribute laser print survey and collate responses: Ongoing.	CS
	8. Prepare list of printers to be available from National Office: Ongoing	
	9. Circulate workshop information to map advisers and experienced mappers: Ongoing.	BB
	10. Suggest possible venues for 2009 conference: Agenda item.	CS/BB
	11. Make any necessary changes to British Orienteering symbol downloads: Ongoing	
M08/43	<b>Major Event Maps, Graythwaite</b>	
	Events meeting which agreed our recommendation that the maps for Graythwaite would be at 1:15000 and 1:10000 and that the maps would be printed by the offset litho process. Maps for colour coded courses could be laser printed.	
M08/44	<b>BOC 2009</b>	
	RP had looked at the area and made recommendations to the mappers.	RP
M08/45	<b>Map Advisors</b>	
	RD circulated an initial draft of a Map Tender form for comment. Any amendments to be sent to RD.	All

	RP had circulated the IOF Check List for Controlling the Map Making of Major IOF Events. The Group agreed that this was suitable for major events. CS would contact IOF for permission to include it on the British Orienteering web site.	CS
	Reports: British Nights Mychett 24 January 2008: Not all recommendations of the Map Adviser had been taken forward at present. Colin Hicks to email issues to CS who would raise with Major Events.  JK 2009: There were concerns following the mapper returning to Australia. [The JK relay map has now been received by the Map Advisors – 17/11/08]. CS to advise on printers.  Middle Distance Championships 2009: Laser printed maps were available to the Group. It was agreed that the map must be litho printed. DO was to meet with the Controller in the area on 22 November and take forward recommendations with the mapper by the end of November.	CS  CR  DO
M08/46	<b>Map Assessments</b>	
	A number of maps received was passed around for comments to be returned to PR for action.	
M08/47	<b>Map Registration and Storage of Digital Maps</b>	
	Map database is now loaded into the BOF computer system, required fields are club initials, OS grid reference and BOF map reference. A number of records need manual correction, for example where club name is wrong or archaic. The ability to register maps on the web site will follow; aim is for this to be available January-February 2009. It was reported that the Map Registration process was not currently working. [No registration forms are being issued as when MR1s arrive they go onto the new data base and receive a number but it cannot produce the registration forms we know as they will be replaced by an on line form. This is not due until Jan/Feb. CS to follow up.] Digital storage of maps to provide an archive of club maps will go ahead shortly. There is a need to ensure that copyright and legal owners are protected. Details to be made available to mappers in due course.	CS  CS
M08/48	<b>Contours and Bluesky</b>	
	EP and DO reported on progress with identification of alternative sources for height elevation data with the potential demise of PG plots. Bluesky International Ltd could provide several types of data. Whilst LiDAR data had looked promising, it was not widely available, expensive and may not penetrate the canopy as expected. EP would look into GetMapping RADAR data. DO to visit Bluesky. Ongoing.	EP/DO
M08/49	<b>Map Printing and Waterproof Papers</b>	
	It was reported that the IOF Map Commission had circulated a document on printing papers as part of its PrintTech project. Some disquiet mentioned on the waterproof paper used by BML printers. A request had been received from the JK 2009 organiser for advice on map printing, CS to follow up.	CS
M08/50	<b>ISOM Revision</b>	
	IOF Map Commission is looking for broad changes to ISOM 2000 for the ISOM201x revision from national organisations. EP had circulated suggestions for changes to Map Group members, to feed back to EP	All
M08/51	<b>The Black Hole</b>	
	Discussion on lack of younger mappers. More training courses are likely to attract younger mappers but cheap rates from pensioned older mappers inhibit a	EP

	realistic income from map production. This situation is difficult to resolve without professional support. EP to prepare paper.	
M08/52	<b>Generalisation</b>	
	ISOM 201x discussion: ongoing	EP
M08/53	<b>Mapping Courses and Map Conference</b>	
	Two locations considered for Map Conference in 2009. DO would enquire about availability at the University of Nottingham. RP had an alternative location at Gregynog, part of the University of Wales. Map Group noted that some clubs were arranging mapping courses. CS to ask MH if there is funding to help set up courses.	DO  CS/MH
M08/54	<b>Correspondence</b>	
	Request received for definitive guidance on textual descriptions.	
M08/55	<b>Any Other Business</b>	
	OS copyright: Clarification is required about the availability of POC maps downloaded from club websites; are these covered by the current agreement? MH awaiting reply from OS.  Appendix H: Changes are required to match the new event structure. The reference to use of 1:10000 to be removed. The Map Advisor guidance will be updated at an appropriate point in the change process. CS to circulate amended version.	MH
M08/56	<b>Reporting and Actions</b>	
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Set up system for monitoring major event maps in collaboration with Major Events group.</li> <li>2. Send positive advice to improve maps submitted for assessment.</li> <li>3. Take steps to ensure all maps are registered and copies are submitted to National Office.</li> <li>4. Distribute laser print survey and collate responses.</li> <li>5. Prepare list of printers to be available from National Office.</li> <li>6. Circulate workshop information to map advisers and experienced mappers.</li> <li>7. Make any necessary changes to British Orienteering symbol downloads.</li> <li>8. Comments on Map Tender form to RD.</li> <li>9. Issues with British Nights 2009 map to be raised at Major Events.</li> <li>10. Issue with Map Registration process to be followed up.</li> <li>11. Comments on ISOM 201x to EP.</li> <li>12. Replacement for appendix H to be circulated.</li> <li>13. Assist with transfer of map database.</li> <li>14. Pursue digital storage of maps.</li> <li>15. Sourcing contour base map data.</li> <li>16. Financing new young mappers.</li> <li>17. Venue for 2009 map conference.</li> </ol>	CS/RD  PR CS  CS BB CS  BB  All CS  CS CS All CS CS CS CS DO/EP EP DO/CS
	Dates and locations of next meetings in 2009 to be circulated	CS
	Meeting finished at 17:20	