

To: Members of Map Group, Chairman Event Standards Committee, Amy Sarkies
From: Christine Roberts
Date: 1 December 2005

**Minutes of a meeting of Map Group at 31 Blackthorn Close, B30 1SB
11.00 on Saturday 19 November 2005.**

Present – Colin Spears, Erik Peckett, Bruce Bryant, Peter Roberts,
Christine Roberts

- M05/33 **Apologies for absence** – Amy Sarkies, Rod Postlethwaite, David Olivant
- M05/34 **Minutes of the meeting** on 23 July 2005 were accepted as a true representation. Minutes taken by Christine Roberts.
- M05/35 **Matters Arising.**
All documents / specifications and other circulated items should be dated to avoid confusion at a later stage.
- M05/36 **Date and location of future meetings.**
Next meeting to assess maps and shortlist for Awards Saturday 4 February in Birmingham. Venue with space for spreading maps tbc. Meeting to select award winners and general business Sat 25 March (prov)
- M05/38 **OS Negotiations**
Nothing further to report.
- M05/39 **IOF Report**
No report.
Erik was not able to attend the meeting in Japan.
- M05/40 **Event Operations Report**
Colin confirmed that laser printing of (1:10 000) Kyloe map was approved following submission of sample.
There was a feeling that maps tend towards being too cluttered. The Map Group expressed delight that Event Operations recognise a problem that has been of concern for many years.
- M05/41 **Specifications for School Orienteering Maps**
Copies of the printed specifications were passed out. There was dismay that as the cover map was reduced in size it didn't match the specifications of the document. There was ambiguity between the terms used and the website given in Appendix C. It was suggested that the production team should be credited alongside the version/date.
- M05/42 **Courses**
Initiated by Pauline there have been some suggestions for mapping workshop venues. Erik and Rod are available to tutor in EMOA but a local organiser is required to deal with admin matters.
It was felt that a course needed 2 tutors. One would be responsible for basic tuition and the other would give guidance to allow current users techniques for improvement. It is envisaged that a series of modules will be prepared. By an appropriate selection of modules a workshop will cater for the needs of the participants.
- M05/43 **Map Conference**
There will not be a conference in 2005. CS
The 2006 conference is planned for Formby sand dunes in Autumn. It was suggested that Thomas Gloor of OCAD AG be invited as guest speaker.
- M05/44 **Map Registration forms**
Colin had sketched out a revised format for map registration forms.
MR1 – no change; MR2 to combine and simplify MR2 and SA1-3. There

will also be an MR3 which will be issued to clubs annually to record new maps and early editions that are out of use. CS

MR1(S) will allow registration of sets of school maps including LEA, GR and postcode. PR

All forms need the option of electronic completion.

There was discussion on methods of increasing the number of returns for new and revised maps. It was suggested that a list of recorded maps was sent to clubs annually asking for latest map and date used. To see the quality of map as used by competitors it must be a paper copy.

M05/45 **Map Advisers**

Martin Bagness has been suggested as Map Adviser to Whitbarrow Scar, Kendal (NE2). This was agreed.

The job specification will be revised. The current list will be reviewed and potential additions invited. Martin Bagness and Pat Flanagan were identified as good candidates. CS
PR

M05/46 **MapNav**

Rod has repeated his request for news, articles and other copy.

Bruce will provide something on Ocad9 by the end of the year.

Erik will forward an article on his attendance at the IOF meeting in Helsinki. Other possibilities: Managing a large mapping project (the NIOA experience); Preparing for a school map. BB
EP

M05/47 **BOF website**

The map group page has come within the BOF site. A thank you letter to be sent to James Head. CS

M05/48 **OCAD News**

Ocad9 is due but has not been released to date.

Whichever ocad version is in use it is necessary to keep them updated with regular downloads.

There was discussion on the purpose of OCAD8 demo. (see email circulated by Bruce).

Bruce has produced a series of check sheets for colour and definition quality when printing from ocad. Colour swatches are available from BOF. Comparison must be done in daylight and printed on the final grade paper.

M05/49 **Map Assessments**

All trophies are accounted for and engraving is in hand.

The task of assessing maps was left to next meeting but a couple of maps were circulated to demonstrate the need for workshops. It was suggested that individual mappers received a copy of their map's assessment and club received notification that an assessment had been done. It was felt that clubs should receive a copy of the assessment when a map was done professionally.

Candidates for Awards were drawn from maps submitted with registration form. There are still notable exceptions from major events in 2005! Clubs need regular prompts as in M05/44 above. Club secretaries will be mailed for submissions for 2005 awards. CS

M05/50 **Correspondence**

JK2006. World Ranking event maps must be printed by offset litho. Colin has directed Tony Thornley to Hassall and Lucking who have new equipment. There is no longer an economic disadvantage to this method for large events.

M05/51 **AOB**

1. NEXT maps. Digital terrain data is available at £75 for 1km² at 5m sampling or for 4km² at 10m sampling. It was agreed that samples should be purchased for a wooded area (previously landfilled) and Penhale (open) to assess its viability.
2. It was suggested that a hands on GPS course would be well received. (Roger Lott? When? Where?)

The meeting closed at 16.20