

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF MAP GROUP  
HELD AT 31 BLACKTHORN CLOSE, BIRMINGHAM  
AT 11AM ON SATURDAY 21 NOVEMBER 2009**



Present: Colin Spears, David Olivant, Erik Peckett,  
Peter Roberts, Christine Roberts

- M09/20 Apologies  
Bruce Bryant, Robert Dove, Rod Postlethwaite
- M09/21 Declaration of Interest  
There were no changes since the previous meeting.
- M09/22 Minutes of previous meeting  
The minutes of the meeting held on Saturday 14 March were accepted as a true record.
- M09/23 Notification of AOB – none.
- M09/24 Review of Action List
- 1 Map Awards. Very few additional maps received. Agreed to concentrate on awards for 2009 maps.
  - 2 New OS licence number has been posted on website.
  - 3 Map award certificates available for distribution.
  - 4 Appendix H – agenda item
  - 5 DO and RD attended Major Events meeting
  - 6 Procedures for quality assurance of maps – agenda item
  - 7 Contours – agenda item
  - 8 ISOM revision – agenda item
  - 9 Education for mappers – agenda item
  - 10 Conference – agenda item
  - 11 Acknowledgements on map – agenda item
  - 12 Younger mappers – contact made.
- M09/25 Major Events  
Request received for Haverthwaite middle distance to have enlarged print for veteran competitors. It was felt that there was no reason to have enlargements per se. Maps at 1:10000 are readable by veterans (as accepted for traditional courses) CS to relay findings to Major events chairman.
- Feedback received on following events  
JK2010 – maps printed by offset litho including relay (4 per sheet). This is especially important for clarity on Braunton Burrows.  
CS cup final 2010 – Ian Cooper (also planner) will survey but not draw.  
Mid Champs 2011 – PR/CR to advise. It was felt that as this longstanding area would have been computerised in the early days it would benefit from a complete redraw using ISOM2000 and ocad9/10.  
BOC2011 – SYO Wharncliffe and Greno. Requirements: offset litho 1:15000/1:10000. Concern was expressed over choice of Tankersley for relay as last map was very detailed at 1:7500 scale.

- M09/26 Map registration and assessment  
A draft document on suggested procedures has been produced by Mike Hamilton following discussions with CS and PR.  
1 Much of the detail on MR1 is superfluous. Design a sleeker version and link assessment to registration form on data base. A separate register will be produced for school maps.  
2 Draft map (or a representative section) to be submitted electronically well in advance of event for quality assurance checks that scales, symbols etc adhere to guidelines. National events initially.  
3 Following all levels of event the map is to be submitted digitally as well as two paper copies, at least one a competitors map with a course overprint to allow assessment of quality of map and printing (all levels).
- M09/28 Appendix H  
Following wide ranging discussions this was modified. CS will circulate a new draft.
- M09/29 Map Assessments  
Insufficient time for this item. The number of maps submitted is currently very low.
- M09/30 Map Awards  
It was decided that no further awards would be made for 2008. CR will contact officials of high profile 2009 events to request submission of maps.
- M09/31 Digital storage of maps  
It will be possible to offer clubs digital archive storage for map files with suitable safeguards at British Orienteering offices.
- M09/32 Contours and Bluesky  
No further information available
- M09/33 Map printing and waterproof papers  
The quality of printing on waterproof paper is variable. The printer/paper combination is significant.
- M09/34 ISOM revision  
EP circulated a sample sheet with various screen densities for stony ground etc. The group thoughts will be passed on to the IOF Mapping Committee.
- M09/35 Courses and conference  
DO ran a course with 8 participants for EM development. DO felt there would be more benefit to students if 6 was the max number.  
EP/RP ran a course in Burnley for 15. Hamish Willis organized permissions and maps for school and park as well as computer facilities.  
EP to follow up the provision of a digital projector for future training sessions.  
DO/EP would provide reports of the sessions run (for publication?).  
RP is willing to write a course syllabus so that a full mapping training program can be implemented.  
It is possible that Coaching would be able to offer advice regarding procedures and finance to develop teaching resources and run a successful conference.

Lakeside would be the preferred option for a conference. Possible dates, and focus to be explored.

M09/36 Correspondence

Map Scales. The points raised from the Major Events Conference were discussed and the group unanimously endorsed the policy in ISOM 2000 that maps for foot orienteering should be surveyed for production at 1:15000 regardless of the map scale at which the map is finally printed. Map detail must be generalized so that it is readable at 1:15000. Consequently, enlargements to 1:10000 for older and younger competitors will be readable for those groups. Maps for middle distance races at 1:10000 will be suitable for all competitors. It was considered that enlarging sprint maps to 1:3000 was unnecessary. The group will produce a sample map at 1:10000 with symbols enlarged to 125% for discussion  
No additional correspondence (see M09/25)

M09/37 AOB - none

M09/38 Reporting and Actions

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| 1  | Respond to Major events re Haverthwaite                                   | CS       |
| 2  | Redraft Appendix H for comment  | CS       |
| 3  | Produce new version of MR1 that can be completed online.                  | MH       |
| 4  | Produce a syllabus for mapping training courses.                          | RP       |
| 5  | Develop a training program with an associated accreditation.              |          |
| 6  | Offer archive storage of digital maps.                                    | All      |
| 7  | Prompt submission of maps from major events in advance of Awards meeting. | MH<br>CR |
| 8  | Post reminder of new OS licence number on website                         |          |
| 9  | Monitor quality of printing on various types of waterproof paper.         | MH       |
| 10 | Communicate decision on scales to Major Events                            |          |
|    |   | All      |
| 11 | Produce a 1:10000 map with 125% symbols.                                  | CS       |

DO

The meeting finished at 6pm

Date of next meeting is Saturday 30th January in Birmingham