


<p><b>British Orienteering</b></p> <p><b>Map Group Minutes</b></p> <p><b>Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2007</b></p>	
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**Minutes of a meeting of Map Group at Blackthorn Close, Birmingham  
12.00pm on Saturday 30 June 2007**

Present – Colin Spears, Bruce Bryant, Robert Dove, Erik Peckett, Rod Postlethwaite, Peter Roberts, Christine Roberts.  
The chairman welcomed Robert Dove and thanked him for agreeing to co-ordinate map advisers.

M07/	<b>Apologies for absence</b> – David Olivant	
M07/	<b>Minutes of the meeting</b> at Lake Bank, Coniston on 10 March 2007 were accepted as a true record. Minutes taken by Christine Roberts. (the final version dated 27/04/07)	
M07/	<b>Notification of AOB.</b>  Effect of negotiations with OS.	CS
M07/23	<b>Review of Action List</b> <b>MR form.</b> The production of new map registration forms is not feasible at present. Is it possible for map group to use 'open office'/'access' so that the necessary fields could be moved into the British Orienteering data base at a later date? RD to investigate.	CS RD
	<b>Appendix H.</b> There was wide ranging discussion on map registration and re-registration and possible pitfalls. Section 1.2 should include the use of 50% and 20% yellow for open and rough open for moorland areas with no patches of 'run' trees. (see M07/33 below) Also the colour of course overprint symbols to aid colour blind competitors.	CS BB
	<b>Printer comparisons.</b> This is on-going. Sample printing of specific files requested from a wide range of sources known to print orienteering maps for competition.	BB
M07/24	<b>Event Operations report</b>  There were no pertinent comments regarding maps. The possible reorganisation of event structure is under discussion. Details available on Event Operations page of British Orienteering website.	
M07/25	<b>Insurance</b>  Part time mappers, earning below £5000/annum, covered by British Orienteering policy (restrictions apply) PR asked to write a paragraph for map group web page drawing attention to 'working from home' and 'travelling to the forest'.	PR
M07/27	<b>Major Events</b> <b>BOC 2007</b> The competition map was more cluttered than previous edition. Following discussion on generalisation and reducing clutter it was agreed that two extracts would be available so that attempts at improving clarity by cartography could be investigated.	BB
	<b>JK2007</b> The individual maps had spurious black blobs similar to boulders – these were <b>not</b> a fault of the OCAD software as the weekend explanation lead	CS

	competitors to believe. Both these and the omission of small cycle tracks seem to have been caused by map changes made after the map file was handed to the event officials. This area is scheduled for <b>BNC 2008</b> and it is essential that the corrected MN as well as the above are implemented. Mark Blackstone (BNC org), David Peel, JK controllers to be informed	
	<b>JK relay</b> A letter received (from Carol McNeill) suggested that the map was cluttered by too much minor and inappropriate detail. The scale was OK.	
	<b>BOC 2008</b> It was felt that there was no need to have a 1:7500 scale of Culbin. As the contour interval is 2.5m the use of form lines on the sample map is excessive. It was also noted that there were mixed symbol sizes on the draft map and legibility would be improved by ensuring that all were regulation IOF 1:10 000 size. It was suggested that an adviser could look at the terrain after Spey 2007 to provide feedback. BB to act as map adviser.	CS BB RP

M07/28	<b>Map Scales</b>	
	In response to a letter from WCOC on map scales, it was felt that if the survey is carried out at 1:7500, generalised when necessary and the correct size of symbols used. 1:10000 scaled maps should be supplied. Larger scales can be used for small areas.	CS
M07/29	<b>Map Advisers</b>	
	Possible advisers were suggested for future major events. RD will approach. The target will be to appoint advisers two years in advance. Additional possible advisers were suggested. RD to approach to invite inclusion on the list. PR will supply previously revised list to avoid ambiguity. Newly appointed advisers will receive personal invitations to the conference.	RD PR
M07/30	<b>Map Assessments</b>	
	Several maps were assessed with the aim of identifying plaudits as well as brickbats. The comments were returned to PR to send back to mappers.	PR
M07/31	<b>Mapping Courses</b>	
	Thetford 8/9 September. It was felt that to provide a meaningful grounding to survey and cartography two days would be needed.	CS
M07/32	<b>Map Conference</b>	
	Provisionally on 20-21 October at Essex University, Colchester. Separate accommodation would be needed. <b>Suggested topics</b> ; map simplification, "how to map", map content.	CS RP
M07/33	<b>Map (over)printing</b>	
	The overprint colour in OCAD won't be changed unless IOF stipulations change. IOF Map Committee to be contacted. However the British Orienteering download can be adjusted. CONDES has changed.  Two maps for Merthyr Common were available for comparison. These were the maps of the same area for a multiday event but were printed by different firms and had very different colours. The result of investigation in M07/23 above will be relevant. Additionally a moorland area with no patches of 'run' trees can use 20% yellow for rough open.	EP BB

M07/34	<b>Correspondence</b>	
	Emails from Carol McNeill and WCOC re map scales discussed under M07/28	
M07/35	<b>AOB</b>	
	The Ordnance Survey have been looking at OS based orienteering maps on club websites. Individuals and clubs should be aware that the British Orienteering licence agreement only permits a very limited area of map to be displayed, not a full map.	
	The question was raised as to what permissions are required to produce city maps and street maps.	
M07/36	<b>Reporting and Actions</b>	
	Meeting with Mike Napier to specify and cost map registration forms. Meeting has taken place but no response from MN	CS
	Rewrite and circulate Appendix H	done
	Map assessments to be prepared for next meeting.	PR
	Arrange for map trophies to be returned to British Orienteering office	done
	Map conference and mapping courses to be progressed	CS/RP
	Inform IOF Map Committee of problem with magenta	EP
	Obtain printer results from regularly used orienteering map printers	BB
M07/37	<b>Date and location of future meetings.</b>	CS
	Next meeting in November at 31 Blackthorn Close	
	The meeting closed at 18.15	
	<b>Action list</b>	
	1 Continue to pursue assessment forms	CS
	2 Possibility of providing interim assessment forms to be moved to the data base at a later date	RD
	3 Printer comparisons to be obtained	BB
	4 Insert into map group web page to explain additional insurance requirements	PR
	5 To demonstrate simplification of BOC 2007 map	BB
	6 To notify officials of magnetic north errors and extra objects on JK 2007 maps	CS
	7 Map scales for BOC 2008	BB/CS
	8 Appoint map advisers for future events and obtain more advisers	RD
	9 Continue progress on map assessments	PR
	10 Organise mapping conference and mapping courses	CS/RP
	11 Ensure that course overprints use purple and not magenta	EP/BB

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