

Event Scheduling Group Meeting Minutes
2 pm online meeting
Saturday 12 March 2022



1. Chairman's opening comments.

Rick Roberts was welcomed as the new representative for WMOA.

Also thanks to Ursula for arranging the Zoom meeting.

2. Record of persons present, and apologies.

Mike Cope (MC) – Chairman of the Event Scheduling Group (ESG) and YHOA

Kerina Lake (KL) - WOA

Richard Sansbury (RJS) – SWOA

Jean Payne (JP) – NWOA

Sarah Mansel (SM) – EAOA

Richard Sharp (RES) – SCOA

Rick Roberts (RR) - WMOA

Chris Phillips (CP) – Chair of Events and Competitions Committee

Ursula Williamson (UW) - EMOA

Paul Caban (PC) – SOA

Wilbert Hollinger (WH) – NIOA

Philip Gristwood (PAG) – SEOA

Apologies

Allie Wilson Craw (AWC) – NEOA

3. Declaration of interests and any other business.

MC as YHOA representative and chair of ESG.

4. Minutes of Event Scheduling Group meeting held on 16 October 2021 and actions from the meeting.

a. Accuracy.

b. Actions from meeting.

7a MC to contact BO Access Officer. **Done.**

7e MC to contact BE about 2021 VHI changes. **Done.**

8c RJS – 2025 date for BOC/BRC needed. **Not yet.**

8d JP and KL to check about British Middles 2025 with Northern or Welsh Champs. **Probably with Welsh Champs.**

8e BSRC 2023 host – JP and SL(PAG) to check possibilities. **Nothing found.**

10c Midlands Champs 2023 – IG (RR) to check on club and date and whether with SINS. **Ongoing.**

10d 2024 Midlands Champs and 2024 Southern Champs dates and clubs needed – SM and SL(PAG). **Midlands probably 9/10 March with NOR.**

11c MC to contact MW about UKOL 2022 and specifically Concorde Chase request. **Done.**

13d EMOA, SWOA, SCOA, SOA dates and clubs needed for 2023 CSC heats. **Some progress with other regions.**

14a RES to check if SHI 2022 is OK and to check date. **Ongoing.**

14a PC – club needed to host JHI. **BASOC+INT. Done.**

14b HI host clubs needed for 2023 and 2024. WMOA, WOA, SWOA, EAOA, SOA, NIOA. **WOA and SWOA clubs found.**

15a RJS – host club needed for JIRCs 2024. **Done.**

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- 15c SCOA, WMOA, EAOA, NWOA, NEOA, SEOA YBT heats needed urgently. **Nearly done.**
- 15g SM to check with CUOC about BUCS 2023. **Now 2024.**
- 18 MC to follow up database queries. **Not done.**
- 19 MC to check on registration of virtual events. **No further news.**
- 14/15/8 MC may need to advertise for clubs to fill future slots for several events. **To be done after March meeting.**

5. Events list and scheduling to be done.

Events list has been partially updated. There is a lot that should really have been done by now, but coronavirus has kept us well behind. There is information on the list about timing and requirements for the events, which may be useful to some.

Club level B events for the second half of 2023 to be agreed and finalised.

6. Reports from other meetings.

- a. Nothing.

7. Reports from associations.

- a. SWOA comments on permissions.
- b. Following on from the SWOA report, a number of comments were made about Forestry Permissions. The traffic light system for access is applied very strictly in SWOA – less evidence of strictness elsewhere, but the closed period seems to be extending. EAOA has found that if there is an event in one part of a Forest, it excludes all other events even if they are in completely different parts of the forest. 10 figure grid references for all controls have been required for an event. Some other landlords are extending closed periods because of bird nesting and plant life. By contrast, NWOA has a very good relationship with the National Trust and orienteers are being welcomed to their sites.

8. JK, British Long/Middle/Sprint/Relays/Mixed Sprint Relays/Night Champs.

- a. Confirmation, identification of dates and areas, responsibilities as appropriate 2023 onwards.
- b. JKs. With WMOA playing a large part in JK 2024, Andy Yeates has asked if another association can step in for 2028 as only 4 years after 2024 will be too soon for WMOA. SWOA has agreed to this and WMOA will move to 2031. Other years OK at the moment. Potential areas for JK 2023 have been damaged by storms and alternatives are being considered.
- c. BOC/BRC. 2025 date being worked on – Spring date makes forest event unlikely. A knock on effect of the JK year changes is that WMOA moves to 2029 and SEOA moves to 2031 for BOC/BRC. Other years OK at the moment. The latest changes to the JK and BOC/BRC rotas has distorted the original ideas of having the JK in the north when Easter is later and vice versa, and of spreading the events round the UK. Not too much of a problem in most years. There was a suggestion that in 2030 when the events are in NEOA and SOA, that it might be worth having them a week apart which ought to be in the school holidays so that participants can stay up north for the whole week. Too far ahead to plan at the moment.
- d. British Middles. OK up to 2025. SBOC (WOA) will host in 2025 with Welsh Champs (SWOC).
- e. British Sprint and Sprint Relays with dates are OK up to 2025 except for BSRC 2023. No progress with finding a host for this event.
- f. BNC 2023 (LA area and not FE) and 2024 should be OK. 2025 host needed - MC request to clubs to host for 2025 and beyond.

9. International Events.

These have been updated from IOF Eventor and the Swedish Base programme.

10. Area Championships

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- a. 2023 dates settled for North and South (with BOC). Discussions are continuing for Midlands with SINS – 28 May? Some concern over courses conflict for SINS and Midlands Champs requirements and changing the nature of SINS which is more family orientated. Possible solution to modify Midlands requirements and use HOC event. ESG must not assume that Midlands Champs and UKOL are OK with SINS as has been the case in the past.
- b. 2024. Northern Champs date and club fixed. Midlands likely to be NOR on 9/10 March and Southern with GO on 4 Feb. The rota for the Midlands Champs has been updated on the planner.
- c. Scottish Champs.
- d. Welsh Champs. There may be some adjustment to the rota and dates as some Welsh clubs are struggling.
- e. Irish Champs.

11. UKOL and Year Outline Plans.

- a. 2022 UKOL rule change for fewer events to count.
- b. One change to the 2022 events is necessary - the Urban with the Nov Classic has been cancelled. WSX holding a substitute urban do not want UKOL involvement – reason unknown.. The Caddihoe day which is not the Southern Champs may have to be downgraded to Regional, but it can stay in UKOL.
- c. Year Outline Plans for 2023 and 2024 need updating to identify UKOL needs. The main events are in for both years. A number of suggestions will be added for 2023 and then a further look at the situation at the October meeting.

12. UK Elite Orienteering League and Junior Elite League. World Ranking Events.

UK Elite League for 2022 is indicated for information on the Year Planner for 2022. Sprint Scotland and the JK are WRE events.

13. Compass Sport Cup and Trophy.

- a. Host needed for 2024 final. AFS to ask and MC to include in request to clubs.
- b. 2023 heats. Current plans

NWOA heat with DEE in Feb near Runcorn. NEOA NATO heat near Newcastle in March.

WMOA heat with POTOC - March date assumed at the moment.

SEOA heat with SO in March.

EMOA struggling to find a heat – could be that EMOA goes to WMOA heat and EAOA goes to SE heat. Can WMOA and SEOA heats take the increased numbers?

Possibility of a Welsh heat at Margham Forest North – plenty of car parking and accessible from M4. Feb or Mar? Could this be big enough to take clubs from SWOA and SCOA or are distances too great? And could just 5 events in England and Wales have the capacity required?

Nothing yet from SCOA and SWOA can only offer to convert events on other dates which is not really ideal.

SOA heat will happen and currently assumed on the March date.

Post meeting Peter G has been made aware of the possible heats.

- c. 2024 - SLOW have a March heat and EAOA may have a Feb date for Kings Forest.

14. Home Internationals.

- a. SHI 2022. This should now be OK – individual with November Classic. Relays on Saturday.

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- b. JHI will not be easy for WMOA in 2023 but efforts are being made. Host clubs identified for SHI and VHI in 2023. Provisional dates are set for HIs in 2024 and 2025.
 - c. Potential problem for SEOA in 2027 with JK, Interland, SHI, Southern Champs? Decided that SEOA probably can manage.
15. JIRCs, YBT, PPJTR, BSOC, BSSC, BUCS.
- a. JIRCs dates and likely host clubs in to 2024 OK. Rumour about a possible date change to be checked by MC. Post meeting – no change to June planned, but there could be a little flexibility with the September date – maybe does not always have to be the last weekend.
 - b. YBT final – hosts and dates OK up to 2023. MC request to clubs for 2024 and beyond.
 - c. One YBT heat needed for 2022. Regions asked to consider planning YBT heat earlier to avoid late searching. It should be possible with a window from mid March to June. Only one 2023 date is in at the moment. Aim to have events fixed by the October meeting.
 - d. PPJTR. Likely to be OK for 2022 and 2023, but no hosts beyond that. MC request to clubs for 2024 and beyond.
 - e. BSSC. DVO and LEI for 2022 and 2023. MC request to clubs for 2024 and beyond.
 - f. BSOC. Host for 2022 as on planner rearranged as on planner. Post meeting BL has pulled out of 2023 because the white/yellow area they hoped to use is out of bounds. MC request to clubs for 2023 and beyond.
 - g. BUCS. 2023 and 2024 now likely to be EUOC and CUOC. 2025 – will be asking SHUOC again and then revert to 4 year cycle for SHUOC and EUOC with another in between. SM hoping to persuade CUOC to hold 2024 BUCS with Midlands Champs (Sandringham?) on 9/10 March.
16. Harvester. Hosts to 2023 though worries about 2022 because of storm damage. MC request to clubs for 2024 and beyond
17. Other National events requested by clubs/associations.
- a. All National events are fixed for 2022.
 - b. First half of 2023 to be checked and then confirm any for second half of 2023. No problems.
 - c. Any requests for National events further ahead can be made known and added to the database, but they will not be confirmed until later meetings.
18. Any BO fixtures database issues.
- a. None mentioned
19. Any other business.
- a. Question asked about whether the embargo list on the BO website should be extended to National events. It has normally only been used for Major events and National event embargos are just a matter for associations.
 - b. MC will send out a plea for hosts for a number of events.
20. Dates of next meetings. An evening meeting will be tried on Tuesday 18 October 2022 instead of the usual Saturday meeting. 11 March 2023 would be the normal date for the following meeting, but decision postponed to see how the evening meeting goes.

Actions

- 8c BOC/BRC 2025 date needed. RJS
- 8e Still no host for BSRC 2023. All to try.
- 8f BNC 2025 host needed. All and MC request to clubs.

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- 10a Just the query over whether SINS 2023 can include the Midland Champs. RR
- 11c All to consider any possible extras for UKOL 2023 for decisions at next meeting. All.
- 13a Hosts needed for CSC finals from 2024 onwards. All plus MC request to clubs.
- 13b All to consider the implications of only 5 England/Wales heats for 2023 unless SWOA and/or SCOA can add something. Do 5 heats have the capacity? All.
- 15 Hosts needed for 4 junior events. Most urgent is now BSOC 2023. All and MC to ask clubs.
- 19b MC plea to clubs for about 7 events mostly from 2024. MC.