

Event Scheduling Group Minutes
Meeting held in Birmingham (Carrs Lane)
Saturday 20 October 2018 - 1230 to 1600



1. Chairman's opening comments, welcome and introductions.

All were welcomed to the meeting. A couple of extra people were unable to attend because of very late circumstances/incidents so that it was not possible to find substitutes. MC mentioned a few items from the first hour of the Club and Association Conference which he had visited before coming to the meeting.

2. Record of persons present, and apologies. Meeting expenses.

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

David Pal (DP) - WOA

Richard Sansbury (RJS) – SWOA

Jean Payne (JP) – NWOA

Sarah Mansel (SM) – EAOA

Allan Williams (AW) – WMOA

Duncan Archer (DA) – NEOA

Paul Caban (PC) – SOA

Apologies

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

Philip Gristwood (PAG) – SEOA

Richard Sharp (RES) – SCOA

Ursula Williamson (UW) - EMOA

David Orwin (DO) – NIOA

Expenses should be claimed using the form from the BO website. A reminder that for the auditors, claims must be signed (electronic signature acceptable), original receipts must be attached, and postcodes should be shown if travelling by car.

3. Declaration of interests and any other business.

MC as YHOA representative and chair of ESG.

4. Minutes of Fixtures Group meeting held on 10 March 2018.

a. Accuracy.

All agreed that the minutes from the last meeting were correct.

b. Actions from meeting.

4.MC to look out for any update to the International Scheduling document. **Nothing found.**

6.BOC/BRC 2020 date needs urgent confirmation – PAG/AR. **Confirmed as 21/22 March.**

6.NIOA to confirm that they are OK with British Sprints/Middles on May7/8 2022. **OK.**

6.MC to ask YHOA about Brit Spr/BMSR in 2021. **OK in principle – June 19/20 suggested.**

6.DP, AW, PAG to ask about Middle champs combining with an Area Champs in 2021. **Some response from Wales. No from SEOA. But to be discussed later as other changes are involved.**

6.Area Champs dates for 2021 are needed by October – DA, AW, PAG. **Possible north date, but none for South and Midlands.**

6.AW to ask WMOA about BNC in 2021. **In progress.**

7.MC to check on UKOL 2019 and suggest removal of some events from the list. **Suggestions agreed with MW. Final check at meeting.**

9.All to ask for offers for the CSC finals in 2021 and 2022. **DVO offer for 2021.**

9.Heats - clubs needed for 2020 to check distribution. **Some information – see item 9.**

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9. EM and EA to consider rota change in 2021 to help EM – UW and SM. **Not needed now.**
10. SW to make a decision about JHI for 2020 – RJS. Initial **no from SW and still no host as far as is known, but RJS will ask again.**
11. UW may need to ask EM about YBT final in 2020 depending on SW action on JHI. **Should now be OK with SWOA hosting final in 2020 and EMOA in 2021.**
11. PPJTR 2019 – MC to ask all clubs via BO office. AW to ask COBOC. **Not needed as offer from SAX/SO for 2019.**
11. All to ask for PPJTR, BSSC, BSOC in 2020. **DVO offer for BSSC, but nothing for others.**
12. MC to ask all clubs via BO office about 2019 Harvester after this year's event. **Late but now requested. Offer from FVO for 2020.**
- 14a All to check proposed JK rota with their associations. **To be discussed at meeting – only very definite 'nos' from EMOA, and SOA (because of WOC 2022).**
- 14c MC will update the new Events List. **Done.**
15. TB will attempt to resolve the database issues identified – postcodes, grid refs, reports. ???
16. MC to liaise with PC over the instructions for 'Multi-Race' events. **Still to do but Brit Sprints was OK.**
16. All AFS to pass on the information about National Event Officials, rule dispensations, and timed starts. **Hopefully done.**
17. MC to ensure that bookings are made for the next meetings. **Done and checked.**

5. Events list and scheduling to be done.

Using the background colouring for dates, we should have completed blue for 2022, green for 2021, yellow for 2020 and red for 2019. It was suggested that columns should be added to tick off when hosts and dates are sorted out for each event.

2020 Club level B events for the first half of 2020 to be finalised.

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

Confirmation, identification of dates and areas, responsibilities as appropriate 2020 to 2023 as shown by colours on Events List.

There are serious problems with BOC/BRC 2021 and JK 2022 with EMOA pulling out of BOC/BRC and SOA pulling out of the JK because of WOC 2022. The British Sprints and Middles for 2021 and BOC/BRC for 2022 are also involved with any solution to the problems. It was agreed that if possible, problems should be solved in order of difficulty so JK 2022 first, then BOC/BRC 2021 followed by others. A number of possibilities were suggested and they are summarised below as actions which various AFS will need to take back to their associations.

DP is to ask WOA about hosting the JK in Wales in 2022. If this was to be possible, help would have to be forthcoming from other associations and WOA would not be expected to do BOC/BRC in 2022 or the Brit Middles in 2021, both of which were either in the schedule or being considered. Post-meeting WOA has agreed to host JK 2022 with help from others.

PC is to ask SOA about including BOC within the Scottish 6 days in 2021 i.e. following the suggestion that we try to put it alongside an existing quality event rather than the usual standalone weekend as we have no host for it. This could also be a possibility for the British Middles 2021 to go within S6D.

YHOA has already agreed in principle to take on the British Sprints and the BMSR. This and the British Middles problem was known about at the last meeting, because of deferring NIOA's hosting of this weekend until 2022. MC to firm this up with YHOA. Post-meeting YHOA has confirmed that it will host a Sprint weekend.

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JP agreed to ask NWOA about BRC 2021 to go with some other big event.

There is still the option to have BOC/BRC 2021, and the Brit Sprints/Middles 2021 as the normal standalone weekends, though it did not seem as if any association could take either weekend on with other commitments. Bigger associations who might have done this already have commitments or are holding the events in nearby years. All AFS to ask anyway.

If WOA does agree to take on the JK in 2022, there will be a need for a host for BOC/BRC in 2022, as WOA will not be able to do that as well. All AFS should ask.

There is still a hope that WM will do BNC in 2021 – AW to check again. SW are down for BNC in 2022 – RJS to check.

Dates and hosts are urgently needed for the Midlands and Southern Championships 2021. Post-meeting there is now a date and host for the Southern Champs 2021.

7. UKOL and Year Outline Plans.

a. 2019 – final suggestions to discuss

The plans are on the year outline sheets and are almost complete. Plans have been checked with Martin Ward. It was agreed that any weekends should just have 2 UKOL events even if there were more events on the weekend – S6D, Lakes 5, and Welsh 6 all only have 2 UKOL events in the week. MC to chase up a few unknowns, send details to AFS for checking, and then to Martin Ward for publishing. The WCH weekend in July was to be removed, but it may be that the club is keen to do this so detail is awaited.

b. 2020 – outline plans needed

Plans have been tidied up. Still a few supporting events to put in. Rather too many weekends early in the year but not much that can be done about it.

c. 2021 – basics should be in but too many unknowns to do any more planning at the moment.

8. UK Elite Orienteering League, Junior Elite League, and WRE.

DA has provided Elite League details for 2019 and they are on the year outline plan for information. It is expected that 3 days of the JK and possibly 3 events for Sprint Scotland will be WRE events.

9. Compass Sport Cup and Trophy.

- a. Associations taking on finals from 2021. DVO will host finals in 2021. SOA unable to host as planned in 2020 but post-meeting an offer from OD for 2020 – grateful to OD for stepping in to do this.
- b. Distribution of heats for 2020. Looked at and not too bad though little could be moved anyway.
- c. Dates further ahead. Planned dates are on the BO planner.
- d. All venues for 2019 are now in the database.

10. Home Internationals. Host for JHI 2020?

There is still no host for JHI 2020 and no SC club yet willing to take on VHI 2021. Some clubs to identify but other dates and responsibilities OK as far as is known. JHI 2020 should have been EMOA, SW asked but not keen as they are taking on other events. RJS will ask SWOA again.

11. Junior competitions.

JIRCs all OK as far as is known.

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YBT final in 2019 to be run by EA association rather than a club. Original venue recently lost but should be OK.

YBT Heats for 2019 will be needed by the end of the year at the latest. MC to chase up.

PPJTR hosts needed for 2020 and 2021. All AFS to ask for any offers, and also Phil Conway (England Development Officer) may have some leads – NW for 2020 and COBOC for 2021. JP and AW to check these possibilities for 2020 and 2021.

BSSC OK up to 2020.

BSOC down for SE in 2020 but PAG to ask about this again. Post-meeting HH has offered to host this.

All AFS could ask about hosting any of the junior competitions where there are gaps and into the future.

12. Dates for other ESG scheduled events on the main planner for Major and listed National events 2019 – 2022.

Harvester offer for 2020 from FVO and maybe for 2021 from LOC. Currently no host for 2019 – it will not be chased especially now as Sprint Scotland is scheduled for the reserved weekend. Fine if any club comes forward, otherwise it will not happen in 2019.

BUCS is OK until 2020. ESG does not deal with this but MC helps with date suggestions as requested.

13. Other National events requested by clubs/associations.

All national events requested by clubs for the first half of 2020 were agreed at the meeting. Any requests after that can be made known and added to the database but not confirmed. SOL dates for SOA to go in soon after meeting when other Bs known.

14. Other items.

- a. JK rota from 2023. Reactions from associations?

There is of course the 2022 problem. 2024 is also a problem. If WOA does the JK in 2022, SOA have offered to do 2026 which was originally down for WOA. However, other associations are reasonably happy with what has been suggested so rather than try to shunt all around, it was decided to try and solve the 2022 and 2024 problems and leave other suggestions as they are. Once what will happen in 2022 has become clearer, MC will suggest a rota for BOC/BRC to fit in with the JK rota – hopefully for the next meeting.

- b. Future plans for Major Events if there are any updates.

This is still under review and will be part of the planned Competitions Review.

- c. New Major Events Consultant.

Helen Errington has been appointed as a consultant for the JK in 2019. It is hoped that there might be further funding to provide advice on other JKs and Major Events.

- d. Major Events Conference 2018.

This is to be held in Swindon in November. Comment was made that it could be better if more central in 2019.

- e. Anything from E&CC, Board, CEO.

There is to be a Competitions Review soon.

BMSR has not been accepted by the Board as a British Championships pending the competitions review. Fine for it still to happen though so long as the word 'Championships' is not included.

15. Any BO fixtures database issues.

The categories available for venue landowners were mentioned. Little of what is actually required is covered by the options available. If this data is to be used, perhaps it should have more categories or it needs removing. Perhaps Tony B can check sometime.

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Nothing else mentioned.

16. Any other business.

MC to liaise with PC over multi-fixture entries for sprint events. Should have been done last time.

17. Dates of next meetings

2 March 2019 is already agreed and 19 October 2019 was agreed at the meeting. MC to liaise with BO office over bookings.

ACTIONS

5. MC to add checking columns to Events List.
6. DP to ask WOA about hosting 2022 JK in Wales with help from other associations. Done and WOA will host.
6. PC to ask S6D 2021 about including BOC and possibly British Middles.
6. MC to go back to YHOA and confirm that Brit Spr and BMSR can be taken on in 2021. Done with confirmation.
6. JP to ask NWOA about BRC 2021.
6. All AFS to ask about BOC/BRC 2021 and Brit Spr/Middles 2021 as the normal weekends in case ideas above fail or a better solution is possible.
6. All AFS to ask about BOC/BRC weekend for 2022.
6. AW to check with WM about BNC in 2021.
6. RJS to ask SW about BNC in 2022.
6. PAG to seek a host and date for the Southern Champs 2021. Done post-meeting.
6. AW to seek a host and date for the Midlands Champs 2021.
7. MC to chase up a few 2019 UKOL unknowns, send details to AFS for checking, and then to Martin Ward for publishing. Done.
10. RJS to ask SW again about JHI 2020.
11. MC will check that all 2019 YBT heats are in place and chase up as necessary.
11. PPJTR for 2020 and 2021. JP and AW to check possibilities mentioned.
11. PAG to ask about BSOC 2020. Done – HH to host.
11. All AFS to ask associations about offers for PPJTR, BSOC and BSSC where there are gaps in the planner and in the years further ahead.
13. PC to add level B SOLs for 2020.
14. MC to produce suggested rota for BOC/BRC once JK rota suggestions are a little clearer.
15. MC will ask Tony B about landowner categories in the database.
16. MC and PC to liaise over sprint fixture entries.
17. MC to book meeting dates with BO office.