

EVENTS AND COMPETITONS COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting held on Saturday 6th June 2015 at Carrs Lane Centre, Birmingham.

Present: Chris James, Chairman (CJ), Barry Elkington (BE), David Maliphant, Board Rep (DM), Chris Phillips (CP), Ernie Williams (EW), Gill James (Min Sec),

EOG – Event Officials Group
ESchG – Event Scheduling Group
MAG – Map Advisory Group

EP&P – Event Programme and Publicity
ESysG – Event Systems Group
TAG – Technology Advisory Group

Agenda Item

1 Apologies for Absence: Mike Hamilton, CEO (MH), Martin Ward, (MW), Mike Cope (MC), Sally Pygott, Major Events Manager (SP), Graham Gristwood (GG)

2 Chairman's Opening Remarks: CJ welcomed everyone and announced that whilst the intention of this meeting had been to concentrate on strategic matters with Staff and Board Members in attendance, the Board had not met until Wednesday 3rd June so had only been able to progress an initial outline of the Vision for 2015 to 2020.

3 Actions from Previous Meeting:

Targets: MH had suggested that we should set targets in place for each area so that we have a stated aim of what we want to achieve. It is clear that ESchG and EOG have precise targets in order that events go ahead, but others have none. Targets must be created by us, not imposed on us. Operational targets are easier to put in place, in particular timings for events up to 3 years ahead with officials in place for such events. Strategic targets are more difficult. Targets are about individual objectives and those of the Committee. Please think about what you would like to achieve in 6 months to 1 year. e.g.

- All Organisers to have attended Event Safety Workshop by 1st January 2017. **Action All**

Suggested targets are:

Develop for 2016 Operation Plans. Initiatives, who will lead them, the objectives and how strategy they will be delivered and monitored. DM to send example. **Action : DM**

4 Individual Inputs:

CJ: E&CC urgently requires a number of new volunteers:

- Rules coordinator to take responsibility for process of revising and updating Rules.
- A coordinator for UKOL
- Overseer of the Yvette Baker Trophy
- Replacement for ESysG Chair to include Mapping and Technical matters.

Action: CJ to Board

"Planning for older age groups - CEJ". Planners and Controllers do need to follow the guidelines. CJ's article to go straight into Focus as is. Response to letter in Compass Sport with examples of good practice (has appeared). Hearsay has it people threatening to not enter Lake District competitions in future due to physical toughness, many thrown by map scale masking steepness of slopes.

Action: CJ

ESchG: CJ has assured MC he can continue to hold his meetings, finance is in place. Working on major Events until 2018.

Problem with BOC Middle distance in 2017. No organising body. Was to be East Anglia, but terrain unsuitable. MC asked other Associations if they had suitable terrain and was offered Wendover, but EAOA said 'no'. CP and MC trying to find planner and safety officer. **Action CP/MC**

Now asking most Associations to take on a Major Event each year which puts pressure on volunteers. EW to ask Hedley Calderbank to do Wendover terrain assessment next month. Possible problems with 2016 BOC Sprint, regarding terrain – continuing to look. 2016 Southern Championships scheduled to be held at Agglestone Heath near Poole Harbour but there has been concern expressed over using this area for a Level A Event which also includes UKOL and Caddihoe

Chase Day Events. SWOA and WSX are currently deciding upon new venue. Peter Brett (DEVON) willing to act as Controller for the Level A 2016 Southern Championships Event and to undertake Terrain Suitability Assessment Report of new venue when confirmed. **Action EW**

Noted that 100 non orienteers have volunteered to help with WOC

EOG: EW drafted amendments to Rules Appendix C and Appendix E and was also asked to produce accreditation licence for BO event officials' document. It was agreed that we specify what will happen with accreditation of Officials. Thank you to EW for all his work on them. **Action EW**

Mostly to do with Event Safety Workshops. If no Risk Assessment is produced, then BO will not register the event. Risk Assessment must be displayed at the event. Those running a Major Event should attend the Major Events Conference. No specific training for Major Event Officials in place. May need more than one Major events Conference. DM to take recommendation to Board. **Action: DM**

Organisers must do training and Event Safety Workshop, Planners are equally responsible for risk mitigation, so there is a case for it being mandatory. All Officials by 1st January 2017. Revised Appendix C to go to Board. Event Safety for all Levels of events. **Action EW**

Updating list of Map Advisors. Lack of qualified Event Officials means it is impossible to keep to original time scale for Officials. 2017, SEOA has 8 Level A events and only 3 controllers. JK, only 8 from 12 regions willing to do it. Future BOC, some Regions do not have terrain, currently negotiating with other Regions to offer terrain. Worth a short article in Focus explaining situation. EW looking at Level A, but there are Level B events, Home Internationals, British Schools. Katy Stubbs (KS) has produced updated Controller B & C and training materials which EW has sent where requested. **Action EW**

Event Safety for all Levels of Events - EW agreed to contact all Association Chairs requesting details of Event Officials Training Courses/Workshops that have been held within their Association since June 2014 to June 2015, and also those Courses/Workshops which are scheduled to be held between June 2015 and June 2016 i.e. Training Courses for Organisers, Planners and Controllers and also Event Safety and Welfare Workshops. **Action EW**

EP&P - CP: JK Report has taken time to collate. May 2014 we discussed JK Rule strategy. JK is a 4 day event which caters for a range, recreational and families with good courses, a variety of orienteering and good quality maps. Keeping price down is also something to think about. False view that BO is gaining large profits from entry fees which did not happen this year. Perhaps raise levy to £2.50 - members would agree, would be spending same on the event, but profit issue would disappear as they would feel it was going to Club and Region. There have to be clear and well known incentives for Associations to take on the events. Format of Day 2 has Elite on Middle distance others on Long course. Approved all to be Middle distance in 2017 and CP proposes that all should be Middle distance at subsequent JKs. Finding terrain is large enough and suitable to hold Middle and Classic races on same day is difficult. Eases organisation too. Will give Sprint/Middle/Classic/Relay. Revisit when Board move forward. **Action CP**

David May's Report on 2015 British Sprints raised a number of issues, such as not enough volunteers and technological problems. IOF approved Emit system, but lack of trained volunteers to use same. Sprint most complex of events we do. No quality control at the Sprints, which are hardest to organise. Respond to David May that report very comprehensive and we must ensure same mistakes are not made in future. PR and publicity is in franchise agreement and is done by organising body and this was not a normal club. Bring points up at Major Events Conference. We should ensure there is responsibility for quality control. SP does not have the time nor the specific expertise. Document to BE re rules amendments. **Action CJ/BE**

Major Events: SP nothing specific. It would be helpful if SP could attend meetings in future.

Elite: GG Liz Campbell raised question with CJ. Looking for Rule change to have separate Elite Championship in years when BOC clashes with International Events such as World Cup in 2016 due to change of date for that event. Elite Champs were combined with BOC in 2010. More likely to get sponsorship if events combined, which was a Board decision. Have BOC as a selection race to

attract elites. It is not within E&CC remit to create a separate competition any year as this was a Board Decision.

AOB: Major Event Survey. No clear majority on aspects.

- + Terrain and courses are important for all
- + Night events has small participation
- + JK is largest, then BOC.
- + JK also part of UKOL.

Is UKOL serving its purpose, not being publicised - nothing done since Dave Peel left?
How do we raise its profile?

- + We need a UKOL Coordinator. (See 4 CJ above)
- + Offer prize money?

Reduction in BO staff has not helped. We have 2 years before a lot more funding is likely to disappear. The Board is aware of this, but is trying to find other ways of raising money. Peter Buckley brought in, but whilst there have been some good developments, it is not as hoped, and landscape of sport funding has changed. Sponsorship on Noname brand which is putting O kit on display in their outlets, and a cut of profits comes to BO. Early days yet. Beginning of 5 year Parliamentary period which may or not affect how the United Kingdom develops in future, if Scotland is independent. Years ago John Disley said we should be self funding and raise pound for pound with sponsorship and we should have aimed for this. Clubs to finance themselves. Going into Schools and Junior recruitment is where the money can go.

5 Development

What is the link between the Development Steering Group and E&CC? Volunteer Needs Workgroup work ended 2 years ago - we need to identify whether anything has happened since. CJ took up reigns and with agreement was to approach Clubs and Associations, but to first ask what happened to Report. What was due to happen, why has it not happened – staff initiative and with changes no staff may free to do it? Sport England initiative. CJ to contact Judith Holt. We need someone to pick up training of top level officials. VOTP. Someone from Volunteer Needs Workgroup should lead what has come out of meeting. (See 4 CJ above) **Action: CJ**

General discussion took place on Vision, structure and remit of E&CC – see Appendix attached

Meeting closed at 16.20

6 Next Meeting

14th November 2015 in Room 3 at Carr's Lane, Birmingham

Action: CJ