

EVENTS AND COMPETITONS COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 10th December 2013 via teleconference.

Present: Chris James, Chairman (CJ), Scott Collier (SC), Barry Elkington (BE), Chris Phillips (CP), Katy Stubbs (KS), and Gill James (Min Sec) (GJ).

CJ opened meeting with proposal to use the notes that he sent out dated 29th November and updated on 10th December.

1. Structure

CJ happy with structure, with Graham Gristwood (GG) as consultant to E&CC and David May (DM) as consultant to Event Officials Group. Everyone agreed. A number of roles not being fulfilled, CJ will map out with 3 chairmen which positions are missing and discuss other necessary roles. BE said we need an Yvette Baker coordinator. Junior seedings sorted. CP said Yvette Baker relatively urgent as there are two regional heats in February. KS felt we need a long discussion on what is needed on rules but not to talk about tonight. Discuss at future date. CJ to talk to 3 sub group chairmen to take further. SC - Jon Cross did cover Elite seeding. He is good at it – has anyone contacted him to see if he is happy to continue. CP to check. 3 sub group Chairs meeting with CJ in Leicester on 29th January.

2. Event Delivery Plan Development

Concern from North West that questionnaire would be onerous on them as they have so many areas. CP spoke with Dick Towler and subsequently Mike Hamilton (MH). Happy that we can populate it from fixtures list.

CP devised questionnaire rewording slightly. Mike Cope working on it and should be finished by end of December. CP working on draft letter to go to Regional Fixtures Secretaries. CP will circulate notes from his meeting and copy of draft letter. Also done work on identifying and prioritizing events for scheduling. CJ asked CP to take lead on this to progress it in CJ's absence in early January.

KS queried the point about a working party to advise Sally Pygott on JK, BOC's and UKOL. CJ said SP had raised a query about JK as she needed more information.

CJ felt that 8 to 9 Level A event weekends should be evenly spaced over the period, but a suggestion has been made that if, for instance Scotland had a major event on one weekend, then another could be held the following weekend, which might encourage greater participation as people might holiday for a week. This could equally apply to any other Region. There are 15 Level A events over about 5/6 weekends and it is difficult to deal with constraints. If there is UKOL event we try to back to back with another. ESchG will try to schedule things to incorporate these ideas, and there is more clarity on scheduling, but it will always be a jigsaw difficult to complete. CJ happy for CP to continue with this work, who is now finding that many of the "sacred cow" events do not necessarily have to be scheduled on the same day each year. People are prepared to make change when necessary.

GG came back with some suggestions for immediate changes but the Board has vetoed any change for 2 years to allow things to settle. MH suggested that whilst we did not want more change if GG could come back with something concrete then we could look at it again. Nothing more has come from GG since.

Talent development and Elites GG to talk to Sarah Hague. They scheduled a weekend in 2013 in the Lake District against the Southern Championships. CJ sent plea to GG not to do anything outwith what E & CC are trying to do.

3. UKOL Evaluation

CP - EP&P came up with sort of questions that SC has raised but SP and MH changed the questions. CJ agrees with SC's questions. We do not have to adhere to what they suggest. Web based survey was suggested after UKOL finished originally to be completed by Helen Errington (HE). SC and BE happy, KS not sure and will wait to see what comes out. CP will circulate this evening. - Post meeting CP circulated the suggested questionnaire for SP who will be responsible in future liaising with CP.

4. Updating Rules

CJ - We need to know who is responsible for receiving comments and 3 sub Group Chairs should discuss with CJ. Should it be with ESysG? BE feels it should lie with Event Officials as they are the ones to deal with the Rules. CP agrees and Katy agrees although there are only 2 people in Group. She will talk to Ernie to ensure they can cope and see if they can get someone else into Group. SC felt that ESysG should do some. BE said that in the past various groups made rules for their own section, but others were able to question wording. CJ said that it **might** be HE as with her continued involvement with BOF she would be the right person to take proposals from various Groups and be the script writer rather than the person who modifies or changes them.

5. Trophies

SP has ordered medals for 2014, which means every medal will have year, event and class on it. Who will take over work done by Office. And the time it takes. Can we find one national volunteer to act as coordinator? BE - that will work fine. If one person knows where the trophies are located from an event then they can pass the information on to the next coordinator of the event, also whether they are engraved. CP - responsible for prize giving at JK – happy as long as he starts off with a good set of data. HE says it takes time to sort the data. CJ - We need one person to coordinate and sit at a computer to keep data up to date. We need to put an invitation up on BOF website asking for a volunteer to take on the task. Good idea to take photographs of all trophies so that people know what they look like. CP will look after JK as he has a volunteer lined up. He will contact SP to see if she has the data. KS said she let BOF have a list from last year held by HE. CP will contact them.

6. Staffing Developments

We are likely to see less resource in Centre rather than more. Our grants depend on our meeting participation targets and we plea that everyone includes as many as legitimately possible for the target. If we do not meet agreed targets with Sport England then we might well lose funding. KS said we are likely to very close to meeting target this year.

7. Full Body Cover

CJ – I believe that there is a small potential for a problem arising of epidemic of hepatitis and increase risk of picking up ticks. How far do we go? We should make a rule and pursue it. If everyone understands significance they are more likely to adhere. SC - we do not know what the chances are so can't make informed judgment? Could IOF Medical Commission have something to offer? CJ suggested asking DM from IOF experience. SC suggested waiving arm cover. KS – works in clinical research, does not believe that we need to specify arm cover. Likelihood of any transmission by scratching is the question. Ticks crawl and can get anywhere. Does not believe we should cover arms. Leg cover except when organizers specifically give permission in an urban area where there is no bramble. BE – should organizer be telling people they cannot start if they do not have the body cover. Then there are those with

gaps between long shorts and top of socks. CP - we have a rule and we should make sure it is enforced and people understand why. KS - not necessary for a white course entirely on tracks and paths. We need to draft something which starts to encompass what we have just discussed and then modify and re-issue saying that is the rule and we must now follow it. CJ to look at it and circulate.

8 Yvette Baker Trophy

HE sent email saying she had managed rounds for Trophy and we need another volunteer/coordinator to take on the job. Can be run from computer and by telephone rather than go to each event. Can we go back to find someone willing to take it on, even from those on disbanded committee. BE will think about who might to it.

Do we know if Susan Marsden is willing to calculate the Gold Times again as she has done it in the past. BE will contact Susan.

9. Seeding

CP will contact Jon Cross to see he is happy to carry on with Elite seeding.

10. Any other business

(a) Mark Dyer has asked about punching starts on Day 1 of JK. Email only arrived today. KS aware of lot of issues that arose at 2013 JK. CJ can we deal by email? Yes. Start times allocated near the event. We can give an answer after 1st February meeting. CJ will contact Mark and give him that information. Day 1 not a world ranking event. All discuss by email in the meantime. – Post Meeting Mark Dyer has responded to say he is happy with this plan.

(b) Letter from SP 17.15 today about event officials. CJ will ensure it goes to EW.

11. Schedule for Future Meetings:

Meet in Birmingham on Saturday 1st February 2014, in the meantime CJ asks that all members of E & CC pursue appropriate actions as required.

Meeting closed at 2035