



# Leicestershire Orienteering Club

## Minutes of Committee Meeting held online via Zoom Monday 10<sup>th</sup> August 2020

**Present:** Libby Barber, Steve Chafer, Jane Dring-Morris, Roger Edwards, Chris Phillips, Iain Phillips, Roger Phillips, Andy Portsmouth (Apo), Esther Revell, Alan West, Wendy West, Ernie Williams, Ursula Williamson, Ian Wilson.

**1. Apologies for absence:** Bob Haskins

**2. Minutes of the last Committee Meeting on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2020**

These minutes were agreed to be a true record.

**3. Items arising from the last MOM**

- SC noted that none of the actions agreed on from the last meeting will have been actioned due to the pandemic lockdown.

**4. Request for inclusion in 'Urgent and important items' on the agenda**

**a. AGM**

- SC noted that this year's AGM will be held online due to the COVID-19 restrictions on gatherings. To this end, the club now has a PRO Zoom license on a monthly rolling contract.
- SC advised the committee that the date for the AGM will be Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October.
- ER & IP asked if it was possible to use the club Zoom for future online coaching and the online socials. This was agreed.

**5. Treasurer's Report**

*Please refer to the Treasurer's Report August 2020 circulated prior to the meeting.*

- RE reported that in the last financial year the club had mixed picture with events. The British Sprints made reasonable profit for the club, but 3 level C's were cancelled before the national lockdown.
- RE reported that the budget for 2020/2021 was a best guess based on the amount of level B's & C's the club are likely to hold due the COVID restrictions.
- IP reported that DVO were running their level C event at Grangewood at the end of October.
- CP reported that East Midland clubs were struggling to get permission for events due to COVID restrictions.
- RE reported that the 2020/2021 budget has provision for replacement computers and funding for first aid courses.
- RE reported that as we have no cash from events coming into the current account, a bank transfer needs to be arranged from the clubs savings account.
- RE suggested that the club continue to hold the club fees at zero for club members (£5.00 for newsletter members) for 2022. This was agreed to be put to the AGM.

## **6. Delegates' Reports**

- UW reported that EMOA had held a Zoom committee meeting.
- UW reported that NOC and DVO were planning to organise small events to test out their COVID protocols.
- UW reported that LOG were hoping to still run their Lincoln City Race.

## **7. Events Sub Committee Report**

*Please refer to the Event Sub Committee Report August 2020 circulated prior to the meeting.*

- CP reported that in the near future the club has 2 level C's and the EMOA Championships to organise. All these events have a number of new issues to solve, related to COVID-19.
- CP expressed a concern that our first level C event at Burbage Common was not going to be possible. The issues are, we would have to hire toilets, have a limited entry of 40 per hour per start location and have a limited number of volunteers available due to members COVID-19 health concerns. This would make the event very difficult to organise.
- It was agreed to cancel the level C in October at Burbage Common.
- CP reported that due to the lockdown, the YBT final for 2021 at Irchester has been moved to 2022.
- CP reported that the club are due to host the regional heat of the CSC in 2021 and that Old Dry Hills was still to be assessed for use. If this was not possible, then an alternative venue in Leicestershire would be located.
- CP reported that our level D programme had resumed with a cut down Summer League of 7 events. This started with a limited entry of 30 for the first 2 events. This will be increased to 40 per event from the Shepshed event.
- CP reported the club had been refused permission to use Castle Hill for the Summer League and the new location will be Anstey.
- SC informed the committee the BH had objected to the club's use of Shepshed for orienteering due to the small alleyways and that he believed it did not meet the BOF guidelines for a COVID-19 safe event.
- SC assured the committee that BH comments were taken onboard as he is a valued and experienced member of the club.
- IP suggested that as a club we need to be cautious in our approach to restarting events.
- CP reported that those that sign up to our events have to agree to the new COVID code of conduct, along with event specific details.

## **8. Development Team Report**

*Please refer to the Development Team Report August 2020 circulated prior to the meeting.*

- RE reported that the Orienteering Foundation are offering grants for various projects.
- RE reported that the BOF have a new VOC page for clubs to upload their VOC's.
- RE informed the committee that a number of MapRunF courses had been set up. Permission for a new VOC at Melton was proving difficult due to council staff not responding. To date, only a limited number of club members had downloaded a LEI MapRunF course.
- RE reported that he attended a Zoom conference hosted by North West Sports. This raised a number of safeguarding issues related to live online training for coaching.
- RE expressed a concern that the new COVID protocols will be a barrier to newcomers to the sport.

- RE informed the committee that IP was exploring virtual club nights and training using Zoom. Feedback for this style of future coaching and training would be useful.
- CP suggested it would be good to get in some terrain training.
- IP reported that it would be possible for some outdoor training within the current COVID-19 safety protocols. Coaching could be delivered via Zoom, with members completing training separately.

### **9. Club Captain's Report**

*Please refer to the Club Captain's Report August 2020 circulated prior to the meeting.*

- ER reported that LEI qualified for the CompassSport Cup final for the first time. ER also noted that the 50th anniversary present of zero fees for club members helped encourage members to the regional heat.
- RE reported that the final was unlikely to happen due to COVID-19 issues. - *note since meeting, 2020 CSC final has been officially cancelled.*
- RE reported that as LEI is hosting the CSC regional heat in 2021, the cancelling of the 2020 CSC final could impact us financially.
- ER reported that the club had a senior and a junior team in the Lockdown Orienteering competition.
- SC thanked ER for organising the weekly LEI Zoom quiz and social, along with organising the team for the CompassSport Cup heat.
- ER confirmed that she is happy to keep organising a weekly online quiz.
- UW asked if club events clashed with the Zoom quiz/ social could the social be moved? It was agreed to move the online social.

### **10. Membership Secretary's Report**

*Please refer to the Membership Secretary's Report August 2020 circulated prior to the meeting.*

- RP reported that 1 new member had joined the club and 1 lapsed member had renewed.

### **11. Any Other Business**

- SC reported that 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary newsletter is still going to happen.
- AW reported that the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary edition will replace the regular newsletter and the deadline for articles is the end of August.
- WW suggested it would be better in full colour. It was agreed to a full colour edition of the newsletter.
- SC due to the lockdown the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary party will have to be moved to 2021.
- CP suggested that this could be combined with the club dinner.
- It was agreed that CP would explore the option of holding the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary party at Longcliffe Golf Club along with the club dinner.
- SC reported that there a number of club roles with vacancies. The Si kit will temporarily be looked after by SC.
- JDW reported that Clubmark scheme is no longer running. JDW to ensure the logo is removed from the website.
- RE suggested that the future meeting schedule should be altered. It was agreed to merge Mapping with Events and to combine Development with Coaching.

**Meeting Closed at 9:00pm**

**12. Date of future meetings:**

FULL: FEBRUARY, MAY, AUGUST, NOVEMBER

Events: JANUARY, APRIL, JULY, OCTOBER

Development

& Coaching: JANUARY, JULY

AGM: OCTOBER

**Date of next Meeting: Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November.**