

Report from Events Sub Committee.

1. Club Championships 2017.

This is now confirmed as taking place on Sunday 17th September. The venue will be Tunnel and Church Gresley Woods.

2. UKOL Weekend 2018.

A Controller has been appointed for the Midland Championships; he is Charles Daniels of BOK. Chris and Ursula had a meeting with him at this year's Midland Championships.

Don Moir has completed the first draft of the revised map and will do any updates or changes required by the planner over the winter of 2017/18.

Chris is still chasing an access contract from Belvoir Estate.

Wendy and Alan West have agreed to be the Organisers for the Sprint Race on the Saturday. Iain Phillips will be the Assistant Planner.

A meeting of the organisers of the two events (Ursula, Wendy and Alan) with Chris and Roger was held in mid March to discuss areas of commonality between the two days.

Constructive discussions are being held with De Monfort University regarding an event centre. As Saturday 17th is a University Open Day it is planned to start the event at around 4.00pm.

In anticipation of the event being given World Ranking Status the Chair of British Orienteering's Event Officials Sub Committee has appointed Philip Gristwood as the IOF adviser.

Chris is hoping to confirm the Controller's appointment in the next few weeks.

3. ISOM 2017

The IOF Map commission has been working on a revision of the International Specification for Orienteering Maps for some years now. The ISOM 2017 was approved by the IOF Council in March 2017.

There are significant changes to the 2000 specifications. Whilst IOF have set in place a timetable for their events, British Orienteering is still consulting with the mapping fraternity and clubs as to what should happen in the UK. My expectation is that there will be a requirement for Level A event maps to be drawn to ISOM 2017 by 1st January 2018. There will, I think be a very much longer timescale for other events. The practicality of changing a large number of maps with a small number of mapper's dictates that it could be several years before any change over is complete.

4. British Sprints 2019

Some colleagues will be aware that discussions have been taking place between British Orienteering's Board and Events & Competitions Committee regarding the future of the JK and the various elements of the British Championships.

These discussions, which have been ongoing for several months, have arisen because of continuing and growing problems staging the major events. In March, the CEO, the Chair of the Board and the Chair of Events and Competitions Committee made proposals to the Board of British Orienteering that the elements of the British Championships (except for the Nights) be merged with the JK. Part of that proposal was that the merger took place in 2019. In their initial discussions the Board have ruled out a merger with the JK for the British Championships in 2019 but will consider further the proposals for the Sprints and Middles at a meeting on 17th June 2017.

If that merger goes ahead then of course we will not be hosting the British Middles in 2019. I will keep colleagues informed as soon as I have further information.

5. World Orienteering Day

A reminder that our Summer League Event at Willesley on Wednesday 24th May is a W.O.D event.

Chris Phillips
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