

# Leicestershire Orienteering Club



## Agenda of Committee Meeting held online via Zoom Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2024

**Present:** Steve Chafer, David Cladingboel, Jane Dring-Morris, Steve Edgar, Roger Edwards, Simon Ford, Chris Phillips, Roger Phillips, Alastair Paterson, Ernie Williams, Ursula Williamson.

**1. Apologies for absence:** Alison Hardy, Derek Herd, Iain Phillips.

**2. Minutes of the last Committee Meeting on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2024**

These minutes were agreed to be a true record.

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

- SC noted that the Trans Policy was still to be published on the club website.
- RE reported that club fees for MapRun activities had been updated.
- RE reported that a member's survey had been discussed at the last development meeting and would likely focus on the club training.
- RE reported that a Development Team Dropbox had been created.
- DC reported that the information about courses from the CSC final and heats was not discussed and therefore he now feels it is too late to action a letter. This was agreed.
- SC confirmed that the Belvoir Cricket and Countryside Trust had supplied confirmation of liability insurance for the loan of the club's Si equipment.

**Action Points**

- IP to ensure action point from last meeting actioned on the trans policy.

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

**a. AGM**

- SC suggested that the AGM should be 28th October 2024 and at Glenfield. Parish Council Rooms. This was agreed by the committee.

**Action Points**

- RP to book Glenfield Parish Rooms for the 28<sup>th</sup> October 2024.

**5. Treasurer's Report**

*Please refer to the Treasurer's Report May 2024 circulated prior to the meeting.*

- SF reported that the club currently have £9,000 in the Mansfield Building Society savings account, with a small balance of £450 in the Santander current account.
- SF reported that £590 was due from BOF for the hire of Si equipment during the JK weekend.
- SF noted that we should also receive some income from the JK as the agreement with BOF is a profit share for the JK.

- SC asked if the amount of profit share from the JK was known?
- SF reported that there was no indication yet on how much the club would receive from the JK.
- SF noted that if any large expenses were expected, please inform him so that money could be transferred between accounts.
- UW noted that toners for the club printer may need replacing soon.

## 6. Delegates' Reports

*Please refer to the Delegate's Report May 2024 circulated prior to the meeting.*

- CP reported that EMOA will be holding a regional training on Saturday 12th October 2024.
- SC asked who the regional training day was pitched at.
- CP noted that the Organisers training will be pitched at C/B level, Planners training will be pitched at C/D level, Controllers at level C. Mappers training will be for those with experience, rather than novice mappers.
- SE asked what mapping software will they be using for the mappers training?
- CP was unsure on which mapping software will be used.
- CP noted that due to a change of rules from British Orienteering, EMOA had instigated a rule change that those controllers appointed by EMOA were already approved for events in the region.
- CP noted that from the EMOA AGM, the region will be without two officers. The vice-chair and the treasurer.

### Action Points

- CP to find out which mapping software will be used at the EMOA regional training day.

## 7. Events Committee Report

*Please refer to the Event Committee Report May 2024 circulated prior to the meeting.*

- JDM reported that permission for the Loughborough University Summer League event had been refused and this had now been replaced with an urban event at Barrow Upon Soar.
- JDM reported that plans for the next level C event at Ibstock are well in hand.
- CP noted that the club also has some level C events planned for October.
- CP reported that the new Si boxes and locks will be rolled out for general use.
- CP reported that the social venues for the Summer League and the Club Championships presentations have been booked.
- CP reported that the Club Championships will be the 9<sup>th</sup> November 2024 with IP as the planner.
- SC noted that the JK helpers had still to be offered a discount code for a free club run.
- SC reported that Maureen will be stepping down as Permissions Officer.
- SC noted that he will look after permissions in the short term.

### Action Points

- SC/ IP Organise a discount code for JK helpers

## **8. Development Team Report**

*Please refer to the Development Team Report May 2024 circulated prior to the meeting.*

- RE reported that Leicester City Council had approached BOF to run a Find Your Way project.
- RE reported that the Belvoir Cricket and Countryside Trust are hosting an orienteering style event on the 16<sup>th</sup> June. This is being led by Matt W from the club, but this is not a club event. Matt is looking for some help with the event.
- SC noted that Matt was concerned about having enough dibbers for the BCCT event.
- CP suggested that dibbers could be recycled, so shouldn't be a problem.

## **9. Safeguarding**

- SC reported that AH does not yet have access the BOF qualifications database.

### **Action Points**

- RP to email Peter Brooke at BOF to ensure AH has access to the BOF database as the clubs Safeguarding officer.

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

*Please refer to the Club Captain's Report May 2024 circulated prior to the meeting.*

- DC reported that the club had two teams at the JK relays.
- DC noted that at the moment only one junior was entered into the YBT heat at Hardwick Park.
- DC was hoping that two teams could be formed for the British Sprint Relays at Birmingham in June.
- CP noted that the British Sprints at Warwick University may be in doubt due to a campus protest.

### **Action Points**

- DC to enter two teams into the British Relays

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

*Please refer to the Membership Secretary's Report May 2024 circulated prior to the meeting.*

- RP reported that a family will be moving to the club in the summer. This family has been currently added to the membership database as correspondent members.
- RP noted that two new members had joined the club and one lapsed member had rejoined.

## **12. Any Other Business**

### **a. Club Dinner**

- CP suggested that the club presentation evening be moved to a new venue away from Longcliffe Golf Club.
- SC noted that after several successful years at Longcliffe, the club was let down with the double booking by the golf club.

### **b. Junior Fees**

- AP reported that it is difficult to figure out at what age junior fees are no longer applied.

- SC suggested an addition to the club website noting the Junior age class. This was agreed

**Action Points**

- CP to investigate a new venue for the 2025 annual club dinner and presentation evening.
- RP to add a note to club website regarding Junior ages.

**13. Date of future meetings:**

- RP suggested the date of next committee meeting be 19<sup>th</sup> August 2024. This was agreed.

Meeting Closed at 8:27pm

## TREASURER'S REPORT MAY 2024

Current account stands at £450

Deposit account unchanged from last report at £9,000

We await an advised payment from BO in relation to the JK, of £590 (initial payment for wear and tear on our equipment)

No outstanding invoices.

Predict a slow increase in current account funds as the Summer League rolls forward.

No indication, yet, of any 'Surplus' funding from BO from the JK.

Simon Ford  
May 2024

## DELEGATE'S REPORT MAY 2024

Report on EMOA Committee Meeting 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2024

### 1. Regional Training Day

This will be held at GrobyBrookvale Learning Campus on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2024

Training Sessions will be:-

Planning Course

Controllers Course

Organisers Course

Mappers Workshop

Closing Date for bookings is 13<sup>th</sup> September. We currently have one candidate for the Planner Course. Please contact either Chris or Iain if you are interested in one of the courses.

### 2. Development

There has been one application from DVO for funds from the Regional Development Budget. This is to assist their newly appointed paid Development Officer to establish a course using the MapActive material developed by NOC.

Clubs are encouraged to look at projects that might be suitable for Regional Funding.

### 3. Coaching

There will be a Sprint Training Day (ahead of the British Sprint Championships) on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June at Nottingham University.

### 4. Events

There has been some discussion on the Course/Class Table combination of the EMOA Championships (LEI are hosting in 2025) CP/UW have been tasked to review the current table and revise as required.

Appointment of Controllers

There have been some changes to the appointment of controllers for level C and B events. The Region have agreed the following:

“It was agreed at the EMOA meeting that we will interpret this in the East Midlands to mean that if the region has appointed a controller at level B, they will be deemed suitable to control any level B events and do not need to be submitted for each level B event to the committee for approval. The same will be true of level C controllers for level C events”

The January 2024 rules revision has resulted in a significant number of changes. Event officials need to be aware of these.

## **5. EMOA AGM**

This will take place on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2024 at the Pace Hall, Clifton. There are currently vacancies for Vice Chair and Financial Secretary. (The current Chair and Financial Secretary have come to the end of their period of Office and are not able to continue (even if they wanted to!))

Chris Phillips

7.5.24

## EVENT COMMITTEE REPORT MAY 2024

Since the last committee meeting, we have:

- Finished the Winter League – all went smoothly (thank you to all the planners) apart from the cancellation of Fosse Meadows. I have made a note not to use Fosse Meadows in future Winter Leagues.
- Successfully hosted the JK Sprints (thanks to Iain as Organiser, Steve E and Steve C as Planners and everyone who gave up their time to help.
- Summer League has started with 4 events held so far with no problems. Potentially we won't use Watermead again due to the large amount of Out of Bounds areas.
- Summer League 10 was to be held at Loughborough University, but they would not give us permission due to the term ending that week. There were a few alternatives suggested, but I thought due to the lack of time to get permissions etc, the best option was to use Barrow (Ursula has provisionally oQered to plan).
- Sue B suggested Lutterworth for an urban event maybe next Winter / Summer League.

Upcoming Level C events:

- Ibstock 02/06/2024
- Cademan 27/10/2024

Post JK jobs from the last Events Report:

- Agreed on Ratby for the EM Championships in February 2025.
- A further 4 Level C forest and 2 urban events for 2025.
- Looking to develop new areas for 2026 and considering our contribution to major events in 2026 and beyond.
- Updating our guidance for organisers, planners and controllers in the light of our increased numbers.

Jane Dring-Morris



## DEVELOPMENT TEAM REPORT MAY 2024

*Minutes of the last Development Committee meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> March have been circulated.*

### **1. Schools events**

We put on Melton & South Charnwood Schools event on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2024 with 240 children and the NW Leicestershire Schools a week later with over 600 children. We used the same team of volunteers as last year. I have suggested that if next year the Melton event were at a weekend we could find more volunteers.

### **2. Permanent and virtual orienteering courses**

Ben Shannon is struggling to pick up the POC Co-ordinator's role, some personal issues need addressing first. Then he is going to sort the new OOB in Bradgate Park. He is going to need help to review and repair courses but he has some volunteers. Downloads from British Orienteering continue apace. Irchester is still our top site. Simon Starkey is replanning the Sence Valley POC. Will probably need new posts which will be fitted by FE (Forest England). Some of the existing ones have rotted and some other features (eg Fence) has disappeared. The FE site manager is keen for us to have a course which is in complete contrast to Fermyn where the course is being abandoned and we have not re-established the adjoining country park courses.

#### **Find Your Way project**

Leicester City Council have approached BOF about Outdoor Classroom and the Find your Way project. We have been working with Caroline Barcham, and we have some Abbey Park files on the web site, with more to be added.

<https://www.findyourwayvo.org.uk/>

If we were to officially join the FYW project we would need to provide training in Maprun to enable partners to continue with maintaining the system when it finished.

### **3. Schools Mapping**

Still waiting for Peter Hornsby to sort out Packington Primary support before they will pay for the map. Pete Leake re-mapped Orchard Mead (formerly Hamilton) and we have extended the permanent course. He has also mapped Upland's Junior in Leicester city centre and we need to finish off the permanent course. We have a request for mapping in Northamptonshire, if really interested; I will ask non Lei mappers if interested too.

### **4. Coaching**

Autumn Club Nights we will use a range of new Maprun locations, we need to recruit ?ten planners. Taking a street map and copying in a purple pen course gets close to a usable course with little effort. However getting a usable street map of an interesting area can be quite time consuming.

There will be a £3 charge and this will be collected in cash on the night.

## **5. Recruitment**

Belvoir Cricket & Countryside Trust Open day on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June, Matt White is organising. Our SI kit will be borrowed but the bigger issue is the presence of Orienteering helpers.

## **6. Members Survey**

Questionnaire to be designed to cover training and club nights.

Roger Edwards  
Development Co-ordinator  
3 May 2024

## CLUB CAPTAIN'S REPORT MAY 2024

**JK:** Two mixed teams of three were entered for the JK relays at Stanton Moor in the Mens' Short Category. The club subsidised the entry fees by 50% meaning each runner had to pay £12:50 for their entry.

**British Relays:** Nobody registered interest in this – maybe a bit too far?

**YBT:** At the time of writing only one junior has registered their interest in taking part in the YBT at Hardwick Park. There is also a junior on White. Nevertheless, the DVO organiser has been informed of LEI's intention to enter a team, although, with a closing date of 13<sup>th</sup> May, it seems unlikely. Last year we qualified by just turning up at the heat but then a team could not be gathered for the final.

**British Sprints Relays:** The British Sprints at Birmingham Uni has a three people that have registered interest on the LEI website which makes one team. Closing date for entries is 9<sup>th</sup> June. Price per team goes up from £54 to £60 after 19<sup>th</sup> May.

David Cladingboel

May 2024

## MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT MAY 2024

Year	Family	Seniors	Young Adults	Juniors	Units	Total
2013	38	53	-	12	103	170
2014	38	61	-	16	115	183
2015	37	56	-	17	110	174
2016	38	60	-	12	110	180
2017	34	61	-	8	103	151
2018		108	-	37		145
2019		103	-	36		139
2020		104	-	26		130
2021		106	-	23		129
2022		105	-	18		122
2023		96	-	16		112
2024		87	5	15		107

**Honorary Members**

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**Membership Categories:**

Junior, Young Adult, Senior, Family, Group or Correspondent

**Correspondent Members**

4

**New Members**

7

**Left The Club**

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