

Notes on the Leicestershire Orienteering Club
Events Sub-Committee Meeting
Monday 8th October 2018 at Brookvale Groby Learning Campus
19:30 - 21:30

Present: CP, UW, RE, SS, AP, IP, RP, EW.
Apologies: SC, RD.

1. Reports on Previous Events:

Shepshed Urban on 07-10-18:

Overall a good Event and thanks given to the Event Officials and helpers. Comments received re Course 4 thought to be "overlong" and that the 2019 LEI EMUL needs to replicate UKUL and have M75+ and W75+ Hypervet Courses. Consideration should also be given to the LEI EMULs being part of UKUL in future years. There was a safety issue with competitors running through/crossing a large car park towards the Finish. Concern was expressed that Loughborough University Students, although very good athletes, were running courses too technical for their experience - IP volunteered to talk about this with them - IP also commented on Urban Events having specific 'Winning Times' for each Course, with M21 mpk as a basis for calculations for other Age Classes.. Availability of other interesting parts in Shepshed currently not on Urban map to be investigated and added to map for future Events. RE encouraged Committee to look for other usable Urban areas and to keep existing Urban maps updated (see also item 3).

2. Level C Events 2018/19:

CP noted on-going problems re available/qualified Event Officials who, over the last decade, were no longer officiating due to reasons such as relocating to another part of the UK, no longer competing at 'O-Events', advancing age and/or infirmity etc - and new members not replacing in sufficient numbers due to decrease in membership of those active within O-Osport. EW reported Compact Fixtures List being updated to include 2019 Regional Events and 2018/2019 Winter League.

3. Future EMOA League Events:

CP and UW reported on EMOA discussions re 2019 EM League Events currently listed as follows:

DVO 5 - LEI 5 -LOG 2 -NOC 4

EM Urban Events:

DVO 2 - LEI 1 - LOG 2 - NOC 1

There is possibility of there being less EMLE in 2020 i.e. 5 each for DVO, LEI, and NOC and 2 for LOG. It was also agreed to propose that more EMLE Events be registered as 'Middle Distance Events' rather than 'Long' and for 'Sprint Events' to be available in order that LEI members and those from other Clubs can practice the specific skills required especially before Major Events/Championships in these disciplines.

Concerns raised throughout the Region re less competition areas available due to access constraints and charges, ground nesting birds etc plus previous mention of availability of Event Officials and 'helpers', though on a positive note EMOA has arranged a full day of training in late November at Charnwood College for Organisers, Planners, Controllers, and Mappers.

Mapping for 2019/2020 to ISSOM 2007 updated 2012 standards for Regional Urban Events was raised and the following noted:

A map of Hinckley with Event Centre, and suitable parking and safety considerations, if available within 2019/2020 period, could be used as a replacement to Ashby Town in the 'EM Urban League' Event schedule.

A map of Market Harborough?

An extended map of Quorn & Barrow?

A re-map of Glenfield following extensive new building?

Use of Leicester Castle & The Newarke and Loughborough North & Dishley Grange maps?

Summer League Urban Events at Groby and Ibstock?

SS indicated that he had an updated list of all available maps both 'Forest' and 'Urban' which has been made available to UW as Summer and Winter League Coordinator.

4. Winter League 2018/19:

Good conclusion to the 2018 Summer League at Aylestone Meadows and 'The Black Horse', and UW thanked for her coordination of same, together with the Organisers/Planners of the Level D Events. Use of 'Open Orienteering' maps commented on with request for more precise information re 'cut-throughs' and 'boundaries' though agreed these editions of mapped areas, though basic, quickly accessible and inexpensive. The Winter League had been arranged and being publicised with 8 Events including 3 Night Events between 24th October 2018 and 20th February 2019. The recently appointed BOF Competitions Officer is to visit the first Winter League Event to see a recommended Club 'in action'.

5. 5 Parks Challenge:

Following on from the first of the 5 Events at Abbey Park RP had fully reviewed and had produced a detailed 3 page report containing basic statistics, what aspects of the Event went well, and what improvements could be made to provide an even better and more successful experience, particularly with the aim to get people to return to the other 4 'Parks' as part of the 'Challenge', to become members of LEI, and to become regular and active orienteers. RP was thanked for his 'Review of #1 Abbey Park'.

5. British Sprint Championships 2019:

CP reported that to date the Club had not received written confirmation from Loughborough University for the Major Event which is to include quotation for hire of Edward Herbert Building, plus the First Aid/Safety Team. The Event is registered as an IOF World Ranking Event for 2019 and has Nermin Fermen (LOK) as an IOF Senior Event Adviser. IP as Planner noted that new buildings are rising within the Campus. Mike Forrest as Planner of 2018 BSpC at Bath University had recommended to E&CC changes to Course Planning Table re Age Class allocation - IP planning to the existing Course/Class combinations and top M21 winning time for Course 1 as per current Competition Rule C - v2.6 - Competition Rule section 8.1.1 and 8.1.2, and will await notice of any amendments to same in the near future.

6. Mapping Matters:

SS reported on on-going mapping including Spring Cottage (Peter Leake), extension to Martinshaw (Don Moir), and need for adjustment of contours on Bagworth map. No new map projects are currently being undertaken due to amount of update work required on existing maps. CP commented on very little taking place at the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Wood though had hopes for availability to the Club for O-Sport approximately 2023 and beyond. SS reported possible enlargement of Sence Valley, that Willesley was maturing nicely and would make a good 'Middle Distance' area, and that there were "Ranger problems" at Hicks Lodge & Shellbrook.

7. Access Report:

RD had reported that there had been no major developments of late, particularly in the National Forest, with only some "pockets of in-fill" which gave no obvious connection between them so not to useful to LEI. AP commented on Woodland Trust and Eric Porter re arrangements in 2019 for one Licence for all Woodland Trust areas used for O-Events rather than one Licence required for each O-Event.

8. Any Other Business:

(i) RP reported on a proposed change to 2020 CompassSport Cup Rules with a Short Green 'Small Course' for M75+ a.k.a 'Hyperveteran Very Short Green'.

(ii) 2018 Christmas Novelty Event on 8th December – a post-event buffet has been suggested using the Club's Gazebo and provision of hot soup, bread, and minced pies or request to Chris Bosley to check availability of premises within the Anstey area and to seek a quotation for a similar buffet.

CP closed meeting at 19:31