



## JK 2022 WOA Committee Meeting

**Venue:** On-line using Zoom

**Date:** 7pm Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2020

### MINUTES

Invited	Present	
David Pal WRE (Chair)	Present	
Alice Bedwell BOK/SWOC	Present	
Mark Saunders BOK/SWOC	Present	
Clare Dallimore SWOC	Present	
Jean Lochhead EPOC	Present	
Kerina Lake SBOC	Present	
Megan Carter-Davies SBOC	Present	
Robert Griffiths MWOC	Present	Joined at 7:20pm
Jim Wood ERYRI	Present	Non-committee member present as ERYRI rep
Gabriella Walsh MWOC		Apology received
Anne May SWOC		Apology received after the meeting

1. Opening Statement from WOA chairman to explain the reason for the urgent meeting:

David Pal has had a meeting with British Orienteering's major events advisors Andy Yeates and Helen Errington about concerns on the progress of JK2022. BOF are the major partner but do not want to go ahead with cancellation or shortening the event without getting input from WOA. There is a partnership agreement in place with BOF but that does not cover what would happen in the event of cancellation.

2. David Pal asked everyone individually for their opinions on whether the event should go ahead (RG was not present at this point in the meeting but sent an email after the meeting)

There was a general agreement that we would like to proceed with the 4 day event, and that there would be enthusiasm from the orienteering public after the cancellation of JKs 2020 and 2021.

However, further information about the issues of cost and permissions would be needed for an informed opinion

In particular JL would like to see the partnership agreement before recording an opinion. **(Action DP to send agreement to JL)** She had concerns about the unrecoverable expenditure (eg land access costs) but fewer concerns about expenditure that would result in a benefit for WOA (eg mapping).

### 3. DP then expanded on what had been discussed in his meeting with BOF

BOF's concerns fall into two categories

- Planners and organisers have not been appointed for all the days
- Financial concerns: we are entering the time period when the major expenses should be starting to be paid out, in particular mapping and land use expenses.

BOF are supportive of JK2022 being cancelled and if WOA pulled out would not try to hold a JK in another region.

### 4. Current status of Volunteer roles and land permissions

Volunteer roles: treasurer (Nigel Ferrand), co-ordinator (Andy Yeates) and controllers are in place. SBOC have planners (MCD and Ben Mitchell) and organiser (Niall Reynolds). SWOC have not yet confirmed their planner and organiser. No information was available from BOK and NGOC but these are larger clubs and therefore likely to be able to find these volunteers.

KL updated on the state of permissions:

COVID-19 has made contacting land owners difficult and has caused land owners to be more reluctant than normal to make commitments on the time scales that ideally we would require.

Kenfig – communication difficulties with the Kenfig Corporation Trust

Swansea University – issues with costs particularly wrt setting up the event on the day before. KL hopes to have further conversations with the university soon

Caerwent – the Army cannot give permissions on the time scales that Andy Yeates requires and reserve the right to withdraw permission up to the last moment.

Merthyr Mawr is on board and currently the most helpful – it may be possible to hold both the middle race and the relay on this area – not an ideal answer but better than no event.

Broughton – issues with access to the car-parking.

Other areas were suggested for consideration:

University of South Wales (sprint), Pwll Du (Relay), Cardiff Met University Cyncoed campus (sprint), Clydach Terrace (relay), JK2014 areas (long)

### 5. Summary

WOA should continue planning for a 4 day event, recognising that land permissions are critical. A dead-line for land permissions should be agreed with BOF, probably the end of this year.