



Committee Meeting

Date	Monday 11 th May 2020
Location	Zoom
Present	Jen Leonard, Brad Connor, Andy Llewellyn, Sarah Tullie, Steve Scott, Paul Hammond, Hazel Dean
Apologies	none

1. Some good news

- It has just been announced in the BO annual awards that not only has Graham won the Walsh Trophy for best urban or sprint map produced in 2019, FVO has won the Club Of The Year! Two more trophies await – these are being released daily – watch the BO announcements. [Edit – Chris Smithard for best map produced by a professional mapper, and David Nicol for Volunteer of the Year].
- Steve will lodge a story with the press next week when all awards have been announced.

2. Lockdown

- **Review activities to date (COVID contact, planning, competition, Zooms)**
- **Forward planning (e.g. local MapRuns)**

Review activities to date

- Jen, Andy and Brad have now telephoned all but 18 or 19 of the club members. Most have been grateful of contact. Several seemed a little fed up/lonely – even more impetus for the regular Zoom Pilates, open-mic evenings, planning competitions and quiz nights that have been excellent (thanks to all involved). Most people with kids and who are still working, by contrast, reported being very busy indeed; so, quite a contrast.
- Brad had been slightly worried about people who might be too “digitally challenged” to participate in the club’s online activities, but, as it transpired, we didn’t encounter anyone in the club who fell into that bracket.

Forward planning

- We had been hoping to run an Event Safety Workshop for members who were down to organise WEEs but hadn’t yet attended an ESW. It seems that the SOA are hoping to run one virtually– Jen and Steve will canvas a few potential attendees from the club and encourage them to sign up.

- MapRunF – Brad was hoping to convert Jason’s low-key trail/O events in Dunblane onto the MapRun app, time permitting. This is also happening in the Linlithgow hub. Jen will note in the next FVO newsletter.

3. Finance report including mapping spend

- Andy has created and shared a Lockdown Budget workbook and he walked the committee through it.
- Column for minimal spend – this is a projection of the case where nothing will happen for the rest of the year, and there would be no more discretionary spend. Column 4 updates the above to include some “sensible” spending.
- In the minimal spend scenario we will run a £3k deficit this year but, if we include the surplus from last year, we will roughly even out.
- Key question for today – do we support some further mapping - £700 on three small projects? Noted that minimal spend already accounts for Plean committed spend and remaining hangover from Langlees and Bonnyfield. We have also applied for grant funding towards mapping in Cambusbarrow: Polmaise, etc. We have also applied to the Burnfoot Hillfoots community fund for £2k towards mapping in Dollar (noted that any grant funding awarded by the latter would need to be spent in Dollar alone).

4. Return to O

- BO guidance has been released, link to document is <https://bit.ly/2xznmY5>. People in England can travel with up to one other person. That is not the case in Scotland, yet, but we are moving towards people being allowed to travel to events – just not in groups. The document proposes several phases.
- Phase 1: POCs, MapRuns locally. Phase 2 jumps to the provision of local events. We proposed a mid-way phase “1.5” – use of semi-permanent o courses like ROMPs and use of RouteGadget. Regarding local events – there is a lot of guidance about separating people, cleaning dibbers, etc. (quite a complicated scenario), moving in future maybe larger events. The English can travel from this week, with more easing from 1st June, then potentially more from 1st July etc. Jen then asked for individuals to contribute their opinions, below.
 - Sarah – we wouldn’t want to risk going out and giving O a bad name by encouraging people to go out to go to an area to run, locals might not be appreciative. If Scotland does move to the travelling scenario – there would still be a risk of it being perceived as being ‘organised’.
 - Paul – semi-permanent seems the way to go. Issues of obtaining access to people’s land?
 - Hazel – sticky wicket; yes OK, POCs on permanent land, but private access? A lot of hassle and complicated, suggest that we really shouldn’t be organising events until the autumn. So, POCs; HD would not support putting out any controls in the near future.
 - Jen – should we be thinking now about planning to be prepared for restart, whenever that happens? Sarah – how could you plan a date? Jen – we could put some dates in the calendar and cancel if necessary. Paul – do we really need a date?

- Steve – semi-permanent events, some way away from “proper” events. Noted that we wouldn’t normally have events in summer anyway, due to clashes, but that is not the case now!
 - Chris – we’re not looking to make any decisions, and should follow BO guidelines, with a gradual return. Maybe it’s worth having a lot of ‘rapid access’ areas – plan with suggested areas on streets, council parks, areas easy to get access to (Hazel supports) - e.g Mine Woods. Or Duncraggan (an area where no one lives nearby). Do we plan now for a bigger event or leave that for now? Hazel – maybe Birnam, S Achray, but parking...
 - Brad – propose augmenting POCs, low-key events for foreseeable, has to be done sensitively but we could look at getting some stuff lined up.
 - Andy – too soon to do too much detailed planning. It’s useful that we will likely be at least three weeks behind England in relaxing restrictions. It shouldn’t be too much effort to get ROMPs up and running.
- Jen then offered her opinion – we are unlikely to be doing any full events for the rest of the year, perhaps semi-permanent ones when the time comes; these can be arranged quite rapidly. She is quite concerned not only for disturbing people but also for potentially causing further infection – there will be a second wave. When we think that there is a stable set of permissions that will enable people to travel then we can organise some semi-permanent courses. People go when they like, but should fill out a timesheet to say when they’re likely to be going to do it, and also should log in and log out for safety reasons. She can’t see we should do large events or even small events planning this year.
 - Sarah – noted the current planning competition, could we use that to get people to create courses for the future? Steve – yes, if Sarah and Hazel could come up with a list of rapid access areas, and get those on the planning competition.
 - Steve posed a question regarding the status of the few WEEs not yet officially cancelled – committee agreed that he should stand down the planners.

5. Post-lockdown plans for FVO, including major events 2021 and social events if possible

- Brad posed a question re the 2020 SOLs (including our May one): will they just get bumped to next year? Or are they just lost? No idea – and there are all the postponed major events that, if BO and then SOA give the go-ahead, will be vying to fill up the few weekend slots post-lockdown this year (if that happens!)
- We will move the Harvester to next year, and it’s very likely that Euromeeting will move too (Ed – definitely, now that WOC 2022 Edinburgh has been postponed to 2024 now).
- November socials – Kinraig weekend and the Dinner Dance. Kinraig: it’s likely that that it will be OK to move to next year if necessary, no actions required as yet. Dinner dance, again, impossible to know for now. Wait for further guidance.
- Night series – Hazel informed the committee that Martin is looking to stand down. Lewis was suggested as a replacement for the role; **(ACTION) Andy** will ask. Steve noted that we should endeavour to tie the series in with EUOC FWTN.

6. SOA nominations and Volunteers Week

- SOA Volunteer of the Year, Junior of the Year; nominations were invited (noted that James H won VoY in 2018).
- National Volunteer Week: proposed Trevor, Roger and Martin, JonX. (ACTION) Steve offered to write up some words and send them to the SOA.
- Young Orienteer of the Year award: (ACTION) Steve will propose Grace.
- President's Medal – Grace and Trevor. (ACTION) you guessed it, Steve will prep nomination for both!

7. Minutes of previous meeting and matters arising

- Previous meeting minutes were accepted.

Outstanding actions

- FVEmail list backup admin: **BC still to send details to Paul**
- SOA access to kit – BC confirmed with Robin that there is no guarantee, but there has also never been a problem
- SiDroid – **CS still to test**
- Kit insurance – **AL still to investigate**
- Club Champs – still to identify an organiser but not clear if it will run. Review next meeting.
- CSC 2022 access to Devilla – KFO amenable, just need to discuss details; OK to proceed for now.
- Website changes: **BC** still awaiting David N availability to create committee/roles area
- Organiser pack updates re 1-1 situations with children: **BC still to upload** to resource area of website.
- Social Secretary: **BC** and LL still seeking a replacement for her (dinner dance etc.)

8. Any Other Business

- Sarah asked if any events are still on our website, that need to be cancelled. Steve will cancel the WEEs; we have a provision date for the Harvester next year ((ACTION) Jen will amend the info on the website) and we will leave the November SoSOL for now.

9. Next meeting

- 22nd June, by Zoom.