

## **IOA Meeting in DCU**

Attendees - Paul, Darren, Eoin, Stuart, Jeni.

Apologies - John, Sarah, Fergal, Andrew, Debbie, Aine

Items:

### **IOC 2018**

There was discussion about the IOC 2018. And the possibility of the Sprint race being in Sligo. It was reinforced that the sprint is a very important race for the Senior Squad. Sligo IT is possibly going to be the venue.

**Action:** *Paul to talk to Sarah for an update for the IOC in general but with special interest in the Sprint.*

### **DAF project**

Paul updated us that the final event is next week. It has been a success in that our standing in the NGB community has improved. Funding for Phase 2 has been given and although it is not as much as last year, this program continues to get our name out there. We are engaging as an NGB.

Local Sports Partnerships and Sport Ireland can now contact us and we can contact them re funding options etc.

**Action:** *Meeting on the 06/12 for the implementation of phase 2.*

It was suggested that these maps (school maps for DAF/RTGO project) are recorded as private but **are** recorded, so that the legacy of the maps are there. There was a query as to if these maps can get registered. Also as to their availability for use by IOA.

**Action:** *Stuart to talk to Aine re this.*

Schools are getting the maps via ocads and purple pen.

### **Child Protection:**

Both Paul and Jeni updated the committee re the Child Protection ongoing project. Garda Vetting is to be a minimum requirement for those wishing to coach/ interact etc. with Juniors.

**Action:** *Jeni to draft a written policy re tolerance criteria as a subset of the current IOA Child Protection Policy.*

**Action:** *Paul to contact Barbara Foley Fisher re who is Garda vetted with respect to the schools orienteering.*

**Action:** *Meeting of the Child Protection Subcommittee to take place in early January.*

### **Registration System:**

After discussion as to the background to this exciting initiative, it was decided that Paul will talk to Fergal about moving this a step further.

Paul suggested a possible company makes a presentation to a subset committee.

We need to ensure:

Cost is acceptable.

Dynamic links are achievable.

User Friendly.

Interlinked with map register.

Future proofed as far as possible,

**Action:** Paul to talk to Fergal, re meeting. Stuart to be involved.

### **Data Protection**

This is an ongoing project by the IOA sub committee:

Chair - John McCullough

Member - Stuart Scott

Member - Mary O'Connell

They are currently starting to design policy. This will then be sent out to clubs. We need, as a group, and at club level to look at what data we currently hold. All committee officers need to be included re their data and how it is saved and used.

**Action:** Stuart to report back, with a draft policy by February 2018

### **High Performance Squad:**

Darren is currently working on the Selection Policy with the selectors.

Time is also being spent currently sorting accommodation for WOC.

We have confirmed the possibility to entering a team for the World Universities, to be held in Finland. Participation agreements are still to be signed. A Team Manager has volunteered - Mike Long.

There was discussion as to the implications of inviting under 18's to training in relation to Garda Vetting

### **Mapping:**

Stuart discussed the two letters being sent by him to all clubs prior to Christmas:

- Letter to clubs to offer funding for re mapping areas.
- Updating of the map register. Every map is to be in map register, Clubs are being asked to confirm their maps with an amnesty for submitting more.

So far, in this scheme no one has lost "their" map. Less than a third of the maps that we are using are registered.

Google map on website needs to be updated.

The use of a Google doc will make it easier for Stuart to import.

A question was raised: Do the IOA have any hold on maps that they have helped with funding for?

**Action:** *Stuart to send out the two letters by Christmas, offering a map registration amnesty until February 2018.*

**Action:** Stuart to see if the current map shows map reservations on the website.

### **Junior Squad:**

Selection Policies for EYOC, JWOC and JHI's are being finalised.

There is difficulty in getting coaches for training, especially those Garda Vetted.

Time Trial is booked for 10<sup>th</sup> March, with a Cork Training event being planned for February, near Cahir to coincide with the Munster League event.

**Action:** *Jeni to finalise Selection Policies*

### **Kit:**

We discussed the possibility of going to Bryzos.

We are looking at the new kit for EYOC.

It was discussed that the IOA are looking at re-branding.

This will be discussed at the committee meeting in January. Then possibly a motion is required to the AGM.

**Action:** *Jeni to investigate costs etc. with Darren and bring this to January's meeting*

**Action:** *Paul to talk to Aine about getting some generic jackets/ gilets for officers to wear when attending conferences on the IOA behalf.*

### **Education:**

2 structured training courses were run in November, another is scheduled in January.

It was discussed whether we need to run a planners course.

Action: Paul to consult with Ruairi about this prior to January's committee meeting

We can offer, in terms of Sport Ireland, an instructor award level 1, and we are committed to running a level 2

It has been suggested that this level is modularised, with one of the modules being a planner's module.

It was discussed, however that Courses can be difficult for people to attend.