

## Minutes of the AGM of the Irish Orienteering Schools group held at the Kilcoran Lodge on 13<sup>th</sup> June, 2011.

Present were; Liam O'Brien (CSOA), Jim Callanan (CSOA), Mary Healy (Leinster schools/GEN), Willie Fitzgerald (CSOA). Ted Lucey (CSOA), Ann Marie Lucey (CSOA), Andrew Cox (South east schools/Wato).

Apologies: Ed Niland (Clare Schools), Paul Hourihan, Rosemary Hourihan, Hugh Dobbs (SE Schools)

1. **Finances:** 64 schools affiliated to the IOSG in 2011. There is currently €644 in the IOSG bank account. This comprises €584 in affiliation fees for the past two years and €60 for replacement of SI cards.
2. **Regional events:** CSOA had large numbers at both introductory events at Doneraile, Curragh wood, Watergrasshill and Farran Park. The Cork School Championships were held in Cappagh Wood, Kilavullen on a Saturday for the first time with 169 entrants. More support from families was evident and the less committed orienteers were cut out.

The Munster Championships were hosted by CSOA at the newly mapped Fota Gardens in March whilst the Leinster Champs were run at Corkagh Park, Clondalkin. Well done to all the organizers involved.

Mary Healy ran 11 league events during the season in Leinster. She will consider amalgamating some of the primary events as numbers were less than previously. Post primary numbers continue to increase.

Clare schools: Ed Niland reports that he is working with the Clare Local Sports Partnership and is planning to invite 18 Secondary schools to a skills session and Score race in September. They have 3 maps of a suitable standard.

3. **Irish Schools (ISOC)**
  - a. Well done to Mary Healy and her team for an excellent event at Donadea, Co. Kildare. Impressive trophies were presented to the individual winners and to schools teams. It was agreed that medals for team members should be presented at future events.
  - b. The IOA presented 2 Plates for the winning Post primary Boys team (Midleton CBS) and Post primary Girls team (Newtown, Waterford). The CSOA presented 2 trophies for the Primary winners. We agree to allocate €300 from funds for more

perpetual team trophies at ISOC 2012. This will be matched if possible with money from entry fees. We plan to purchase 4 new trophies in total.

- c. **Classes/categories:** it was agreed to retain the division of Primary into 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> class as numbers participating are large. It allows greater numbers to be set off at any one time. Any student may run in a higher category (school class/year) but may not run in a lower category.  
Colour guidelines for post Primary should also take into consideration the ability of the entrants to make sure the courses are not too difficult.
  - d. We agree to invite Ulster schools to take part at ISOC. AC to contact Helen Baxter to investigate possibilities and to agree age categories.
4. **Sport ident cards:** there are currently 86 in stock with 8 due for replacement during the Summer. We agree to purchase 6 more to bring the total to 100. We ask the IOA to consider its budgetary allocation for next year to allow further purchase. For most schools events, 200 SI cards are the minimum required at any one time for efficiency.
  5. **Mapping :** Ted Lucey (Mapping officer CSOA) reported that a remap was underway for Mallow Town park and that Tramore Valley park in Cork would soon be available. Wato are working with Pat Healy to have maps of Jenkinstown and Woodstock in County Kilkenny ready for the new season.
6. **Health and Safety**
    - a) those involved in organizing events are recommended to contact Barbara Foley Fisher [childprotection@orienteering.ie](mailto:childprotection@orienteering.ie) if they have not already been Garda vetted.
    - b) Risk assessment forms should be completed for each event.
    - c) Ted Lucey will draft an Incident reporting form for circulation and agreement.
    - d) We ask the IOA to give a full explanation of what the Insurance covers.
    - e) Do we indemnify land owners annually or for each specifically named event? We assume it is annually but will check further to ensure they meet requirements.
7. **Dates**

ISOC 2012

Primary Schools on 21<sup>st</sup> March at Woodstock wood, Inistioge, County Kilkenny.  
Secondary schools will take place on 22<sup>nd</sup> March.  
Both events will be hosted by SE schools/WATO.  
CSOA will host the Munster schools in early March.

## **8. Regional Structures**

There is currently wide regional variation in structure for historic reasons. This is unified by the IOSG. CSOA have their own affiliated closed club. South east run as a sub-committee of WATO. Leinster are run by Mary Healy.

To broaden the scope, we invite clubs to send a representative to next year's AGM. We agree to investigate a direct link between schools events and subsequent clubs to see if we can encourage more family participation.

## **9. World schools event**

We note that Clonakilty represented Ireland at the World schools in Italy in May. We commend their participation but are unhappy that no progress has been made to sort out the selection process for this event. We wish to support schools orienteering at all levels.

We ask the IOA not to advertise events that clearly state on the internet that they are schools championship or selection events unless they are approved of by the IOSG. We refer to the letter of 15/03/11 for the Chairperson of the IOA.

The current situation is undermining what is being done by those affiliated to IOSG. It is very confusing for school children who may have participated in two events both claiming to be the Cork schools, Munster schools or Irish schools event.

We ask the IOA to communicate with Aiden Gallagher, the ISF, BOC and the Sports Council to clarify the matter once and for all. At present there are school children who are being denied the right to represent Ireland in this competition. It is unfair and must be sorted out forthwith.

We have set up the IOSG structures. We are open and transparent and we need your support.

Andrew Cox, Development Officer

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