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Orienteeing Ireland Mapping Officer Report

Summary

The following report summarises developments since the last AGM.

Map Registrations

I would like to thank all clubs and individual mappers for their continued hard work throughout the year. A total of 41 new or completed maps were registered. A majority of these are for MapRun maps commissioned directly by Orienteeing Ireland (OI) or via the MapRun and Ready To Go initiatives. While this is great to see, I would like to see an increase in mapping activity amongst clubs as well.

Before starting a mapping project, I would again like to remind all mappers to check the online map register at: <http://www.orienteeing.ie/map-making-for-irish-orientees> and to register their intention to map. I intend to overhaul the map registration form to simplify the registration process even further. Registration costs nothing and prevents misunderstandings and duplication of effort.

Mapping Grants

Eight clubs have applied for LIDAR data through the Sports Capital and Equipment Programme. We are still waiting for formal approval and clubs will be advised when this is received. In the meantime, I would like to encourage clubs to continue to request grants for mapping, LIDAR and equipment. All requests will be considered and OI will assist where possible. I would especially like to thank Deirdre, Aine and Pat for doing all the hard work on this!

OCAD Software Library

OI has a small number of shared OCAD licences, which are available for use by clubs and individuals on a short-term basis. These run on the cloud using Google Drive. If you would like to avail of a licence, please contact me. Licences are offered for use for two week periods only, which can be rolled over if there is no-one else on the waiting list.

Mapping Rule Update

Rule 7 of the Technical Standards Document, which concerns rules around mapping and the Map Register, is due to be reviewed. If you would like input into this process, please contact me directly.

Acknowledgements

As always, I would like to thank my fellow committee members and especially Aine, Deirdre and Mark for their assistance throughout the year. I would also like to thank Mary for her stewardship over the past three years and hopefully this is not the last we'll see of her on the Executive! Finally, I would like to acknowledge and thank the efforts of the orienteering community as a whole for their contribution to the sport.

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