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Orienteering 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 16 new or completed maps were registered. Some of these are MapRun maps commissioned directly by Orienteering Ireland (OI) or via the MapRun and Ready To Go initiatives. However this year, a larger proportion were regular print maps registered directly by OI clubs which is great to see. That said, the number of maps registered is down on previous years. I would like to encourage clubs and individuals to enhance their focus on mapping as it is the backbone of our sport. As detailed below, OI has a number of supports available to mappers where required.

Before starting a mapping project, I would again like to remind all mappers to check the online map register at: <http://www.orienteering.ie/map-making-for-irish-orienteers> and to register their intention to map. Registration costs nothing and prevents misunderstandings and duplication of effort.

Mapping Grants and LIDAR

LIDAR was obtained from BlueSky and OSI earlier this year on behalf of several OI clubs. This was part-funded by the Department of Sport and I'd like to acknowledge their support. I'd also like to thank Deirdre, Pat, Sarah, Aine and Eric for their hard work coordinating and implementing this initiative.

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.

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.

Overhaul of Mapping Rules

Rule 7 of the Technical Standards Document, which concerns rules around mapping and the Map Register, will be reviewed in detail by a working group of OI. This review will also extend to the Map Registration Application process. The objective is to simplify the rules around map registration and increase the availability of usable maps while maintaining clubs' intellectual rights. If you would like input into this process, please contact me directly. Proposals will be brought to next year's AGM, if required.

Mapping Officer Role

I have been in this role for eight years at this stage. I am happy to continue but I would be equally as happy for someone else to take on the role, particularly someone with more time, skill and enthusiasm! If you are interested, please contact me and I will gladly show you what's involved.

Acknowledgements

As always, I would like to thank my fellow committee members and especially Aine, Eric, Deirdre and Mark for their assistance throughout the year. Aine is a hard act to follow but Eric has truly hit the ground running. 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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