

AGM items..

Chairs report.

Firstly can I thank you all for joining the AGM call. 2019/2020 has been a strange year for Orienteering with the last two months seeing very unusual circumstances that have stopped the sport from operating and some major events cancelled or postponed.

We started the year in April with a new approach to recruitment. With support from Welsh Orienteering Association we ran a four week series of sessions to help encourage new comers to the sport and to give them the skills to take on the subsequent events. We welcomed 22 new members (4 families and 2 individuals) to the club and they subsequently enjoyed the club events through the year. The approach was to be repeated this year, but has now been deferred to 2021.

We held a good number of events through the year, with the summer league, winter leagues and night leagues as well as some urban sprints and some fun events. In addition the club hosted the Senior Home International Weekend on the Gower and the whole weekend was a great success, with competitors saying it was one of the best ever.

So I'd like to thank all the volunteers from the club who give up their time to organise, plan and help at all these events, without them we wouldn't have orienteering in Swansea at all.

So a heads up for 2022, when the large Easter Orienteering Festival called the JK comes to south Wales, with 3 of the 4 days using Swansea Bay areas. The club is being asked to host the Day 1, Sprint day at Swansea University. This is a significant opportunity for us to publicise the sport in the area and make the most of the profile to do other things.

One of which is to attempt to run a Welsh Schools Orienteering Championship event alongside the Sprint day for pupils from all schools in Wales. We have as a result commenced a schools development initiative, with support from WOA and Swansea City Council, to lead to this date and had planned teacher training, schools mapping and club nights for schools to take part in, BUT again this has been a casualty of the Covid19 pandemic. We hope to pick this up and do this from September.

So we have had to put a lot of these new initiatives on hold for this year but we'll revisit them next year. As such the committee has started to think about what the rest of this year will look like in terms of events whilst there is still though a great deal of uncertainty about what is possible.

One move we have agreed to do is to move the whole of the 2020 fixtures into 2021 and realign them to the new dates and other events. This way we have a full fixture list for 2021 that will allow, mapping updates, permissions and time for planners and organisers to work up their courses.

So for the rest of the year, we will have to be more flexible and responsive with low key activities and easy to set p events ben put on as and when we can.

Finally, it's worth noting that 2022 is the Clubs 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and with the JK, and the possibility of a school's championship this will a great year for the club and planning for this has already started.



Secondly I would like to put to the AGM that in view of the fact that 2020/21 is likely to be a very disrupted year, that we extend the Committee Membership terms by a year and defer the 2021 renewals to 2022 and the 2022 renewals to 2023.

And finally as you will see later I would like the AGMs agreement to review and update the club Constitution to reflect the current size of the club and the current environment in which we are operating.

Thanks.

Niall Reynolds

Club Chairman