



AGM - 2017

BMBO

Minutes:-

Date & Time	Sunday 5 th November 2017 @ 14:30
Venue	Colwich & Little Haywood Village Hall, Little Haywood, Staffs,
Chaired By	Tony Brand-Barker
Present	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jackie Aspden (Member) • Phil Botting (Midlands League Co-ordinator) • Angela Brand-Barker (Member) • Tony Brand-Barker (Chairperson, Statistician & MTBO Co-ordinator) • Simon Coiley (Treasurer) • John Houlihan (Secretary, Website Manager & SI Co-ordinator) • Sion James (Black Mountains MBO Co-ordinator) • Jeff Mew (Event Organiser) • Ray Morriss (Member) • Ben Martin (Marketing Manager) • Ifor Powell (Member) • Peter Strong (Event Co-ordinator) • Phil Upton (Event Organiser)
Apologies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Martin Bevan (Event Organiser) • Alan Hartley (SI Equipment Manager) • Will Kromhout (SWEMBO Co-ordinator) • Graham Tibbott (Member)
Minutes from 2016 AGM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agenda item 5 regarding Sport-ident equipment and kit booking. John Houlihan explained that following discussion with Alan Hartley, this role is now shared: John co-ordinates booking of kit and Alan manages equipment.
1. Chairperson's report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tony thanked Sion for being "Deputy Chairperson" whilst he was away for 3 months. • 2017 season has been successful with rider numbers increasing by over 500 in National MBO Score League Events. This is despite there only being one more event that counted towards this league. 24 riders competed in 10 or more of these events. Mark Rowley competed in 25 events. • There are also a number of road based events held throughout the year and at least three clubs (orienteering clubs SLOW, SAXONS & DFOK) have started to organise local 2 hour MBO score events. This winter will also see the return of events in Cumbria – 4 West Coast MTB events on calendar.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The only negative highlighted was that there were no generation teams or juniors that completed enough events to feature in overall league results. Female participation is also lower than previous years. • National Champs weekend was an excellent event. The Forest of Dean provided superb riding and the event centre with associated catering made for a great weekend. Tony thanked Sion for organising / managing this event and this sentiment was endorsed by those present.
2. Financial report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See attached report & balance sheet. This was read by those present and acceptance proposed by Sion James, seconded by Ifor Powell. • Operating surplus of £2,400 after investing in 3rd SI laptop and associated kit. • 2018 – membership fee to remain at £8.00 per year • 2017 – Day rider fee will remain unchanged at £1.00 • SI levy will also remain unchanged • Insurance – provider was changed resulting in a saving of nearly £900. Next year’s premium expected to rise by 3 – 4%.
3. Election of committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There were no nominations received for any committee posts. • All committee members happy to continue so no elections held
4. Sportident	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John reported that there have not been many timing boxes “lost”. The income from SI levy currently covers the cost of replacing lost boxes so the kit effectively “self-insures”. • A problem has been highlighted - when an event that has booked SI kit use is cancelled, the SI booking is NOT linked to this cancellation. ACTION: John to remedy this with webmaster for 2018 season. • Online inventory of kit – this is now on BMBO website but not routinely used by organisers. Jeff commented that he hadn’t seen this facility. John explained that when an organiser looks at their “SI booking”, if you click on “KIT”, this takes you to the online inventory. ACTION: John to try and promote use of this facility by having e-mail prompt when SI kit booked. Angela suggested that this info could also be added to “organiser” info section. ACTION: John to look into this. • John has realised that he is not always getting e-mail requests when SI kit requested. This results in events showing “SI pending” on event info. ACTION: John to remedy this. • Having the 3rd SI laptop kit has helped with movement of kit between events. As BMBO have operating surplus, will look into 3rd set of timing boxes. ACTION: John to get quote and liaise with committee. • Tony reminded meeting of suggestion made at last year’s AGM about all SI equipment boxes being returned to Alan at least once a year for checks, updates etc ACTION:

	<p>event organisers using SI to co-operate with Alan to ensure this happens</p>
5. BMBO website	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online entry system working well. Sion commented that EOD numbers down significantly. • John would like the website to have a system which calculates league statistics when an event results are uploaded. ACTION: John to consult webmaster. • Discussion was held regarding possible problems linked to results processing. Riders who have a BMBO membership number will get a league score but EOD riders would need to have their BMBO number submitted by event organiser. John suggested a system whereby a new rider (without a BMBO number) would see their result on results list next to the event. If that rider then decides to join BMBO and wants to be included in league table, there could be a “CLAIM” button next to a result that was not previously included. ACTION: John to discuss with webmaster. • Phil B noted that for Midlands league, not all events are SI timing so he will continue collating these statistics as in previous years.
6. MBO Score	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See comments re participation in Chairperson’s report. • Will Kromhout (SWEMBO) had submitted two points for discussion: (i) ranking points at 2 day events. A discussion was held about whether all types of 2 day events could be included as some events have different time allowances e.g. 3 and 7 hour classes on one day. There is also the possibility that a non BMBO rider could win a “day” and skew the other rider’s scores. A VOTE was held and the motion was carried to include all 2 day events in the National MBO Score league with each individual day having a score, i.e. a BMBO rider who rides both days of a two day event will get two separate scores. (ii) Ranking system as a whole – Will suggested SIX events to count and possible change of score based on average score rather than winner. A discussion was held which included trying to understand the current ranking system used by British Orienteering (Foot O). Ifor explained that this involves a very complicated algorithm. A vote was held and it was unanimously agreed to continue with current system of best 10 scores to count with only six from any one area for National MBO league. • Tony highlighted issue when some results are sent to statistician with different classes, e.g. MVET. As BMBO league has M40, M50, M60 and M70 it can be difficult to collate league scores.
7. MTBO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No events in UK in 2017 – problems with access and lack of organisers etc. Internationally, 26 riders have completed 125 events in the World Masters MTBO Series (WMS). At the World Masters Championships, UK won 3 gold, 2 silver and 2 bronze medals. Emily Benham is currently ranked 2nd in the Elite Ladies and won medals at both World and European Champs.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Six events are pencilled in for 2018. Publicity needed to increase participation and it is felt that orienteers more likely to compete than recreational MTBers – Compass Sport magazine suggested as Focus now only online. ACTION: Tony to look into this • John wondered about adding the dates for World Masters MTBO Champs 2018 onto BMBO website. No voiced objection. ACTION: Tony
8. Marketing & Publicity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facebook & twitter continue to be the main avenues for advertising our sport / events. Magazine advertising is expensive so decided against. Using Singletrack website was also abandoned as too many pop-up adverts. • Cycle Surgery were new BMBO sponsors in 2017. • Mail chimp is a system that sends e-mail flyers out. ACTION: Ben to research and feedback to committee • Possible marketing budget option. ACTION: committee to decide on amount and liaise with Ben • Jeff commented that he has found flyers of little help to publicise Midlands league events in past. • Tony explained he has used facebook and local orienteering clubs to good effect. • Car stickers. Ray can get these made and will aim to get a few hundred made and sent out to regional league organisers. BMBO will purchase these. ACTION: Ray
9. Any Other Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ben reports that two BMBO National Champs Jerseys are now ordered for overall MBO Score winners (needed sizes first). There will also soon be the possibility to order BMBO jerseys using FORCE GB website. • National Champs Weekend 2018. John has volunteered to organise – location “Pennines”. • Peter request that all organisers enter the title and rough location of any event onto website calendar as soon as possible. If it just reads WCMTB2, WCMTB3 this is meaningless to any prospective riders. • Jackie thanked organisers / members for making her feel welcome during her trans-gender process.