**ECKO Committee Meeting**

**Wednesday 29th August, 2019 at Ross’ 7.00-9.00pm**

**Present:** Ross Lilley (RL) (Chair), Alan Partridge (AP) (Treasurer), Jan Kersel (JK)

(Secretary), Andy Dale (AD), Julie Watson (JW), Andrea Lines (AL),

**Apologies:** John McLuckie (JM),

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| Item | Detail | Action | Comments |
| 1 | Welcome | * Ross welcomed everybody * Minutes approved * Proposed by AP   Seconded by RL |  |
| 2 | Matters arising from previous minutes | * There were no matters arising. Any that were, were on the agenda. |  |
| 3 | Club Development Officer/Awards for all update | * Unfortunately, we were not successful with our bid a grant from Awards for all. On behalf of EckO the committee would like to thank Ross for all his hard work applying for the grant * However, we have agreed to press ahead with alternative applications. Fran Loots has suggested we apply for the SOA development fund combined with an application to the orienteering foundation to get the ball rolling again * We will meet with Fran at Kenmore after SOL4 | RL |
| 4 | SOL2020 - review and update/ Coille Nathais mapping | * Ross is discussing Coille Nathais update with a mapper and, all being well, hopes it will be updated by the end of the year. He will assess the amount of work required to upgrade and will inform us before commencing any work * Discussion on planning of courses for SOL and access to event area * We still need to find a Controller * Jan will approach members to form an organisers team to share the load. Suggested members - Dave B, Susannah M, Jan K, Andrea L, Julie W. Jan will talk to Lucy to get advice on the jobs required * It was suggested that juniors and their families could organise cake/soup stall * Permission still to be sought for Access - Stewart Findlay (Forestry and Land Scotland) - Ross to email | RL  RL  JK  RL |
| 5 | Scotjos weekend/ West Area Junior Coaching Squad | * 1/2 Nov - Hall and Pavilion at Taynuilt booked * SCOTJOS and possible some of Scottish Junior Hill Running club will attend. * Andrea/ Julie to co-ordinate catering for the weekend * EckO juniors to be encouraged to come * EckO to Plan exercises - Provisionally - Fri pm Inverawe/ Ganavan, Sat Glen Nant am, hill run pm, Sat pm talk, Sun - Glen Nant * ‘West Area Junior coaching squad’ will be invited to use the exercises and areas but will need to provide own coaches, accommodation and catering | JW/AL/SM  RL/AP |
| 6 | Six Day wash-up | * Committee congratulated Carol and Jan in their roles as Day Organiser and Assistant Day Organiser * Approximately 30 members of EckO supported Day 2 at Edinchip and put in a huge joint effort - Carol and Jan are very grateful for the support received, particularly Ross as Arena team leader. |  |
| 7 | Autumn Series | * Ross and Jan will provide junior and adult beginner training at each event if possible * It was agreed that there would be no league * TD1/2, TD3/4, TD 5 * A calendar of events, areas and organisers was drawn up which Alan will post on the website and Andy will register * Areas discussed * Discuss with Fiona + Robert if they would be happy to organise and event on Kerrera for Nov 17/24th. | RL/JK  AD/AP  JK |
| 8 | Lochaber 2021 | * Terry O’Brian event co-ordinator, Ross - Day Teams Co-ordinator * Clyde have offered people for other roles. * Terry planning to attend to appointments once Strathearn 2019 business is concluded |  |
| 9 | Hilary Smith Memorial Woodland Trust | * EckO are awaiting a further response from the trust before the offer and amount is confirmed |  |
| 10 | Oban Sports Hub | * Ross and Alan attended the latest meeting * A need to upgrade outdoor sports facilities in Oban has been identified * Ross pointed out that Oban has very little/no green space /park and Ganavan is often the de facto alternative to e.g. Mossfield pitches. |  |
| 11 | SOA UHI student orienteering initiative | * Sarah Dunn initiated a meeting of UHI outdoor education course tutors from Perth, Lochaber & Inverness campuses and relevant local O club reps. Ross attended on behalf of Ecko * If EckO is successful in appointing a development officer, it is hoped part of their role would be to help Lochaber offer more O opportunities for students and give the Outdoor Ed students opportunities to volunteer for planning/ organizing experience. |  |
| 12 | Mapping generally/fund raising | * It was agreed that we need to map new areas and upgrade other maps. In order to do this we need to resurrect the onlne list for mapping, decide on the focus areas ensuring they meet the criteria and then apply for funding from various sources eg Lochgilphead common good fund, Tesco fund, Windfarm sources | RL/JK/AP |
| 13 | committee membership | * It was agreed to approach Diane Mailer + Gregor (junior rep), David Owens, Ed Nyland to join the committee |  |
| 14 | Jon Musgrave - SOA competition review | * Jan will reply to Jon Musgrave re his request for information | JK |
| 15 | SportsScotland Awards for All - nominations | * Jan will send the committee the link for this | JK |
| 16 | AOB | * ABCD have invited EckO members to their Open Day. Jan will put this invite on the website/newsletter * Marcella McLennan (Tinto) has requested help with replacing controls at the permanent site at Glendaruel - Alan will liaise with Marcella * Andrea suggested decorating a Christmas Tree at St Conan’s Kirk in order to advertise EckO and orienteering * Stramash equipment - EckO now has their equipment which needs to be added to the inventory | JK  AP  AL/JW  AP/JK |
|  |  | Meeting closed at 21:10 |  |
| **Next meeting: Date: Thursday 24/10/19 Time: 7:00 Venue: Taigh-Osda Taigh an Uillt (Taynuilt**  **Hotel) ☺** | | | |