

OA Mapping Committee Meeting

Saturday 7th April 2012, 3.40pm

Library, Stanthorpe High School, Stanthorpe Queensland
Chair: Adrian Uppill

AGENDA

Present: Alex Tarr, Janet Morris, Michael Burt, Terry Bluett, Ray Prait, Barry Hanlon, Ann Scown, Eria Andrews, Jim Russell, Lachlan Hallett, Paul Hoopman, Rohan Hyslop, Russell Rigby
Apologies: Non received

Agenda Items:

- 1 Revision of ISOM2000 – AU advised that the revision has been delayed however the plan is to have a second consultation with member federations in the Autumn of 2012 (our Spring 2012).
AU asked to enquire from the IOF Map Commissioner about the degree of consultation and also ask about the time frame of revision.
- 2 Proposed Workshop at 2012 Aust Champs Carnival, Tasmania.
Call for topic(s) with AU suggesting workshop on Making Street / Park maps.
There was some discussion on and concern about dwindling numbers of mappers for bush mapping, and training thereof.
AS sees a need on how to use base maps, undertake field work and draft maps for street / park orienteering.
AU to follow up on the workshop proposal re 'introduction to street/school/ park mapping', to be held during the Aust Champs carnival in Tas.

AU advised members about the 15th International Conference on Orienteering Maps, July 2012, Switzerland, and its focus on Sprint Mapping. Invitation to attend
- 3 Producing Digital Print Maps – AU advised that new information on digital printing has been added to the Mapping pages of the OA web site and in particular refers to several papers prepared by Ken Dowling made available through his **MapSport** web page:
<http://www.mapsport.com.au/mapping-resources/>

NB: Papers now available directly from OA mapping pages here:
<http://www.orienteering.asn.au/technical/mapping/printingmaps/>

AU advised OCAD AG has recently appointed **MapSport** as Australian reseller of its cartographic products.
- 4 Notification of requests for map deviations during the last 12 months. AU advised:
 - a. Request by Tim Hatley, OA Event Advisor, 2011 Oceania Middle Distance Championships, to use a map scale of 1:7500 for all non-elite classes. Approval not granted.
AU outlined reason for the decision ie map not legible at 1:15000, use of undersize symbols and discontinuous contour lines. AU conferred with EA and Noel Schoknecht in arriving at the decision. AT (who remapped the area) gave a briefing about the map and that trial runs by a few elites and older age group runners were conducted to assess any issues of mapping, scale and legibility. AU highlighted the need for a map to be legible 'on the run' and to meet the requirements of ISOM.

- b. Request by Mark Key, Mapper Orienteering Tasmania, for the 2012 Aust Sprint Distance Championships at Bicheno, a WRE, to use ISOM symbol 209 Boulder cluster on the Sprint map, there being no equivalent symbol under ISSOM. Approval granted.
- c. Request by Bob Mouatt to use digital printed maps for the 2011 Australian Orienteering Championships, 'Gaerlock', Cooma. Approval granted.
- d. Request by Eric Andrews to use digital printed maps for the 2012 Easter carnival. Approval granted.

AU reminded members that all requests for map deviations require at least 6 months' notice before the event.

5 Mapping topics for discussion

- a. Green stripe V full green colour.

EA opened discussion about mapping standards and in particular the level of detail that is expected for an orienteering map. This led to discussion on the mapping of difficult vegetation types such as lantana, the dilemma this can pose to a mapper re choice of symbol that best represents the vegetation feature and whether guidance notes are needed. Discussion ensued on the use of the Green stripe and the full green colours. A map image using a combination of both stripes (symbols 407 & 409) and the full greens (symbols 406, 408 & 410) was displayed for discussion. There was some strong opinion from members against the use of random green blobs. Time restraints prevented further discussion.

General comment by AU:

It is considered that the existing stripes, the full green symbols or a combination thereof are sufficient for the mapping of difficult vegetation. Where uncertainty exists in the interpretation, agreement should be reached between the mapper and the controller early in the mapping process. Further, mapper's notes on the treatment of mapping difficult vegetation are essential for information to orienteers in the event information.

- 6 Colour blocks. JR requested that colour blocks (useful for colour matching) be posted on the mapping pages and will resend his colour blocks to AU