



Minutes of the MTBO Commission Meeting

Place: Liberec, Czech Republic (rest day of WMTBOC)

Date: 20 August 2015

Participants:

Sandor Talas (ST), chairman (HUN)
Ursula Häusermann (UH), member (SUI)
André Hermet (AH), member (FRA)
Ludomir Parfianowicz (LP), member (POL)
Jiri Vransky (JV), member (CZE)

Invited:

Michaela Gigon (MG), chair Athletes' Commission (present after 11 o'clock)
Hans Jørgen Kvåle (HJK), IOF Marketing Manager
Brian Porteous (BP), IOF President (for items 8a and 8b)

Excused:

Magnus Wallenborg (MW), member (SWE)
Thomas Wieser (TW), member (AUT)

1 Opening

The meeting opened at 9 am on Thursday, 20 August 2015.

2 Approval of the agenda

The agenda that was circulated before the meeting was approved.

3 Approval of previous minutes

The minutes of the last meeting in January 2015 were approved.

4 Matters arising and decisions taken since the last meeting

a. WMTBOC 2018 and World Cup 2017 decisions

WMTBOC 2018: 2 applicants, namely AUT and DEN. The Council decided on Austria.
World Cup 2017: The Council followed the MTBOC's recommendation and appointed AUT and FRA.

b. Development document first MTBO event

As a follow-up to the successful MTBO development work done in North America last year, the MTBOC was allocated € 2000 of IOF development funds. It was decided to spend this money on a publication on how to organise a first MTBO event (see also 8 c.).

- c. For the time being the **punching range for SPORTident Air+** can be 0.3 - 1.8 m in MTBO.
- d. For the **IOF MTBO competition programme review** (see also 5 g.) an **expert group** was constituted. Besides ST and MG it consists of Augusto Almeida (POR), Kay Haarsma (AUS), Jussi Laurila (FIN) and Roma Puisiene (LTU).

5 International event calendar

- a. **Applications for the World Championships 2019**
Application deadline is end of December 2015. 1-2 federations might apply.
- b. **Applications for the World Cup rounds 2018**
Application deadline is end of December 2015. Applications can be expected from 3-4 federations.
- c. **WMMTBOC 2018**
One federation has expressed interest in organising this event.
- d. **Status of upcoming events**
 - **World Cup round 1 in May 2016 in FRA:** Preparations are behind schedule due to change of organising club, and no bulletin has been published yet. Bulletin is expected early September.
 - **World Championships 2016 in POR and World Cup round 3 in Sept/October 2016 in LTU:** Everything seems to be on track.
 - **WMTBOC / JWMTBOC in August 2017 in LTU:** Preparations are at an advanced stage and everything looks excellent.
- e. **World Ranking Events 2016**
Application deadline is end of September 2015. The use of Eventor is compulsory as an easy-to-use entry channel for international athletes, but flexibility is possible in other aspects.
- f. **World Masters Series 2016**
The Masters Working Group has agreed on a programme consisting of 7 events. Each event will include two competitions (Middle and Long) except for the WMMTBOC where all three races (Sprint, Middle and Long) will count. The detailed programme can be found at <http://www.mtbo-commission.com/world-masters-series.html>.
- g. **IOF programme review**
For MTBO it is important to have a WMTBOC every year and the World Cup. A decision by the Council is expected in October 2015; if required, the General Assembly will decide on the programme in July 2016.
80 % of the members of the Athletes' Commission are in favour of a 5th medal competition, and Mass Start is the preferred format by the AC. Furthermore, the AC would like to keep the EMTBOC as they are.

6 Event advising and quality

a. Evaluation of the 2015 international events

The feedback on the first two World Cup rounds 2015 (HUN and POR) was in general very positive but showed potential for improvement in some areas. The detailed feedback from participants on all three rounds will be published in October 2015.

b. EA newsletter

Possible topics for the EA newsletter, which is planned to be sent out in autumn, were discussed.

c. EA and Organiser Clinics:

In connection with the EMTBOC a clinic was held in POR in June 2015 with 8 participants. A next clinic is planned in Vilnius, LTU, on 21-22 November 2015.

In 2016 a clinic might take place in connection with the 1st World Cup round in FRA.

Organisers of upcoming events will be invited to take part in the EA clinics.

d. Injury and accident database. MG will create a database of past events and a form to be filled out by the organisers to report about accidents.

e. It was agreed that it would be useful to have a **database of disqualifications and complaints** at major events. UH will start this database by asking the 2015 organisers.

f. SEA appointments

Current status:

- World Cup 2016 in FRA: Magnus Wallenberg (SWE)
- WMTBOC/JWMTBOC 2016 in POR: Jan Eg Pedersen (DEN)
- World Cup 2016 in LTU: Ludomir Parfianowicz (POL)
- WMTBOC/JWMTBOC 2017 in LTU: Ursula Häusermann (SUI)

Possible EAs for the World Cup events in 2017 and the WMTBOC in 2018 were discussed.

7 Rules and mapping standards

a. Special rules for World Cup 2017

The rules will be finalized after the IOF competition programme review is completed (planned for October).

b. Work on the ISMTBOM review is still in progress. Most urgently needed is a solution for rideable area and map symbols for competitions in urban terrain.

c. R14 – revision of IOF rules: There has been no visible progress in the past six months.

d. Rule change proposals

- Mass start: standing start over your bike
- Relay: Exchange by touch only (not with map) Maps shall be placed at least 50 m away
- Relay: exchange in the same direction should be used, if possible
- Relay: 45 minutes per leg for elite, 35 minutes for juniors
- Start: athletes have to have one foot on the ground until start signal (both for individual and mass start)

8 Strategic development

- a. MTBO has a huge potential in countries where FootO is difficult to do and it is therefore an important way in growing the global footprint of orienteering.
BP's information on the IOF strategy can be viewed in his presentation which is available under <http://www.mtbo-commission.com/open-meetings-forums.html>.
- b. Improving cooperation with the Council (with BP)
BP advised the MTBOC to discuss possible proposals or projects informally before submitting them officially.
- c. **Development project - publication on how to organise a first MTBO Event** (see also 4 b.)
A call for applications to write such a publication will be made in early September (ST). Besides listing the planned contents, applicants will have to send a sample page and inform whether they want to create the whole document (contents + graphics) or just either part of it. € 1500 will be paid for writing the document (contents) and € 500 for the graphics. HJK will draft the contract.
- d. **Development questions: Masters**
UH conducted a survey on a limit of participants per 5-year age class. Out of the 100 respondents 67 want to have a minimum limit of participants per 5-year age class. 55 % think that the minimum limit for not merging into a given 10-year age class should be 10. This corresponds to the proposal of the MTBOC of last year (see 4.5 in the minutes of the last meeting in January 2015). The MTBOC will submit a proposal for the introduction of a minimum limit of 10 participants per 5-year age class if there is a chance that this proposal will find the Council's approval.

9 AOB

Duration of **feedback signal for touchless chips** was raised by the IT Commission. The FootO Commission would like to see 3 to 5 sec feedback instead of 8 to 10 sec used now. The MTBOC and AC believe that it should certainly not be under 5 seconds, but it needs to be tested more before a decision can be taken for shortening it. This is a question mainly related to EMIT chips, as SI Air+ cards can be programmed for different feedback length.

10 Next meeting

The next meeting is planned to be held in Malmö, SWE, on 22-23 January 2016.

The meeting closed at 4.30 pm.

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chairman

Ursula Häusermann
commission member