

Summary from the Minutes

Foot O Commission 4-10, Prague (CZE)

Saturday, 23rd October 2010, 08.30 – 19.00

WOC 2010 NOR report:

This WOC was a success and created a high standard in many aspects including TV production. FOC notes that in situations with one arena for several events, IOF should encourage more extensive use of good terrain even if there is overlap between the events. The terrain usage (and course setting in general) was agreed to be one educational theme in the high-level senior event adviser clinic next February.

WOC 2011 FRA status report:

The runner's petition concerning map scale based on experience from the World Cup race in a related French terrain and a map drawn by the WOC mapper team was discussed. In FOC's opinion, the map should be generalised and enlargement to 1:10'000 is not the solution to the problems encountered.

WOC 2012 SUI status report:

Preparations are on track. A new National Controller had to be designated.

WOC 2013 FIN status report.

The proposed programme is:

Sun 7th July: Long Qualification

Mon 8th July: Sprint Qualification, Opening ceremony, Sprint Final

Tue 9th July: Long Final

Wed 10th July: Rest day

Thu 11th July: Middle Qualification

Fri 12th July: Middle Final

Sat 13th July: Relay, WOC Closing Ceremony, Banquet

FOC supports the programme. The corresponding rule deviation request (Rule 3.2) is also supported.

WOC 2014 ITA status report:

No news.

WOC Guidelines

Clive Allen prepared a draft for a 2nd edition. FOC looked at all the changes made, and proposes some minor amendments. FOC further noted the remarks of Stig Berge (WOC 2010), and asks Clive to take them up by rewriting some parts of the Guidelines. In the month of December, the document should be finalized and put on the website.

The Guidelines triggered a discussion on course setting. It was decided to set up a project team "course planning". It is intended to collect examples of good course planning and draft course planning guidelines based on existing documents from member Federations.

IOF project WOC in the future (WIF)

Björn informed on the status of the project and the results of a preliminary poll. A special page on the IOF website will be set up. Konrad represents FOC within the project group.

Special Rules WC 2011 were discussed based on a proposal prepared by Mikko. If an athlete does not start in all three NORT events, he/she will not get any points. There are no national quotas for the World Cup Final. The Special Rules were finalised for discussion by the Rules Commission and acceptance by Council.

World Cup 2012

Mikko is working with the NORT team to define further events in the NORT programme. A proposal is expected for our January meeting.

World Cup 2013: status of planning

It is noted that the NZL application has now been received. FOC accepts the three events as proposed.

World Cup 2014

Application deadline for WC 2014 is 31st January 2011. Extension of this deadline should be envisaged, if needed, for an application for an out-of-Europe event.

JWOC 2010 report:

The organisers obviously underestimated the number of volunteers required to run such an event, and the complexity of setting up a start list.

JWOC 2011 POL: status report

Preparations are on track. Bulletin 3 will be published in March.

JWOC 2012 SVK: status report

Preparations are on track. The organisers are very strongly urged to participate in JWOC 2011 as observers. This is the best way to learn best practices and how to avoid mistakes.

JWOC 2013 CZE: status report

The organising team has been set up, and a National Controller appointed.

Rule change proposals

Based on the SEA report from JWOC 2010, it is proposed that Rule 22.14 is restricted to WOC and WG. This will allow relay teams in JWOC to continue to run the relay even after a disqualification.

WMOC 2011 HUN: status report

Preparations on track.

WMOC 2012 GER: status report

The German national controller does not speak English. FOC suggest that a controller assistant should be nominated to support the NC in his contacts to the SEA.

The Organisers plan to move the date one day back to 1st July (Sprint Qualification) to Saturday, 7th July (Long Final). This should allow one to participate in WMOC *and* in events in the following week (e.g. Tour-O-Swiss).

WMG/WMOC 2013 ITA: status report

For financial constraints it is still not resolved whether the WMG will take place in Torino as planned.

Rule change proposals

The rule change proposals based on WMOC experience were discussed in Trondheim (FOC 3-10) and then transferred to the Rules Commission. A decision of Council should be taken.

The WMOC guidelines will be updated after the Council meeting to reflect these changes. Publication is planned in January 2011.

Regional Championships:

The SEA reports from AsOC 2010 and NAOC 2010 are acknowledged. This triggered a discussion on what FOC would like to learn from such reports.

World Games 2013

Björn informed on the status of the preparations for the World Games 2013.

WREs

FOC now considers putting the requirement to send maps of WREs to IOF (for use by the Map Commission) into the Guidelines and not in the Rules.

WRE points remain now valid for 18 months. The principle is not changed that the 4 best results in a 12 month period shall give the overall score.

WRE guidelines will be updated for January 2011.

SEA selection and training

An EA clinic took place 9th/10th October in Geneva (SUI).

Clinics are planned in TUR (Antalya, 22nd/23rd March 2011), during O-ringen (SWE) and during World Masters (HUN) 2011. A High Level Event Adviser Seminar will be offered in 2011 (5th/6th February). This will be located in Prague, being more attractive for Central European member federations.

SEA selection: EYOC will not be handled by FOC, but we should provide suitable event advisers for WUOC.

The following SEA nominations are proposed:

2012

WCup 1 and 2, FRA:	Roger Vanaken, BEL
WCup 6 and 7, SUI:	David Aleš, CZE
WCup 11, 12 and 13, NORT (NOR, SWE, FIN)	Ivar Maalen-Johansen, NOR and Göran Andersson, SWE

2013

JWOC, CZE	Áron Less, HUN
WCup NORT (NOR, SWE, FIN)	Ivar Maalen-Johansen, NOR and Göran Andersson, SWE

AOB

Cancelling a competition: clarification of Rule 26.12. FOC discussed the document prepared by David Rosen and Barry McCrae. The principles set out are fully supported by FOC.

Change to Rule 9.10 (Replacement of runners up to 1 h before the event). Based on such replacements during World Cup events in FRA and SUI, it is proposed to change this rule.

Marking of electronic punching poles on the finish line. These poles are sometimes barely visible. The organisers should make sure that the finish line is properly marked.

New program for qualification start list draw. This updated software is highly recommendable and should be used by WOC and JWOC organisers, and in other events with parallel qualification heats.

Event application process. This document presented by Leho Haldna in Trondheim needs further scrutiny. The Event Quality Project is ongoing.

Next meetings

Friday, 21st January 2011, starting 16.30 h, ending Sunday 23rd January 2011, at 11.00 h