



Minutes – Foot Orienteering Commission – Meeting 2–16

Place: Remotely – through Skype

Date: Monday, 21st March 2016 – 20:00-22:00 CET

Participants:	Áron Less (AL)	Chairman
	Tomáš Dlabaja (TD)	Member
	Vincent Frey (VF)	Member
	Maria Krafft Helgesson (MKH)	Member
	Helge Lang Pedersen (HLP)	Member
	David May (DM)	Member
	Janne Salmi (JS)	Member
	Unni Strand Karlsen (USK)	Member
	Blair Trewin (BT)	Member

Invitations:	Mike Dowling	FOC's IOF Council contact person
	David Wästlund	IOF Sports Administrator

OPENING

1 Opening AL

AL opens the meeting. He especially welcomes new FOC member Maria Krafft Helgesson.

2 Follow up of Minutes FOC 1-16 AL

All follow-up topics are discussed under the various agenda items below.

TO NOTE DECISIONS / ACTIONS TAKEN SINCE THE FOC MEETING 4-15

3 Council & ESB decisions AL

- SEA nominations:
 - SEA EYOC 2017 (SVK): Adam Chromý (CZE)
 - SEA WMOC 2018 (DEN): Tony Thornley (GBR), Assistant: Steve McKinley (GBR)
 - SEA WCup 2017 (FIN): Kjell Blomseth (NOR) & Lachezar Iliev (BUL). A clear definition of sharing the tasks has been

- established.
- SEA WUOC 2018 (FIN): Margus Sarap (EST)
- FOC and MTBOC had asked Council for a clarification regarding item 4 in the minutes of Council meeting 176, related to SEA appointments. They had also proposed a rewording of the Council decision in the minutes of meeting 176.

Council clarified that the minutes were in fact in line with Council policy, i.e. all SEA appointments need Council approval via the ESB. To further clarify the proposed rewording submitted by FOC and MTBOC, Council stated that Council members, Athletes' Commission members, Discipline Commission chairs and the Rules Commission chair should not be appointed SEAs. Other Commission members and other support Commission chairs could be appointed as SEAs.

Council noted also that Discipline Commissions should be encouraged to develop more SEAs who are not Commission members.

FOCUS ON KEY OUTCOMES – STRATEGIC PLANNING

4 WOC

AL, KI

- **WOC 2016, SWE:** Preparations are on track.
 - From the FOC Minutes 5-15: FOC asked USK to investigate if it is legally and practically possible to provide access to the base map material of the event areas. This should be resolved in a few weeks.
- **WOC 2018, LAT:** From the last Council meeting: "WOC/WTOC 2018 (LAT), requested a change of dates due to a problem with forest access on the original dates (27 July – 5 Aug). The WOC/WTOC 2018 was planned to be moved to 4-11 August 2018. This however creates a complete overlap of dates with WMTBOC 2018 which cannot be allowed. Council returned the issue to FOC and TOC to resolve in consultation with MTBOC if necessary." Update. AL to contact the organiser and the SEA on this. Dates for WMTBOC are fixed and cannot be moved.
- **WOC 2019:** One application from Norway (Østfold). AL & Jørn Sundby made an assessment visit on 16-17 March. AL presented the assessment to FOC. FOC recommends Norway to be appointed as organisers of WOC 2019. AL to forward the assessment report to Council.
- **WOC 2020 application process:** The application deadline was 15th March. One application received from Denmark (Vejle, Kolding and Fredericia). AL to make an assessment visit ideally before FOC meeting 3-16 together with Jørn Sundby

and/or Tom Hollowell.

- **WOC in the future.** Council discussed feedback from Federations and experts and presented three topics for FOC to make suggestions:
 - Middle distance qualification
 - a report was presented by BT and approved by FOC. FOC agreed that AL sends the paper to the Competition Review Project Group.
 - Long distance qualification
 - a report was presented by BT and approved by FOC. FOC agreed that AL sends the paper to the Competition Review Project Group.
 - Additional Sprint WOC format
 - a report was presented by BT and approved by FOC. FOC agreed that AL sends the paper to the Competition Review Project Group. FOC recommends that the decision is postponed by two years to enable thorough testing for any new formats.

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| 5 | World Cup | JS, BT |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• World Cup 2016: status report• World Cup 2017: special rules – draft should be available for the next meeting by BT.• World Cup 2018: status report. A consortium of interested parties had been identified and discussions were ongoing. No update on this yet. | |
| 6 | JWOC | HLP |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• JWOC 2016 (SUI): Preparations are on track. | |
| 7 | WMOC | DM, BT |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• WMOC 2016 (EST). New SEA report available. Preparations are on track. | |
| 8 | Regional Senior Championships (ROCs) | BT |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• European Orienteering Championships, 21-28 May 2016, Jeseník, Czech Republic. Update.• Asian Orienteering Championships 2016, 27 July – 2 August 2016, Chai-Yi & Tai-nan, Chinese Taipei. Rule deviation request to have the relay on a 1:5.000 scale ISSOM map. This request has been approved by ESB.• South American Orienteering Championships 2016, 27-30 October, | |

Valparaiso, Chile. Bulletin 1 has been published in IOF Eventor: <http://eventor.orienteering.org/Documents/Event/551/1/Bulletin-1>

From the last Council Minutes: "Council asked that FOC be tasked with checking the viability of the planned SAOC and SAJYOC including the setting of rules for this regional championships. ...

Council had received notification that a South American regional youth championship might be considered in connection with the SAOC 2016. However, Council felt that the SAOC should first be firmly established prior to including a youth championship, and recommended that this be included first in 2018."

FOC recommends that the South American Orienteering Championships have official IOF Regional Championship status from now onwards. **AL to communicate this towards the Office.**

- **European Orienteering Championships**, 5th to 13th May 2018, Ticino, Switzerland. A rule deviation request was received to use 1:10.000 scale in the Long Distance event. **FOC does not support the request.**

FOCUS ON KEY OUTCOMES – RULES

9 Rules

USK,
DM

- EYOC Rules should be changed in the end of the year to enable 1:10.000 map scales for long distance competitions.
- JS suggested to look into the possibilities to make it easier to enable digitally printed maps for World Ranking Events. This should be on the Agenda for FOC Meeting 3-16.

FOCUS ON KEY OUTCOMES – EVENT QUALITY AND ADVISING

10 Event Advising

USK,
VF,
HLP

EA Clinics:

- HLES in Riga (6-7 February 2016) was organised very successfully with 66 participants from 17 countries. IOF (FOC) and LOF were the main organising bodies. AL specially thanks HLP & USK for their contribution.
- Clinic in 2016: EA clinic in DEN in conjunction with Danish Spring (18-19 March). **17 participants from 6 countries. Successful Clinic with good feedback.**
- Clinic in 2016: EA Clinic in BRA, 30 September – 2 October.
- Clinic in 2016: EA Clinic in EST, 9 August (WMOC 2016 rest day).

SEA nominations.

- A new SEA intro document was initiated recently.

YOUTH PROMOTION

11 Regional Youth Championships (RYOC) VF, TD, AL

- **European Youth Orienteering Championships (EYOC) 2016 (POL).** Rule deviation request from the organiser to use 1:10.000 map for the long distance race. This scale was also used in previous years, but now requires a rule deviation from IOF Council. **Same rule deviation request received from EYOC 2017 in Slovakia. FOC supports these rule deviation requests, AL to forward this to ESB.**
- **European Youth Orienteering Championships (EYOC) 2018.** Two applications from BUL and CZE. VF will do the assessment. **VF asks the candidates to send additional information and provide assessments for the May meeting in FOC. FOC asks the applicants for presentations during FOC Meeting 3-16. AL to notify the applicants.**

Council asks FOC to evaluate a common class structure for regional Junior/Youth championships. Guidance should be sought from other sports bodies, e.g. IOC Youth Games. VF, TD & BT to investigate this for FOC meeting 3-16.

EVENT DEVELOPMENT

12 Guidelines KI, BT, AL

- **JWOC Guidelines:** **New update available. AL to send it to the IOF Office for publishing.**

VISIBILITY OF ORIENTEERING

13 World Ranking Events. Nothing to report. VF, DM

OTHER MATTERS

14 Next meetings all

- FOC meeting 3-16 in connection with EOC in CZE (Jeseník):
 - AL responsible for the organisation
 - **Meetings (planned): Friday 27/5: 08:00-12:00; Saturday 16:00-22:00; Sunday 09:00-16:00**
- meeting place is Hotel Slovan in Jeseník.
- FOC meeting 4-16 during WMOC in Tallinn (possible to run WMOC):
 - JS responsible for the organisation (accommodation and meeting room)
 - **Meetings (planned): Saturday 6/8: 13:30-20:00; Sunday 7/8 14:00-20:00; Monday 8/8 14:00-18:00**
 - meeting place is Hotel Viru. JS volunteered to secure accommodation for FOC members in Hotel Viru.

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- black (normal) letters: original text from the agenda
- blue text: text added during the meeting
- red text: action items

AL & HLP 23/03/2016