

## MINUTES – Foot Orienteering Commission – Meeting 2 - 2014

**Place:** Budapest, Hungary

**Date:** Saturday, 15 March 2014, 9 AM CET – 7 PM CET

**Participants:** Mikko Salonen (MS) Chairman  
Goran Andersson (GA) Member  
Unni Strand Karlsen (USK) Member  
Aron Less (AL) Member  
David May (DM) Member  
Willi Mueller (WM) Member  
Blair Trewin (BT) Member  
Björn Persson (BP) Sports Director (for Agenda Items 7 & 12 through Skype)

**Apologies:** Vincent Frey (VF) Member  
Hideo Onoe (HO) Member

**Invitation:** Matthias Merz (MM) Athletes' Commission Chairman

### OPENING

**1 Opening** MS  
MS opened the meeting.

**2 Follow up of Minutes FOC 1-14** MS  
The minutes of the meeting 1-2014 were approved.

### TO NOTE DECISIONS TAKEN BY EMAIL SINCE THE FOC MEETING 1-14

**3 Oceania Rules** MS  
Oceania Rules were finalised after our last meeting and sent to Rules Commission and Council for their approval. FOC noted the final version.

**4 Guidelines for World Ranking Events** MS  
Rules Commission (David Rosen) finalised guidelines for World Ranking events in February based on our discussion in January meeting.  
***Action item (for IOF Office, VF to coordinate):*** FOC noted the following action items about the final version of the WRE guidelines and the IOF World Ranking Scheme document (for IOF Office):

1. FOC's opinion is that sub-regional championships need to apply for WRE status; can still stay outside the country quota; and they need to pay the full WRE sanction fee.
2. JWOC should be listed in both documents as an event outside the national WRE quota.

- 5 IOF World Ranking Scheme** MS  
The IOF Office finalised World Ranking Schema in February. FOC noted the final version, comments are under agenda 4.

## EVENT PLANNING

- 6 Major Event Evaluation Process (organiser selection process)** BT  
Discussion based on a more detailed paper prepared by BT. Some details were further discussed, especially the proposed weighting to different components.  
**Action item (BT):** BT to re-draft the document based on comments.

- 7 WOC** BP  
7.1 WOC reports  
WOC 2013, FIN: The financial report is still pending – the SEA Report should be updated once information is available.  
WOC 2014, ITA: No new SEA Report available. Next visit in May.  
WOC 2015, GBR: No new SEA Report available. No accommodation will be available in Inverness campus as it will not be ready in time. Everything else is according to plan. TV interest from BBC. Next visit in May.  
WOC 2016, SWE: No new SEA Report available. Good progress overall.  
WOC 2017, EST: No new SEA Report available. Dates were confirmed in Council (1-8 July). SEA nomination postponed. Progress with embargoed areas.

### 7.2 WOC 2018 application process

New deadline for applications is 15 March. One bid from Latvia received.

- 8 World Cup** WM  
World Cup 2014: status report  
- SEA Report from Turkey. The event was a success with the first unofficial Sprint Relay World Cup event.

World Cup 2015: status report

- SEA Report from Round 2  
**Action item (WM):** WM to answer ASAP the questions in the SEA report.
- Programme:
  - o Round 1: 3-11/1 AUS some confusion with purpose of sprint prologue race.
  - o Round 2: 3-7/6 NOR/SWE (includes Sprint Relay)
  - o Round 3: 1-7/8 GBR (WOC) (includes Sprint Relay)
  - o Round 4: 3-4/10 SUI (includes Sprint Relay).
  - o Special Rules are now ready but need some fine-tuning.  
**Action item (WM):** WM to prepare a new draft ASAP, consult with AUS and Rules Commission.
  - o Special Rules for Sprint Relay are approved by FOC

World Cup 2016: status report

- Discussion about WCup 2016 programme. The plan from the previous meeting is the following
  - o 1) EOC in CZE in 21-28 May
  - o 2) Sprint + Middle + (Sprint) Relay in POL in early June (10-12 June?)

MM

- 3) WOC in SWE in August
- 4) WCup finals in SUI – Middle + Sprint + (Sprint) Relay.
- Decision regarding the final program was postponed to the next meeting.

World Cup 2017: status report

- Applications received from FIN and SUI. Programme for 2017 will be discussed later this year.

Future of World Cup:

- MM had gathered a wider group to develop ideas from the previous meeting further. FOC believes that the WCup in its current state is not working properly. FOC supports the ideas laid down in the MM's paper about future WCup concept.

***Action item (MM):*** FOC decided that MM should develop a discussion paper to the Council allowing FOC to get feedback on how to proceed. The decision regarding the WCup programme in 2016 was postponed until guidance on WCup's future is received from the Council.

## 9 JWOC

AL

JWOC 2014, BUL: status report, no new SEA Report available

JWOC 2015, NOR: status report, no new SEA Report available

JWOC 2016, SUI: status report, no new SEA Report available

JWOC 2017: Applications received from FIN, GER and HUN

FOC discussed about the applications and decided to invite all three candidates to make a presentation in July meeting. MS and AL did not participate in discussion as they had a conflict of interest.

***Action item (IOF Office, AL to coordinate):*** All three candidates are shortlisted and should be invited to make a presentation during the FOC meeting on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> July in Lavaredo, Italy.

One of the FOC's special remits for 2014 is to develop JWOC. AL prepared a discussion paper and FOC agreed that the project should keep going. According to the agenda, FOC will form and forward proposals to Council in the Autumn.

***Action item (AL):*** AL to form a project group and come back with development proposals to the July meeting.

## 10 WMOC

DM

WMOC 2014 BRA: status report, no new SEA Report available. SEA Øivind Holt to visit Brazil during spring.

WMOC 2015 SWE: status report, no new SEA Report available. Bulletin 1 now published. Next visit planned for August.

WMOC 2016 EST: status report, no new SEA Report available. WMOC dates are confirmed as Sat 6<sup>th</sup> August (Sprint Model/Opening ceremony) to Sat 13<sup>th</sup> August (Long Final/Closing Ceremony). First visit planned for May 2014.

WMOC 2017: Council has not yet approved New Zealand's application (in conjunction with the World Masters Games). Once the decision is confirmed, FOC should start the process of selecting a candidate as SEA.

- 11 ROCs** HO, BT
- European Orienteering Championships, 9-16 April 2014, Portugal
  - Asian Orienteering Championships, 15-22 September 2014, Shchuchinsk of Akmola, Kazakhstan. Bulletin 1 was published.
  - North American Orienteering Championships, 10-13 October 2014, Canada
  - Oceania Orienteering Championships, 2-11 January 2015, Tasmania, Australia
  - North American Orienteering Championships 2016 USA:

- 12 The World Games** BP
- The World Games 2017: POL will organise the event. SEA will be nominated once orienteering has officially invited to be part of the WG 2017, most probably in the summer. The dates for The World Games are 3-13 August.

## EVENT QUALITY

- 13 SEA** USK
- HLES 2014: SWE (Gothenburg). Dates were 1-2 February. Well attended. 59 entries from 14 nations. 3 sections (WOC, WMOC, IT)

Plan for future EA Clinics:

- Clinic in Tallinn 22-23 March 2014 – 29 entrants
- EA Clinic in combination with NAOC 2014 Training weekend – 26 April, Ottawa, CAN
- EA Clinic during Swiss O Week
- Possible other Clinics in 2014 during WMOC 2014 in Brazil
- An Open Sprint Relay seminar is to be organised by FOC during WOC, led by USK on the day after the WOC Sprint Relay (8 July).

- 14 Event Evaluation Process (after the event)** MM
- MM prepared and evaluated a questionnaire (based on the MTBO Commission questionnaire) for Sprint Relay and general organisational aspects. GA assisted from FOC's side. GA

30% of the athletes in Turkey answered – a total of 41 competitors. Overall feedback is positive from the athletes. Running order may be considered to be changed. Forking was not sufficient. Touch-free punching worked well. Touching distance should be minimal.

The Wcup race attendants in FIN to fill this same questionnaire.

**Action item (MM):** MM to finalise the questionnaire for publication on the IOF website.

- 15 Rules** USK
- Time penalties. Discussion based on GA's paper postponed until next meeting. GA

## YOUTH PROMOTION

- 16 Youth Promotion** VF

No further action at this stage (as decided in meeting 3-13).

## EVENT DEVELOPMENT

### 17 Guidelines

Update & discussion:

- WOC Guidelines: Updating is needed with the new qualification formats and the introduction of the Sprint Relay. Updating WOC Guidelines should be linked to WCup Guidelines update. BP
- WCup Guidelines: David Rosen has reviewed the current WCup guidelines and stated that they are not ready for publishing. The Guidelines should be re-written as part of the WOC Guidelines WM  
***Action item (MS):** WOC and WCup Guidelines should be combined based upon David Rosen's recommendation. MS to ask BP to assist on updating the WOC Guidelines after WOC 2014.*
- JWOC Guidelines: Final draft available for this meeting. AL  
***Action item (AL):** AL to re-draft the Guidelines with cross references to the Rules. If Rules Commission finds it suitable, it should be forwarded to the IOF Office for approval and publication.*
- WMOC Guidelines: New version published in February.
- WRE Guidelines: New version published in March.

### 18 WRE

Nothing to note.

VF

## VISIBILITY OF ORIENTEERING

### 19 Visibility of orienteering

Update. This is a new remit from Council and the results should appear in the WOC Guidelines.

## OTHER MATTERS

### 20 AOB

Discussion based on BT's paper on prior knowledge and embargoes in the era of modern technology postponed until next meeting in July.

### 21 Next meeting – FOC 3 – 2014

all

Meetings during WOC in Italy. 6 July – for JWOC applications; 7 & 9 July for other matters. Probably also further meetings.

If necessary, FOC may have an additional meeting through Skype on Sunday 11 May at 20:00 CET.