

MINUTES – Foot Orienteering Commission – Meeting 3 - 14

Place: Online, through Skype

Date: Sunday, 11 May 2014, 20:00 – 22:30 CET

Participants:

Mikko Salonen (MS)	Chairman
Goran Andersson (GA)	Member
Vincent Frey (VF)	Member
Unni Strand Karlsen (USK)	Member
Aron Less (AL)	Member
David May (DM)	Member
Blair Trewin (BT)	Member

Absent:

Willi Müller (WM)	Member
Hideo Onoe (HO)	Member
Björn Persson	IOF Sports Director

Invitations: Matthias Merz (MM) FootO Athletes' Commission Chairman

OPENING

- 1 Opening** MS
MS opened the meeting.
- 2 Follow up of Minutes FOC 2-14** MS
The minutes of the meeting 2-14 were approved as a true record of the meeting.

TO NOTE DECISIONS / ACTIONS TAKEN SINCE THE FOC MEETING 2-14

- 3 NAOC Rules** MS
NAOC Rules were finalised by Rules Commission and have been accepted by the Council.
- 4 Oceania Rules** MS
Oceania Rules are now finalised. Final version accepted, with some minor amendments by Council.
***Action item (MS):** Revised Oceania Rules should be sent to Council for approval.*
- 5 Event Evaluation Process (after the event)** MM
Event Evaluation Questionnaire was finalised after last meeting and published on the IOF's website on 25th of March. GA

6 Guidelines for World Ranking Events

VF

Following-up the action item from FOC meeting 2-14, the new version of the WRE Guidelines and the IOF World Ranking Scheme document are updated and published on the IOF website.

EVENT PLANNING

7 Major Event Evaluation Process (organiser selection process)

BT

***Action item from the meeting 2-14 (BT):** BT to re-draft the document based on comments.* Topic will be discussed in detail during the July meeting.

8 WOC

BP

8.1 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. Customer base for TV is pretty good, only one customer is needed to proceed. Rate card model is a success.

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. Plans are for full TV coverage, except for long distance. Next visit in May.

WOC 2016, SWE: No new SEA Report available. Good progress overall. Lars Forsberg was named as National Controller for maps and courses.

WOC 2017, EST: No new SEA Report available. Dates were confirmed in Council (1-8 July). SEA nomination postponed. Progress with embargoed areas.

Agenda will be discussed in detail during the July meeting.

8.2 WOC 2018 application process

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

Office asked FOC to make a field assessment visit to LAT. AL will make the visit at the end of May.

9 World Cup

WM

World Cup 2014: status report.

- Final SEA Report from Spain is available and noted.
- No SEA report available from EOC 2014 in Portugal.
- Overall it is clear, that incidents like the ones in Portugal during EOC 2014, should not happen in IOF major events.
- A framework should be drafted for further discussion and consideration.

***Action item (USK):** Based on the discussion, prepare a discussion paper about improving and developing SEA work (in WCup events) for the July meeting. FootO competition quality has to be of highest priority.*

World Cup 2015: status report.

- SEA Report from Round 2
- 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 (MS): MS to update the draft of Special Rules for individual races and Sprint Relay asap, with consultation with AUS and Rules Commission.

World Cup 2016: status report

Council is not ready to make changes to the WCup programme for 2016.

- Decision about WCup 2016 programme.
 - o 1) EOC in CZE in 21-28 May
 - o 2) Sprint + Middle + (Sprint) Relay in POL in early June (10-12 June?) ***Action item (MS): MS to consult with POL. After consultation finalise the programme and send it to the Council for approval***
 - o 3) WOC in SWE in August
 - o 4) WCup finals in SUI (Aarau) – Sprint Relay + Long + Sprint – 14-16 October.

FOC received a letter from the EWG chairman, asking for FOC's recommendation about the possible future EOC programme from 2016 onwards. FOC recognises that it is the EWG's task to determine the EOC programme, however FOC is happy to contribute.

Action item (VF): MM and VF should discuss the possible future EOC programme with the Athletes' Commission and VF should prepare a recommendation by the end of May for FOC to discuss and then send to EWG.

World Cup 2017: status report

- Applications received from FIN and SUI. Programme for 2017 will be discussed in the meeting 5-14 (October).

10 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, all three candidates are shortlisted to make a presentation during the FOC meeting on Sunday 6th 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.

Agenda will be discussed in detail during the July meeting.

11 WMOC DM

WMOC 2014 BRA: status report, new SEA Report available. SEA Øivind Holt identifies two main problems for now. A first draft of maps should be ready by the end of May. Furthermore, SEA may need additional advisory manpower and IOF may need to supply external support to run the event.

***Action item (DM):** DM will follow up how things are developing in Brazil and, if required, discuss within FOC about potentially required additional actions*

In general, FOC supports Øivind Holt's request for help within reason. WMOC is one of IOF's flagship events and the level of quality should not be compromised.

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

WMOC 2016 EST: status report, no new SEA Report available. WMOC dates are confirmed as 6-13 August. All is on track at the moment, the biggest challenge being the organisers' lack of experience of dealing with very large events and the associated IT systems. First SEA visit planned for May 2014.

WMOC 2017: Council has approved New Zealand's application (in conjunction with the World Masters Games). FOC should start the process of selecting a candidate as SEA. Dates for the WMG are 21-30 April.

Agenda will be discussed in detail during the July meeting.

12 ROCs HO, BT

- European Orienteering Championships, 9-16 April 2014, Portugal. SEA report not yet received, discussion under agenda 9.
- Asian Orienteering Championships, 15-22 September 2014, Shchuchinsk of Akmola, Kazakhstan. Bulletin 1 was published. Further clarifications needed from the SEA.
- North American Orienteering Championships, 10-13 October 2014, Canada. SEA Report received.
- Oceania Orienteering Championships, 2-11 January 2015, Tasmania, Australia
- European Orienteering Championships, 21-28 May 2016, Czech Republic. Possible programme was considered under agenda 9.
- North American Orienteering Championships 2016 USA: FOC did not support the inquiry from USA to host both the 2015 US Championships and the NAOC 2016 on the same terrain. USA is seeking a new area for NAOC 2016, but hasn't yet get back to FOC with a formal response.

13 The World Games BP

The World Games 2017: POL will organise the event. Orienteering has now been confirmed to be part of the WG 2017. The dates for The World Games are 3-13 August. SEA to be appointed during the summer.

EVENT QUALITY

14 Event Advising USK

Successful EA clinic in Tallinn 22-23 March 2014 and Ottawa 26 April.

Plan for future EA Clinics:

- 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 (8th of July). It has been marketed via the IOF Office as agreed in our last meeting.

SEA appointments (WOC 2017, WMOC 2017, NAOC 2016, WCup 2016 and WG 2017).

Action item (USK): *USK to approach identified candidates for WOC 2017, WMOC 2017, and WG 2017 and WCup 2016 in POL (they preferably should have the same SEA) and NAOC 2016.*

15 Rules USK

The FootO Rules (for example 6.7) were changed to reflect the new qualification method for WOC Long Distance and Middle Distance. However, the EOC rules (Appendix 7 of the FootO Rules) still say that EOC follows the WOC rules, which means that wording is inconsistent. FOC needs to consider whether in the future, EOC should still have qualification races for Middle and Long. If the qualification races will in the future still be part of the programme, we'll need to put that into the EOC rules.

Time penalties. Discussion based on GA's paper will be done in next meeting. GA

YOUTH PROMOTION

16 Youth Promotion VF

No further action at this stage (as decided in meeting 3-13). Council is reconsidering this item and FOC may need to come back to this agenda. In the meanwhile, VF is following it up with Maria Silvia Viti from Council.

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
FOC decided, that WOC and WCup Guidelines should be combined based upon David Rosen's recommendation. No update to the Guidelines is expected before the July meeting.
- JWOC Guidelines: Finalised and published in April.
- WMOC Guidelines: New version published in February. AL
- WRE Guidelines: New version published in March.

18 WRE

BT made an excellent analysis about how the implementation of the new World Ranking system has lead to some serious anomalies, with the system being started from scratch, rather than starting based on initial scores earned from the old system FOC advises Council to look into this issue before WOC. 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.

NOR president, Einar Tommelstad sent a very constructive letter to FOC about the lack of quality in some of our recent WCup events. FOC discussed these matters under agenda 9 and will include the suggestions in the further discussion about event quality.

21 Next meeting – FOC 4 – 14

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