



Minutes – Foot Orienteering Commission – Meeting 4–17

Place: Mosnang School, Switzerland

Meeting schedule: Saturday, 16th September 2017 – 09:00-19:00 CEST

Participants:	Áron Less (AL)	Chairman
	Tomáš Dlabaja (TD)	Member
	Kilian Imhof (KI)	Member
	Maria Krafft Helgesson	Member – through Skype
	Helge Lang Pedersen (HLP)	Member
	Janos Manarin (JM)	Member
	David May (DM)	Member – through Skype
	Unni Strand Karlsen (USK)	Member
	Blair Trewin (BT)	Member – through Skype
Invitations:	Nik Suter (NS)	IOF Council responsible contact person
	Daniel Leibundgut (DL)	WOC Project Manager
	Florian Howald (FH)	IOF FootO Athletes Commission Member
Apology:	Petteri Muukkonen	Member

OPENING

- 1 Opening** AL
AL opened the meeting [and thanked KI for the organisation.](#)
- 2 Follow up of Minutes FOC 3-17** AL
All follow-up topics are discussed under the various agenda items below.

TO NOTE DECISIONS / ACTIONS TAKEN SINCE THE FOC MEETING 3-17

- 3 Council & ESB decisions** AL
All Council decisions made during WOC are included in FOC Minutes 3-17.
 - 29 August 2017: The ESB approved the revised World Cup Special Rules with regards to the event in Switzerland.

- 14 September 2017: The ESB approved to use 1:7500 maps for WMOC 2018 in the M/W 60+ classes.

FOCUS ON KEY OUTCOMES – STRATEGIC PLANNING & EVENT QUALITY

4 Strategic planning

MKH,
HLP, AL

From our previous Meeting Minutes: A next step can be to restructure the application process to enable applying for multiple (3) years at the same time. This could be done by asking Federations what events they plan to apply for during the next 5-10 year period. If the proposals were then deemed feasible, an application process leading to the allocation of several events to a country in one procedure could be made.

FOC discussed the subject with TH, DL and DW from IOF Office. TH informed that IOF Council is positive towards taking further the idea to be more proactive in finding the right future applicants for High Level Events.

The ambition is to do further work to establish a fair, open and transparent process towards high quality event applications that are geographically distributed as much as the overall objective allows.

It was agreed, that FOC should develop a proposal about how to proceed and send this proposal to Council. A first draft should be available for the October Council meeting.

The discussion paper was approved to be sent to Council. **Action AL.** DM requested that WMOC should not be part of the process. No other members expressed agreement to this point of view. It was felt that WMOC should stay in the process in order to provide maximum flexibility. It was agreed that the following statement by DM should appear in the paper and in the FOC meeting minutes.

“DM: whilst the logic behind the overall proposals for multiple bids works well for WOC, WCup and JWOC, the same logic does not work for WMOC where there are multiple bids each year already. The current bidding system for WMOC works well and there seems to need to change it ("if it ain't broke, don't fix it!").

In addition, any proposal to tie in a WMOC bid with a requirement to stage another major IOF event as well runs the danger of reducing the number of WMOC bids, perhaps to next to zero. Small Federations do not have the depth/breadth of experience to stage, say, major events in consecutive years either.

Thus DM proposes that WMOC is excluded from the terms of this document and also that any coupling of a WMOC bid with a bid to stage another major IOF event will not be given priority when WMOC bids are assessed.”

DM proposed to ask federations what we can do to make High Level events more attractive to apply for and also to indicate what might be deterring them from applying. AL volunteered to set up a questionnaire together with

the IOF Office. Also within this questionnaire, the formats of the new high level event programme should be made more clear. **Action AL.**

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| 5 | <p>The World Games</p> <p>TWG 2017 POL: status report. The event was a success. IWGA also evaluated the orienteering events very positively and confirmed that if orienteering wants to stay on TWG programme, this will be supported.</p> | AL |
| 6 | <p>World Orienteering Championships (WOC)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WOC 2017, Estonia: Status report. No new SEA report available. • WOC 2018, Latvia: Status report. No new SEA report available. DL has now taken over the SEA / Project Manager role (for WOC 2018 and onwards) and planned a visit for May 2017. Finance is one of the concerns. Dates are 4-11 August. • WOC 2019, Norway: Status report. No new SEA report available. Sarpsborg, Østfold was appointed as the organiser. Dates are 13-18 August. Björn Axel Gran was appointed Event Director a few weeks ago. An SEA visit took place in the middle of June. Next SEA visit will take place in October 2017. • WOC 2020, Denmark. First SEA visit will take place in the end of November 2017. | TD, AL,
PM |
| 7 | <p>European Orienteering Championships (EOC)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EOC 2018, 5-13 May 2018, Ticino, Switzerland. Bulletin 2 published. JM gave a brief update. Everything seems to be on track. • EOC 2020: no applications received by the deadline of 31st August. This should be World Cup round 2/3. <p>FH made the remark, that EOC will become more important for athletes from 2020 onwards since it is the only sprint/forest championship of the year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EOC 2021: Will have the same formats as the sprint WOC. Application deadline will be 31st March 2018. This should be World Cup round 2/3. | TD, AL,
PM |
| 8 | <p>World Cup (WCup)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • World Cup 2017: status report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Round 3 (WCup 10-12): Latvia. Final SEA report and JM's report is available. This looked like a successful event. Janne Salmi sent some comments regarding TV to DL. JM gave some information in addition to his report from the event. ○ Round 4 (WCup 13-15): 29 September – 1 October in Grindelwald, Switzerland. Everything seems to be on track. Start interval for the long distance changed from 3 to 2 minutes. | BT,
MKH,
PM |

- **World Cup 2018: status report**
 - Round 1: Switzerland, as part of EOC (5-13 May).
 - Round 2: Latvia, as part of WOC (4-11 August).
 - Round 3: Pre-WOC in Norway will be held from 31 August until 2. September 2018. Forest relay on Friday, a prologue (9:00) and a pursuit (16:00) on Saturday and a shortened long distance on Sunday is on the programme according to the organisers.
 - Round 4: Czech Republic. Dates are 4-7 October, with a KO sprint on Thursday, a Sprint Relay on Friday (change!), a Middle Distance on Saturday and a Sprint on Sunday.
 - **World Cup 2018 Special Rules.** BT drafted the WCup 2018 Special Rules for both the Individual and the Team World Cup. The details for the format for the new sprint format in CZE should be given in a later update for the Special Rules in order not to delay publishing the rest of the special rules. Apart from this, BT will finalise the special rules in consultation with the World Cup sub-group as soon as possible. Action: BT
- **World Cup 2019: status report**
 - Round 1: Finland, somewhere in the Helsinki metropolitan area, the week before Jukola (8-11 June). Two forest competitions on the weekend and one Sprint based competition on Tuesday.
 - Round 2: Norway, as part of WOC (13-17 August).
 - Round 3: Switzerland (Laufen, near Basel), Sprint-based round. Dates are 27-29 September. The actual plan is to have three competitions with forest (Middle or Long), Sprint, and the new WOC sprint format.

9 Junior World Orienteering Championships (JWOC)

HLP

- **JWOC 2017: Finland.** Status report. No new SEA report available. HLP gave a brief update. This looked to be a fine event from the outside. Some ethical issues regarding inappropriate inadequate postings on the internet were discussed. HLP to make a proposal in the guidelines on how to handle the social side of JWOC.
- **JWOC 2018: Hungary.** Status report. No new SEA report available. Preparations are on track. Dates are 8-14 July.
- **JWOC 2020:** Upon FOC's recommendation, Council appointed Turkey the organiser of JWOC 2020 and approved the dates of the event as 28 June – 5 July, 2020. The appointment is contingent upon the Event Advising Team, to be appointed by the IOF, finding adequate terrains together with the organisers during the autumn of 2017.

- 10 World Masters Orienteering Championships (WMOC)** DM, BT, JM
- **WMOC 2018 Denmark:** Status report. No new SEA report available. Bulletin 1 is now published. Dates are 7-13 July.
 - **WMOC 2021:** open bid is expected after Council decided to disconnect WMOC from the World Masters Games. [Applications due by 31st March 2018.](#)
 - **WMOC Long final qualification principles:** Council confirmed its prior decision on re-qualification methodology stating that the method will be evaluated after 3 years, i.e. following WMOC 2020. FOC discussed BT's paper and gave feedback. **BT to update the document and then it can be sent to ESB for approval.**
 - **Guidelines:** A lot of changes to the Guidelines are required. DM will present a draft for next meeting in FOC.

- 11 Regional Championships (ROC)** BT
- [BT gave a brief update.](#)

- 12 Event Supervisors** USK
- After Owe Fredholm's proposal was approved by Council, FOC has to work out the exact role of Event Supervisors and propose them for Council's approval. [The Supervisor role will now be clarified in the rules and in the SEA Guidelines.](#)

FOCUS ON KEY OUTCOMES – RULES

- 13 Rules** USK, DM
- A Skype meeting was organised by USK on 11 September, with AL, DM, HLP & David Rosen contributing. Most rules issues have been dealt with here. [USK gave a brief update. Rules Commission to send the new rules to Council / ESB.](#)

- 14 Liaising with FootO Athletes Commission (FOAC) & Coaches Reference Group (CRG) – “Entourage reference group”** TD, KI, PM
- KI has identified the following topics to discuss with FOAC:
- Strategic Planning
 - 3rd Sprint Discipline (Knock Out Sprint)
- KI and AL will participate in a meeting during the WCup Final in SUI. KI to organise the meeting.

FOCUS ON KEY OUTCOMES – EVENT ADVISING

- 15 Event Advising** USK, HLP

- **EA Clinics:**
 - **Clinic in 2017:** An EA Clinic will be held in Italy on 16-17 December, near Milan Malpensa airport. JM is responsible for the organisation, David Rosen will make the presentations and the IOF Office will be responsible for marketing.
 - **High Level Event Seminar 2018.** The date for HLES 2018 is 3-4 February, the venue is Riga, Latvia. The process of defining the program for HLES should start at FOC meeting 4-17. DM/AL agreed that this HLES should have a WMOC section. DL has also proposed some topics for HLES 2018. AL responsible for organisational matters, USK, MKH & HLP for the content.
 - **A possible Clinic in China,** financed by Orienteering Association of China was postponed to 2018. USK coordinates this with Jaroslav Kačmarčík.
 - **A Clinic will be organised in Norway (Gardermoen / Sarpsborg), possibly in early March.** USK is responsible for the organisation. MKH to assist USK in getting participants from Sweden for this.
- **SEA Guidelines were updated prior to the meeting. It was agreed they can now be published.** Action DM to send the new SEA Guidelines to the Office.

STRENGTHEN IOF POSITION ON THE WORLD SPORTING STAGE – EVENT DEVELOPMENT

16 Organisers' Guidelines (Manuals)

HLP,
MKH,
USK

Manual transformation project: HLP mentioned an initiative with the joint intention to raise the profile for SEAs and combine the Event Guidelines and SEA Guidelines in a way that will eventually provide the SEAs with better checklists of how to monitor the events and report progress back to FOC. Part of the concept was introduced at HLES 2017. The project with the working title "Event Overview Tool" was further developed by DL and HLP during WOC in Estonia. A Skype meeting to discuss how to progress will be arranged in October, with DL, HLP, MSK, DM & USK participating.

17 Knockout Sprint format development

KI, JM,
TD

The next important milestone is a report due now containing the final recommendation about whether the Chase or the NORT format should be proposed as the third Sprint WOC format. The possible use of mazes should also be clarified.

After this decision, the work enters a new phase with fine-tuning and identification of possibilities to have competition testing with spectators and media production.

The format description document sent by DL before the meeting was discussed and feedback about possible changes were given to DL. DL will send

the updated document to KI, AL and JM for comments – as well as to Flemming Jørgensen from WOC 2020. AL will develop a management summary and will send both documents to Council – in order to have the overall concept approved for further development. **Action DL and AL.**

After the meeting, DL requested proposals for a name for the 3rd sprint discipline.

FOC thanked DL and Matthias Niggli for their thorough work.

VISIBILITY OF ORIENTEERING

18 WRE DM, BT

Leho Haldna asks all commissions and Council members to come up with proposals where World Ranking can be used. DM gave a thorough update. FOC agreed to propose to the Presidents' Working Group that a World Ranking system review should be carried out lead by DM. BT, David Wästlund and Tarmo Klaar (EST) were mentioned as possible participants. **Action AL.**

STRONG MANAGEMENT AND FUNDING – TEAMWORK

19 AOB AL

TD announced that he is leaving FOC. FOC thanked TD for his contribution.

20 Next meetings all

- FOC Meeting 1-18: 19-20 January 2018, Warsaw, POL (Joint meeting, start at 15:00 on Friday, end at 20:00 on Saturday). IOF Office to organise.
- FOC Meeting 2-18: Spring meeting on 28 April (Saturday) in Northern Italy, close to Venice and Treviso airports. JM to organise.
- FOC Meeting 3-18: During WOC in Latvia, probably during the beginning of WOC (5-6 August). AL to organise.
- FOC Meeting 4-18: During General Assembly in Czech Republic in early October? A later meeting would also make sense. **To be confirmed later.**

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