

## **MINUTES – Foot Orienteering Commission 1 - 2013**

**Place:** Helsinki, Finland  
**Date:** Friday 18 January 2013 / 5-10pm Finnish Time  
Saturday 19 January 2013 / 1-9pm Finnish Time

**Participants:** Mikko Salonen (MS) Chairman  
Goran Andersson (GA) Member  
Vincent Frey (VF) Member  
Unni Strand Karlsen (UK) Member  
Aron Less (AL) Member  
David May (DM) Member  
Willi Mueller (WM) Member  
Blair Trewin (BT) Member (online)  
Dusan Vystavel (DV) Member

Björn Persson (BP) Sports Director

**Invitations:** -

**Apology:** Hideo Onoe (HO) Member

### **OPENING**

- 1 Opening** MS  
MS opened the meeting and welcomed the new commission members AL and VF to join the FOC.
- 2 Follow up of Minutes FOC 4-12** MS  
Minutes were approved.

### **TO NOTE DECISIONS TAKEN BY EMAIL SINCE THE FOC MEETING 4-12**

- 3 WOC Qualification Models** BT  
A proposal for WOC qualification model (including starting order proposal) has been submitted for the Council Meeting. The proposal was noted and special thanks were given to BT for his excellent work.

### **GENERAL BUSINESS MATTERS**

- 4 FOC Remits and Working Procedures** MS  
The new Remits and Working Procedures were discussed and approved.

## 5 FOC Responsibilities

MS

Based on the Remits FOC discussed about responsibilities and decided that the following are the responsibilities for the next two years (the member in charge is marked with \*):

- WOC MS
- WCup WM\* / GA
- WMOC DM
- JWOC AL\* / DV
- ROC BT\* / HO
- WRE DM
- Rules USK
- Minutes AL
- Event Advising USK\* / VF

## EVENT PLANNING

### 6 WOC

BP

#### 6.1 WOC reports

WOC 2013, FIN: no new SEA Report available

WOC 2014, ITA: no new SEA Report available

WOC 2015, GBR: no new SEA Report available

WOC 2016, SWE: no SEA Report available (SEA not appointed yet)

Bjorn Persson gave an overview of the upcoming WOCs.

#### 6.2 Review of WOC 2017 applications

- Unfortunately the IOF Office did not receive any applications for WOC 2017. FOC noted that the Council had already decided to open up a new round for applications with the new deadline being 30 June 2017.

#### 6.3 Council's decision regarding the dates for the WOC 2015

- FOC decided to support GBR's proposed WOC dates (1.8.-8.8.), but also to ask WMOC organisers to re-schedule their program to finish on Friday with Long Final to avoid the clash with dates between WMOC and WOC, and enable participation and following of both major events.

### 7 World Cup

MS

World Cup 2013: status report, no new SEA Reports available

World Cup 2014: status report, no new SEA Reports available

World Cup 2015: status report, no new SEA Reports available

World Cup 2013: The season started early January in New Zealand. NORT bulletin is not in line with the WCup Special Rules. FOC asks SEAs to investigate the situations. SEAs should come back with a formal Special Rule change request (events 4-6).

World Cup 2014: For competitions in Turkey, preparations are on track. A Sprint Relay will also be organised in conjunction with the WCup race. Status report for the World Cup races in Spain and Portugal should be acquired by the next FOC meeting.

World Cup 2015: Races to be held in Australia (Tasmania - beginning of the year), NORT, WOC (GBR), SUI. SUI organisers are asking to have a Long Distance race instead of the traditional Middle Distance. FOC welcomes the

proposal.

Review of World Cup 2016 applications

Applications received from SUI (PostFinance – WC-final – October) and POL (2 races in June/Sept).

It's a problem that the World Cup is changing from year to year. WM prepares a discussion paper on the future of the World Cup, including the possible inclusion of the Sprint Relay.

**8 JWOC DV**

JWOC 2013, CZE: status report, no new SEA Report available  
JWOC 2014, BUL: status report, SEA Report August 2012  
JWOC 2015 NOR: status report, no new SEA Report available

JWOC 2013 CZE: preparations are on track.

JWOC 2014 BUL: Bulletin 1 was issued, preparations are on track.

JWOC 2015 NOR: SEA was appointed by Council.

Review of JWOC 2016 applications: applications were received from HUN, ROM and SUI. All three candidates are asked to give a presentation during the July FOC meeting.

**9 WMOC DM**

WMOC/WMG 2013, ITA: status report, SEA Report October 2012  
WMOC 2014, BRA: status report, SEA Report November 2012  
WMOC 2015, SWE: status report, SEA has not yet visited

DM's report attached to the Minutes.

Review of WMOC 2016 applications: FOC discussed the four bids from DEN, EST, FRA and JPN and recommends that a shortlist of Denmark and Estonia is approved by Council. These were all good bids, two of them are outstanding. FOC encourages the bidders not shortlisted to apply again in the future. DM will assess each shortlisted candidate and arrangements have been made to visit both in mid-June.

**10 ROCs HO, BT**

Asian Orienteering Championships, 14-19 October 2012, China: no new SEA Report available

North American Orienteering Championships, 18-21 October 2012, USA: Final SEA report November 2012

South American Orienteering Championships, 14-18 November 2012, Brazil: no SEA Report available

Oceania Orienteering Championships, 6-13 January 2013, New Zealand: no new SEA Report available

European Orienteering Championships, 9-16 April 2014, Portugal  
North American Orienteering Championships, 10-13 October 2014, Canada

Asian Orienteering Championships 2014, August, Kazakhstan  
South American Orienteering Championships 2014, Dates & Venue ?  
Oceania Orienteering Championships, January 2015, Tasmania, Australia

It was noted, that NAOC in the USA was a fine event with fine organisation, good maps and courses positively received. A suggestions for a Rule change is a new appendix covering NAOC. It is noted, that ROC medals are not paid by the IOF.

Oceania Championships was also a very successful event, FOC is waiting for SEA report.

**11 The World Games BP**

The World Games 2013: status report, no new SEA Report available. Preparations are going according to the plans, with a huge IOF crew responsible for the technical side of the event.

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.

**EVENT QUALITY**

**12 SEA USK**

Plan for future EA Clinics:

- HLES, Edinburgh, UK, 2-3 February 2013
- EA Clinic, O-Ringen, Boden, SWE, 23 July 2013
- EA Clinic during WMOC/WMG, ITA: August 2013
- Joint FootO/MTBO EA Clinic, Prague, CZE, March 2014.

Council will be asked to appoint the following persons to SEAs:

- WCup 2014 TUR: Göran Andersson (SWE) (Assistant SEA)
- WCup 2014 Nordic Tour: Göran Andersson (SWE), Kjell Blomseth (NOR)
- WUOC 2014 CZE: Juraj Petrinc (SVK) (on FISU's request)
- WOC 2016 SWE: Unni Strand Karlsen (NOR)

**13 RULES USK**

Leho Haldna was invited to present the overall situation of the bigger Rules overhaul. Current Rules are legally weak and that's what Council wants to change. FOC needs specific instructions in this respect.

**YOUTH PROMOTION**

**14 Youth Promotion**

VF was asked to supervise the area and to prepare a discussion paper.

## EVENT DEVELOPMENT

- 15 Guidelines**
- WOC Guidelines: to be revised next year MS
  - WCup Guidelines: little feedback received. Guidelines should be circulated to past organisers (NZL and SUI) for feedback by the end of February. WM
  - JWOC Guidelines: should be rewritten this year based on the other guidelines. AL
  - WMOC Guidelines: These have been updated for 2013.
- 16 IOF Course planning document and sprint recommendations** GA / DM
- IOF Course planning document should be a living document, updated continuously. DM's Sprint recommendations should be added. It should be circulated in FOC and then sent to the IOF Office for publishing as a guideline.
- 17 WRE** DM
- Update. It should be noted, that no night events should be considered as WREs. Problems with map scales and printing is still a concern, EAs should be reminded, that they are ultimately responsible for Rules and standard concerning maps. WRE Guidelines should be updated next year (2014).
- Italy successfully applied for an extra WRE via EWG for 2013. GBR is encouraged to do the same for 2015.

## VISIBILITY OF ORIENTEERING

- 18 Visibility of orienteering**
- This is a new remit from Council and the results should appear in the WOC Guidelines (see agenda 15).

## OTHER MATTERS

- 19 AOB** all
- FOC would like to remove team size limitations from WOC 2014 onwards as accommodation is no longer the responsibility of the organiser. Also, in overall, limitation was not seen practical. 2014 was seen as a good year to introduce the change as WOC programme is changing. FOC decided to seek Council's approval to change the rule 6.5. to allow the team size to be a maximum of 28 competitors (up to 14 women and 14 men). Rules Commission will be asked to prepare the wording should the Council approves the proposal. This new rule should be in effect from 1.1.2014.
- 20 Next meeting – FOC 2 – 2013 – Online Meeting (via Google Hangout)** all
- Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> April, starting 0900 CET (0800 UK, 1600 Japan, 1700 Brisbane, 1800 Melbourne)