

MINUTES – Foot Orienteering Commission 2 - 2013

- Place:** Online Meeting (via Google Hangout)
- Date:** Saturday 6th April, 0900-1200 CET (0800-1100 UK, 1600-1900 Japan, 1700-2000 Brisbane, 1800-2100 Melbourne)
- Participants:**
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| Mikko Salonen (MS) | Chairman |
| Goran Andersson (GA) | Member |
| Vincent Frey (VF) | Member (items 1-10, 12) |
| Unni Strand Karlsen (UK) | Member |
| Aron Less (AL) | Member |
| David May (DM) | Member |
| Willi Mueller (WM) | Member |
| Blair Trewin (BT) | Member |
| Dusan Vystavel (DV) | Member |
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| Björn Persson (BP) | Sports Director (items 1-7, 12) |
- Invitations:** -
- Apology:** Hideo Onoe Member

OPENING

- 1 Opening** MS
- MS opened the meeting.
- 2 Follow up of Minutes FOC 1-13** MS
- Minutes were approved. ESB decisions regarding the appointment of SEAs were noted.

TO NOTE DECISIONS TAKEN BY EMAIL SINCE THE FOC MEETING 1-13

- 3 Rules Deviation Request** MS
- FOC approved the Rules Deviation Request to use Emit's Touch-Free punching system in the NORT knock-out sprint World Cup race in 2013 and sent a proposal to the Council. This Rule Deviation proposal doesn't mean that the Emit Touch-Free punching system has IOF Approval for other events. An application for approval for use in regular IOF FootO events has been received and is being evaluated.
- 4 WMOC 2015 Programme (Follow-Up item from the previous meeting)** MS / DM
- FOC has done additional consulting after the January meeting with the WMOC organiser regarding the dates conflict with WOC2015 and decided to leave the WMOC programme as it is at the moment:

Sat July 25	Sprint Model/Opening Ceremony
Sun July 26	Sprint Q
Mon July 27	Sprint F/Prize Giving
Tue July 28	Rest Day/Long Model
Wed July 29	Long Q1
Thu July 30	Long Q2/Banquet
Fri July 31	Rest Day
Sat Aug 1	Long F/Prize Giving/Closing Ceremony

FOC also decided to ask the Council to define a clear policy on setting up major events dates. This policy should say that WOC dates always have priority and that bids for any other major events have the responsibility of fitting in with WOC dates.

5 WRE Points Calculation in the 3rd World Cup Race 2013 MS

DM raised a question how to calculate WRE points from the 3rd World Cup race 2013 held in New Zealand (the chasing start event) as the current WRE points calculation instruction was not seen clear and nothing special was mentioned in the World Cup 2013 Special Rules either. FOC explored five different options and decided that the race times should be submitted for the points calculation as such (as they stand after the race, without removing bonus seconds):

http://www.oceania2013.co.nz/results_files/results_worldcup3_chasing%20start.pdf

6 World Cup Special Rules 2013 Amendment (February 2013) MS

NORT Organisers asked for a few minor details to be updated in the Special Rules.

EVENT PLANNING

7 WOC BP

7.1 WOC reports

WOC 2013, FIN:

Preparations are progressing according to plan. Bulletin 3 is in its final stages and will be released before the deadline. Next scheduled visit: 21-24 May 2013.

WOC 2014, ITA:

Visit made on 18-20 March 2013. Focus on course planning. Bulletin 2 is being prepared, to be released in July 2013. Next scheduled visit: 24-29 September 2013 (official training camp 1 period).

WOC 2015, GBR:

Preparations are progressing according to plans. Bulletin 1 to be released in August 2013. Next scheduled visits: August 2013 (Åke Jönsson).

WOC 2016, SWE:

Preparations have started. First EA-team visit: 3-5 June 2013 (BP and USK).

7.2 WOC 2017 application process

Deadline for applications is 30 June.

8 World Cup MS/WM

World Cup 2013: status report

- SEA Report of the World Cup Final 2013 was noted
- Final SEA Report from New Zealand races was noted
- No other new SEA Reports available

World Cup 2014: status report

- No new SEA Reports available

- Turkey: SEA visit in February. Preparations are on track now. A Sprint Relay will also be organised in conjunction with the WCup race.
- Spain/Portugal: WM will contact SEA for Spain (Lars Forsberg) asap. For Portugal, bulletins are late, but things are now moving forward.
- NORT steering group informed FOC, that they are making a break with NORT for 2014-2015. For 2014 Nordic Federations are proposing instead a WCup round to be organised in two countries between 4-12 June. 4 competitions are planned: Sprint, Middle, Long and Sprint Relay, all of them separate World Cup events (no tour). FOC supports this idea from the NORT steering group, but requires detailed information (exact dates, organisers, etc.) at latest by the end of May. For 2015 Nordic Federations are proposing 4 competitions in two countries (14th of May – 11th of June 2015): Sprint, Middle, Sprint Relay and Long. WCup 2015 could also act as pre-WOC 2016. FOC understands from Nordic Federations information that FIN/NOR are organising races in 2014 and NOR/SWE in 2015 and asks Nordic Federations to provide FOC with further information at latest by the end of May.

World Cup 2015: status report

- FOC will prepare the final programme for Council's approval in July (after receiving final information from Nordic Federations (FIN/SWE/NOR)).
- Races to be held in Australia (Tasmania - beginning of the year), NOR/SWE (May/June – same concept as in 2014), WOC (GBR), SUI.

World Cup 2016: status report

- Applications received from SUI (WCup-final – October) and POL (2 races in June/Sept). Other races can be WOC (SWE) and EOC. EOC application deadline is May 19, organiser to be appointed in July. There is a possibility to have the pre-WOC 2017 also included in the programme.

WM prepares a discussion paper on the future of the World Cup for the next FOC meeting, including the possible inclusion of the Sprint Relay.

9 JWOC

DV / AL

JWOC 2013, CZE: preparations are on track. Next SEA visit 1-5 May 2013.

JWOC 2014, BUL: preparations are on track. Bulletin 1 has been published. Mapping is in progress.

JWOC 2015, NOR: preparations are moving forward as planned.

JWOC 2016: Applicants (HUN, ROU and SUI) will present their bids during the next FOC meeting – July 9.

10 WMOC

DM

WMOC/WMG 2013, ITA: An extra SEA visit was made in March. Next SEA visit: end of May.

WMOC 2014, BRA: Bulletin 1 to be issued in Spring.

WMOC 2015, SWE: No new information from the SEA.

WMOC 2016 applications: DM will visit the shortlisted candidates (EST and DEN) in mid-June and will report back to the FOC meeting in July.

11 ROCs

HO, BT

Asian Orienteering Championships, 14-19 October 2012, China: no new SEA Report available
South American Orienteering Championships, 14-18 November 2012, Brazil: 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

BT looks into the issue of a possible regional competition in Africa.

12 The World Games BP

The World Games 2013: Preparations are progressing according to plans. Next scheduled visit: 20-28 April 2013

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

13 SEA USK

Plan for future EA Clinics:

- EA Clinic, O-Ringen, Boden, SWE, 23 July 2013
- EA Clinic during WMOC/WMG, ITA: August 2013
- HLES, 2014 (place and date not yet decided – USK will work with this item and finalise organisation)
- Joint FootO/MTBO EA Clinic, Prague, CZE, March 2014.

SEA Appointments for ESB's approval:

- SEA WC 2015 Australia: Graham Teahan (NZL)
- SEA WC 2015 Switzerland: Jerzy Antonowicz (POL)
- AEA JWOC 2014 Bulgaria: Roman Zbránek (CZE)

14 Application for Approval of Emit Touch Free Punching for FootO WM,MS

Emit's application for approval of the Emit Touch-Free punching system for use in IOF FootO WREs. Final decision about the application to be made in July.

15 Rules USK

No Rule changes now. Rules for the Oceania Orienteering Championships (BT coordinating) are under review.

YOUTH PROMOTION

16 Youth Promotion VF

Postponed to the next meeting.

EVENT DEVELOPMENT

17 WOC Qualification and Starting Order

BT

Feedback from member Federations was received and FOC was asked to review the feedback and update the proposal, if required, based on the feedback. Main concerns were:

- Lower ranked countries are concerned about elite development in their country – a lot of the proposals support a low-key qualification race just before WOC. FOC is sympathetic to this proposal and suggests that Council should give it full consideration. FOC is willing to develop models for such a race should Council wish them to do so.
- Some proposals were in favour of leaving the qualification races as they are now – FOC unanimously agrees that today's model of long and middle distance qualification races should be removed.
- Some concerns were raised about promotion / relegation because, with points proposed to be counted from the previous two years, newly promoted countries would be at a disadvantage since they would have had fewer runners in the second-last year; to avoid this problem, the period over which points are calculated needs to be the same as the frequency of promotion/relegation. This problem is in fact discussed in the appendix to the proposal, which was not circulated; the proposal (point 1.3) was not consistent with the discussion. The proposal should be updated accordingly by amending point 1.3 to:

“At the end of each year, nations are moved between divisions as follows, based on points from the previous year” (*was “previous two years” in the original proposal*).

Also, in the third-last line of 1.3, “automatically promoted group” should read “automatically relegated group”. This was an error in the original wording.

18 Guidelines

Follow-up from the previous meeting:

- WOC Guidelines: to be revised next year MS
- WCup Guidelines: little feedback received. Guidelines circulated to past organisers. Positive feedback from SUI, no feedback from NZL. These guidelines should be issued asap and see how it works. WM
- JWOC Guidelines: Should be rewritten this year based on the other guidelines. Final version to be ready by January 2014. AL
- WMOC Guidelines: These have been updated for 2013. DM
- WRE Guidelines: Should be updated next year (2014). DM

19 IOF Course planning document and sprint recommendations

Follow-up from the previous meeting:

- 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. The updated document should be ready by the July meeting. GA / DM

20 WRE

DM

The review of the WR scheme has now started under Mike Dowling as project leader. It is recognised that the issue is complex and that the final report will not be ready for Council until July. This means that the earliest implementation of any changes will be January 2014. Follow-up in next meeting.

VISIBILITY OF ORIENTEERING

21 Visibility of orienteering

This is a new remit from Council and the results should appear in the WOC Guidelines (see agenda 18).

OTHER MATTERS

- 22 AOB** all
Problems with jury manning in general raised by USK.
- 23 Next meeting – FOC 3 – 2013 – WOC in Finland** all
- Sunday, 7th of July, 19-22
 - Tuesday, 9th of July, 9-12 for JWOC applications (and 20-22, if required)
 - Friday, 12th of July, 9-12

AL 7/4/2013