

AGENDA – Foot Orienteering Commission – Meeting 1 - 2014

Place: IOF Joint Meeting, Vantaa, Finland

Date: Friday, 17 January 2014, 13PM CET – 8PM CET
Saturday, 18 January 2014, 11AM CET – 6 PM CET

Participants:

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| 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 (online) |
| Willi Mueller (WM) | Member |
| Blair Trewin (BT) | Member (online) |
| Mike Dowling (MD) | Vice President |
| Björn Persson (BP) | Sports Director |
| David Rosen (DR) | Chairman, Rules Commission |

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

Apology: Hideo Onoe

OPENING

1 Opening MS

2 Follow up of Minutes FOC 4-13 MS
The minutes of the meeting 4-2013 were approved.

TO NOTE DECISIONS TAKEN BY EMAIL SINCE THE FOC MEETING 4-13

3 SEA nominations MS

ESB was asked to approve the following SEA nominations:

- Jari Kymäläinen (FIN): WMOC 2016 Estonia

ESB's approved the nomination. Hannu Pyy (FIN), as Assistant SEA, was approved earlier.

4 World Cup & World Cup Sprint Special Rules MS

FOC finalised Special Rules for World Cup and Unofficial Sprint Relay World Cup after the previous meeting. Both rules were sent to Council for their approval. Council approved Sprint Relay Special Rules in their meeting in October, but sent World Cup Special Rules for ESB to assess and for making the final decision. The ESB approved the World Cup Special Rules 2014.

- 5 WOC Special Rules** MS
Rules Commission asked FOC to comment on draft WOC Special Rules. FOC was in favour of having clause 12.7. enforced and that only the regional champions from the last 12 months prior to WOC should get a personal starting place for WOC.
- 6 Rules Deviation Request for WOC 2014 Sprint Relay, use of punching system** MS
Rules Commission asked FOC's opinion regarding rules deviation to use touch-free punching system (SportIdent Air) in WOC 2014. FOC was in favour of supporting the request. However, some concerns were raised due to the limited experience on the SportIdent Air system.
- 7 Special Rules Deviation Request for World Cup Sprint Relay in Turkey in 2014** MS
SEA asked, if four teams per nation can participate instead of three allowed by the Special Rules. FOC supported the request to maximise participation, but also decided that the fourth team should be non-competitive and shall be nominated in advance.

EVENT PLANNING

- 8 Major Event Evaluation Process (organiser selection process)** BT
Discussion based on the paper prepared by BT. FOC concluded, that although the current evaluation process is working well, it can always be improved. BT prepares a detailed proposal for the next meeting.
- 9 WOC** BP
9.1 WOC reports
WOC 2013, FIN: final SEA Report available. This was a fine event with lots of spectators and unrivalled TV-coverage. WOC was also Finnish Sport Event of the Year 2013.

WOC 2014, ITA: no new SEA Report available. The organisation is in the last six months of preparation. Next visit is due in May. All five finals will be televised live and a "rate card" was sent out to the Federations, where they should indicate the TV-package they want to buy.

WOC 2015, GBR: no new SEA Report available.

WOC 2016, SWE: no new SEA Report available. The Organising Committee is now formed. Key officials are attending HLES in Gothenburg. Next visit is scheduled for May. The Event Plan was created.

WOC 2017, EST: no new SEA Report available. The preliminary dates are 1-8 July: 1/7 Sprint Relay, 2/7 Sprint Q+F, 4/7 Long, 6/7 Middle, 7/7 Relay. Both FOC and Council discussed about a potential clash with JWOC dates (all JWOC bids schedule the event for 9-16 July).

9.2 WOC 2018 application process
No application was received. Council decide to reopen the bidding process. The new deadline for applications will be 15 March.

10 World Cup

WM

World Cup 2013: status report

- SEA Reports available from SUI. No problems.

World Cup 2014: status report

- SEA Reports from races in Turkey, Norway and Switzerland.

World Cup 2015: status report

- Update: Programme. Round 1: 3-11/1 AUS. Round 2: 3-7/6 NOR/SWE (includes Sprint Relay). Round 3: 1-7/8 GBR (WOC), Round 4: 3-4/10 SUI (+ Sprint Relay). WM to prepare Special Rules for next meeting in March.
- Sprint Relay WCup: FOC discussed about this topic and decided to propose to Council the following:
"There is no need to change the earlier decision regarding Sprint Relay World Cup 2014. That can stay unofficial. For 2015 FOC would like to introduce official Sprint Relay World Cup. If an event is organised in conjunction with another World Cup event, no sanction fee should be implied. At least three races will be organised in 2015 (SWE, GBR, SUI)."

World Cup 2016: status report

- WOC 2017 organisers in Estonia are planning to organise official training camp in September 2016. Upon advice from Athletes' Commission, the single WCup race in Estonia was not supported by FOC.
- WCup 2016 programme should consist of 1) EOC in CZE in May; 2) Sprint + Middle + (Sprint) Relay in POL in early June; 3) WOC in SWE in August; 4) WCup finals in SUI – Middle + Sprint + (Sprint) Relay.

World Cup 2017

- Applications received from FIN and SUI. Programme for 2017 will be discussed in next meeting.

Future of World Cup:

- Input from Athlete's Commission was received and discussed.
- FOC thanked MM for the insights and will prepare the 2016 WCup programme accordingly. FOC asked MM to coordinate development ideas and initiatives further and will continue discussion in next meeting.

11 JWOC

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JWOC 2014 BUL: status report, no new SEA Report available. Everything seems to be on track.

JWOC 2015 NOR: status report, no new SEA Report available. Bulletin 1 is now published.

JWOC 2016 SUI: status report, no new SEA Report available. Cesare Tarabocchia (ITA) and János Sümegi (HUN) were just appointed as the EA team.

JWOC 2017: review of received applications. Applications received from FIN, GER and HUN. Shortlisting of the candidates is postponed until March because of a lack of information.

Discussion on Maria Silvia Viti's proposal to include new competition classes 16/18. After the discussion FOC made the decision that FOC is not in favour of this proposal and asks Council not to proceed with it. FOC thinks the classes we have are enough for now.

One of 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.

12 WMOC DM

WMOC/WMG 2013, ITA: final SEA Report available.

WMOC 2014 BRA: status report, no new SEA Report but a separate update from the SEA was available.

WMOC 2015 SWE: status report. Everything seems to be on track now. A good group of the organisers are going to take part in the HLES.

WMOC 2016 EST: status report. Jari Kymäläinen is now appointed as the SEA. No further news.

WMOC 2017: review of application from New Zealand. FOC has assessed New Zealand's application for WMOC 2017 (to be organised as part of WMG). Based on the application, FOC recommends Council to formally approve New Zealand's application.

13 ROCs HO, BT

- South American Orienteering Championships, 11-14 November 2013, Pirenópolis, Brazil. This was basically an open Brazilian Championships with only few participants outside Brazil. FOC suggests to have a broader SA Championships in terms of participation by 2015. It was agreed BT to liaise with South American federations with a view to further development of their ROC.

- European Orienteering Championships, 9-16 April 2014, Portugal. This event is on track. One of FOC's special tasks for 2014 is to support European WG to develop the EOC programme for 2016 and beyond. FOC is contacting EWG for their input.

- Asian Orienteering Championships, 15-22 September 2014, Shchuchinsk of Akmola, Kazakhstan.

- North American Orienteering Championships, 10-13 October 2014, Canada.

- Oceania Orienteering Championships, 2-11 January 2015, Tasmania, Australia.

14 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

15 SEA USK

Plan for future EA Clinics:

- HLES 2014: SWE (Gothenburg). Dates are 1-2 February. 59 entries from 15 countries.

- Clinic in Tallinn – 22-23 March 2014

- EA Clinic in combination with NAOC 2014

- Possible other Clinics in 2014 during Swiss O Week (end of July)

A Sprint Relay seminar is planned during WOC by USK, which should be an open meeting.

SEA appointments

- EOC 2016: FOC proposes Konrad Becker (SUI) as SEA.

- 16 Event Evaluation Process (after the event)** BT
- MTBO Commission and SkiO Athlete's Commission are conducting an evaluation after each World Cup Race. FootO Commission and FootO Athlete's Commission should also set up something similar. MM to prepare a questionnaire (based on the MTBO Commission questionnaire) for sprint relays and general organisational aspects. GA to assist from FOC's side.
- 17 Rules** USK
- Situation with Appendix covering NAOC. Rules are finalised and submitted to Council for their approval. BT
- Situation with Oceania Championships rules update. BT is still waiting for NZL's input. BT
- Time penalties. FOC discussed this issue once again and has no definite opinion. GA to come back to FOC with a discussion paper by the summer meeting. BT
- GPS watches – it was discussed whether to allow GPS watches in simple WRE events and WMOC, but FOC was against such a change.

YOUTH PROMOTION

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

EVENT DEVELOPMENT

- 19 Guidelines**
- Update & discussion:
- WOC Guidelines: Updating is needed with the new qualification formats and the introduction of the sprint relay. BP
WM
 - WCup Guidelines: David Rosen to review the current WCup guidelines with WM and it should be published asap. AL
 - JWOC Guidelines: Should be rewritten. Final version to be ready by March 2014 by AL. DM
MS
 - WMOC Guidelines: These have been updated for 2014. Office should publish them before HLES.
 - WRE Guidelines: Should be updated in the light of the new system. David Rosen has helped to put together a draft for 2014. Office to publish them as soon as possible.
- 20 IOF Course planning document and sprint recommendations** GA /
DM
- Final version available. DM to double-check the language and send it to the Office for publishing.

21 WRE

David May has resigned from WRE tasks, VF to take over this task.

6prog breaks links with IOF. We don't have a ranking until the new system under the IOF website becomes operational by the end of March. MD proposes to use the available rankings as of 31/12/2013 until then.

It was also discussed how we can freeze the ranking for someone who is pregnant for example. Further discussion is needed later.

FOC is not happy that sub-regional championships are automatically granted additional WRE status. This should be reviewed for 2015, as the calendar for 2014 is finalised.

AL to inform about CISM and FISU World Championships status by the next meeting.

VISIBILITY OF ORIENTEERING

22 Visibility of orienteering

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

OTHER MATTERS

23 AOB

Club representation. Athletes are faced with the problem, that they are not necessarily allowed to compete for several clubs in one calendar year. Council should consider this issue, but it should be understood the IOF can only advise Federations, and can not interfere in their internal affairs.

MM

24 Next meeting – FOC 2 – 2014

Budapest, 15 March.

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