

Minutes – Foot Orienteering Commission – Meeting 2–15

Place: Remote – through Skype

Date: Wednesday, 25 March 2000 – 2200 CET

Participants:

Áron Less (AL)	Chairman
Göran Andersson (GA)	Member
Vincent Frey (VF)	Member
Kilian Imhof (KI)	Member
Helge Lang Pedersen (HLP)	Member
David May (DM)	Member
Janne Salmi (JS)	Member
Unni Strand Karlsen (USK)	Member
Blair Trewin (BT)	Member

Invitations: Nik Suter IOF Council Member – FOC Council Contact

OPENING

- 1 Opening** AL
AL opens the Meeting.
- 2 Follow up of FOC Minutes 1-15** AL
 - #9 WOC 2019 application deadline was extended until 30 June 2015.
 - #10 Information from the SEA for the Norwegian World Cup races was now delivered. AL had a meeting with SEA during HLES.
 - #10 JS liaised with the EOC 2016 organisers about a possible additional World Cup Sprint Relay race. Council / ESB needs further consultation.
 - #11 JWOC 2018 application deadline was extended until 15 March 2015.
 - #12 Council shortlisted WMOC 2018 applicants DEN & SVK.
 - #12 Council asked Latvia to apply for WMOC 2019 by 30 April 2015. The application has already been received.
 - #16 SEA Guidelines were published on the IOF website.
 - #16 SEAs appointed by ESB in autumn were notified by the IOF Office.
 - #21 New WMOC, WRE and Sprint relay guidelines were published on the IOF website.

TO NOTE DECISIONS / ACTIONS TAKEN SINCE THE FOC MEETING 1-15

3 Council decisions AL

- Dates of WOC2018 were approved
- Rules deviation WOC 2015 (SI Air+) – Council did not approve this because it should not be necessary, SI should work on their final approval. [PMN: The application reached the IOF Office 5 days after our meeting.]
- Rules deviations for WOC 2015 long and middle (starting interval) were both approved. Council also requests that FOC works together with RC to prepare rules changes so we don't need deviations every year.

4 ESB decisions AL

- 26 February 2015: The ESB unanimously approved the FOC's proposal to appoint Stefan Bergström (CAN) Senior Event Adviser for the 2016 North American Orienteering Championships in the USA.
- 26 February 2015: The ESB unanimously approved the FOC's proposal for Special Rules for Qualification and Starting Order at the World Orienteering Championships Long and Middle Distance Competitions, valid from 01 March 2015.
- 2 March 2015: By voting 3 in favour, 1 against the ESB approved the Rules Deviation Request from the organisers of WMOC 2015 related to the collecting of maps. The event SEA was strongly in favour of this request while the recommendation of the FOC was to reject the proposal.

The argument which fell in favour of the proposal was lessening the burden on organisers. The ESB decision was also based upon the fact that the effect on fairness was assessed to be little. Previous maps of the area are readily available and if someone has the intention to cheat by getting previous knowledge of map and course setting by gaining information from another competitor this can as easily be achieved in other ways than via the non-collected maps. We hope of course that this is not and will not be an issue.

FOCUS ON KEY OUTCOMES – STRATEGIC PLANNING

5 WOC AL, KI

- WOC 2015, GBR: Status report. The organiser tabled a progress report during HLES. One key point will be to get final approval for SPORTident Air+ for using in the sprint relay.
- WOC 2016, SWE: Status report. No SEA Report available. Rule deviation request to lengthen the event by one day and thus move the sprint qualification one day ahead of the sprint final to enable the athletes enough rest. Discussion with coaches.

This decision has been postponed from January and the organisers need a decision asap to progress with the marketing of the event. The FOC members on balance agreed to the rule deviation proposal. **AL to proceed to Council.**

JS

6 World Cup BT, JS

- World Cup 2015: status report. [Preparations are on track.](#)
- World Cup 2016
CZE is proposing a new Sprint Relay World Cup event during EOC. SEA & FOC supports the proposal. This race should be conducted on the first day of the Championships. Council asks FOC whether or not it is

acceptable for the athletes and the coaches.

- World Cup 2017: status report. FOC will wait for Council decision about the future of the World Cup from 11th April.
- The European Working Group appointed Switzerland (Ticino) as the organiser of EOC 2018. The date for the event is the second week of May.

7 JWOC HLP, AL

- JWOC 2015, NOR: status report. Preparations are on track, nothing new to report.
- JWOC 2018: Application deadline extended until 15th March 2015. One application received from HUN. HLP with the help of BT will make the bid evaluation. FOC will ask the IOF Office to request HUN to be present during WOC 2015 to present their application.

8 WMOC DM, BT

- WMOC 2015 SWE: status report. The idea not to collect maps from the competitors in the qualification races was not supported by FOC, but was eventually accepted by ESB.
 - The number of entries so far is significantly lower than expected. Only 300 Swedes have currently entered. DM to ask for more promotion.
- WMOC 2016: very succesful meeting at HLES in Tallinn with the organisers.
- WMOC 2017 has currently no organiser appointed. BT is asked to liaise with the NZ Federation to appoint a local organiser. The SEA should have his first visit at the end of May so they are a bit late.
- WMOC 2018 applications received. Information from DM. Shortlist.
DM to assess and visit shortlisted candidates DEN & SVK in May-June. DM to make an assessment report for FOC Meeting 4-15. BUL was also informed about the problems in their application.
- WMOC 2019 application process. Latvia was asked to apply formally by 30 April. The application has already been received. DM to make an assessment visit in July and make a report by FOC meeting 4-15.

9 The World Games AL, KI

Qualification rules for TWG 2017. To be approved by Council in April as it has to reach TWG 2017 organisers by 30 June 2015. Discussion.

AL and KI to prepare a draft for the qualification rules of TWG 2017 based on results from the Sprint Relay World Cup races in 2016 (best 2 of the races 1-3 to be included). The proposed rules were discussed and approved by FOC to be sent to Council. AL to follow up.

FOCUS ON KEY OUTCOMES – RULES

10 Rules USK, DM
Application from SPORTident for SI Air+ final approval. GA

FOCUS ON KEY OUTCOMES – EVENT QUALITY AND ADVISING

11 Event Advising USK, VF, HLP
Plan for EA Clinics:

- HLES in Tallinn (7-8 February 2015). FOC and EOF are the main organising bodies.

The Clinic was managed by FOC with a huge success. Record numbers of 18 nations and 77 participants were registered. AL specially thanks USK, GA & DM for their contribution.

- EA Clinic in Prostějov, CZE (14-15 March 2015). 15 entered. Successful Clinic, lead by USK, supported by AL and Dušan Vystavěl.
- Possible other Clinic in 2015: No further Clinic proposed for 2015. [USK and HLP proposes to plan a Clinic in Denmark in late March 2016 in conjunction with the WRE event Danish Spring 2016.](#)
- Preliminary FOC extra meeting program during WOC 2015:
 - Open FOC-meeting on Monday 3rd August 17:00-19:00. Focus on Commission work. Target group: organisers, event advisers, coaches, other interested parties. AL & GA responsible for the organisation. Update.
 - Seminar on Middle and Long distance competitions (course setting). Preliminary date is Tuesday 4th August 17:00-19:00. Target group: course setters, event advisers, other interested parties. VF, HLP & USK responsible for the organisation. Update:

SEA proposals: Chi Sing Clement CHAN (HKG) is proposed to be the SEA at Asian OC 2016.

12 Liaising with FootO Athletes' Commission KI

Athletes' Commission proposed to review the IOF Protocol Guidelines about sponsor visibility on the podium. This is something for Council to discuss.

13 Coaches Reference Group JS

To ensure higher event quality (especially athlete representation) AL proposes to create a Coaches Working Group as an Advisory Group to FOC. A dedicated FOC member should select a group of 4-5 national team coaches whom he should liaise with about World Cup event dates, World Cup and WOC Special Rules and any other business.

[JS to form a group of 4-5 coaches and come back with the list by FOC Meeting 3-15.](#)

EVENT DEVELOPMENT

14 Prior Knowledge and Embargoes BT

BT's discussion paper on prior knowledge and embargoes in the era of modern technology was published on the IOF website. [BT proposes to postpone this agenda for the summer.](#)

15 Guidelines GA

Update & discussion:

- Sprint Relay Guidelines were updated.
- JWOC Guidelines: New update available – March 2015. AL

VISIBILITY OF ORIENTEERING

16 WRE VF, DM

Some problems with recent WRE events. Update.

[VF informed about a situation where an EA approved a map scale change without formally consulting it with the IOF Office. It is stated clearly that the EAs do not have this kind of authority and all Federations and EAs were reminded of this two years ago. Council to progress.](#)

OTHER MATTERS

17 **Communication platform for FOC discussions** HLP

In the short run e-mail will be used. The member in charge of the discussion indicates a deadline for comments and after that, the member in charge writes a conclusion to conclude the hearing. If not indicated, AL communicates the results to the discussion.

HLP and AL to select a discussion forum to be used for FOC discussions in the future. The forum should be able to send e-mails every time a new item is added to the forum.

GA informed about a paper prepared to Council to establish a World Orienteering Day on 11th May 2016. It is a joint initiative from GA and the Swedish WOC organisers 2016. This should also fit into FOC's youth promotion remit.

18 **Next meetings** all

- FOC meeting 3-15: face-to-face meeting in Halden (NOR) – 3-4 June (from Wednesday evening to Thursday afternoon). In conjunction with the World Cup races. USK to organise.
- FOC meeting 4-15: during WOC in Inverness (GBR). Meeting plan was circulated.
- FOC meeting 5-15: not yet decided. First or second weekend of October.
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