

## Foot Orienteering Commission – Meeting 5 - 14

**Place:** Newlands, Penallt, UK

**Date:** Saturday, 11 October. 0900 - Sunday, 12 October 0010 BST

**Participants:**

Aron Less (AL)	Chairman		
Goran Andersson (GA)	Member		
Unni Strand Karlsen (USK)	Member		
David May (DM)	Member		
Blair Trewin (BT)	Member	online	
Vincent Frey (VF)	Member	online	
Björn Persson	IOF Sports Director	online	

### OPENING

#### 1 Opening

AL opened the meeting. AL thanked David May and his wife Anne for welcoming the Commission meeting in their home.

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#### 2 Follow up of Minutes FOC 4-14

**#15 – Event Advising:** it was noted that there was still no indication of who were SEAs on the IOF list of EAs. However, it was believed that a new office systems were being introduced and that this might answer the question. FOC to follow up.

**#23 – AOB (FOC representation):** FOC reiterates the need for a budget to fund representation at high level IOF events.

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### TO NOTE DECISIONS / ACTIONS TAKEN SINCE THE FOC MEETING 4-14

#### 3 SEAs

ESB approved the list FOC sent to them after FOC meeting 4-14.

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#### 4 World Cup 2015 Special Rules

World Cup 2015 Special Rules were approved by ESB.

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#### 5 Rules Deviation

ESB approved WMOC 2015 organiser's request for 1:7.500 maps for the long distance event for older classes (60+).

ESB approved that an official Sprint Relay event is to be organised as part of ASOC 2014.

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## EVENT PLANNING

- 6 IOF Competition Review Project** AL
- Information about how things are proceeding. Discussion.  
No further update was available since the report in September.
- 7 Major Event Evaluation Process (organiser selection process)** BT
- BT redrafted a new version of the document based on comments from last meeting. Discussion.
- FOC approved the paper. The main document should be kept for internal purposes only and **also circulated to other Discipline Chairs for their information (AL)**. AL
- The table of criteria should be published so that event bid teams know what these are – within the event requirements information (DM, AL and IOF Office).**
- 8 WOC** BP
- 8.1 WOC reports
- WOC 2014, ITA:**
- BP presented his post-WOC report, which raised questions addressed elsewhere within the agenda. The WOC was ambitious in its choice of venues and the logistical problems these caused were well solved. It was a “spectacular” WOC!
- WOC 2015, GBR:**
- BP presented the Sept 2014 report. All course concepts were approved. Long distance remains a problem with regard to communication issues but it hoped that these can be improved so that live TV pictures can be broadcast.
- Team accommodation remains an issue as (a) the planned campus venue can only now be used as the EC, and (b) potential accommodation in Aviemore was deemed too distant.
- Three requests for Rules Deviations were flagged up.
- WOC 2016, SWE:**
- BP gave a verbal report. The next SEA visit is during November. Mapping is on track and most terrain surveys are nearly finished. Organisation is good and there are no major problems. WOC 2016 will be the first “Nokian Tyres WOC”.
- WOC 2017, EST:**
- BP and Ivar Maalen were conducting their first visit concurrently with the FOC meeting. Event Director Markus Puusepp will be employed full-time from November 2014 onwards. Mapping criteria have been established by the SEA team.
- WOC 2018, LAT:**
- SEA proposed by FOC to ESB (AL to follow up).**

## **8.2 WOC 2019 application process**

Process starts next year.

### **9 World Cup**

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#### **World Cup 2014: summary report.**

AL tabled a summary report. Overall, it was a season with a lot of competitions and clear winners. There were competitions that stood out, but the mistakes in Portugal (and partly in Spain) show that event quality is something the IOF still has to work on.

FOC should consider having a standby SEA in the future, for those rare occasions where the SEA cannot attend. One possible substitute could be the FOC representative.

EOC 2014 problems are tabled under ROC (agenda item 12).

#### **World Cup 2015: status report.**

AL tabled a status report based on the information acquired from the SEAs. World Cup Special Rules were changed at the end of August. Progress is generally good and FOC sees no real problems or rule deviation requests for now.

It is noted here, that bulletins for NOR and SWE were published without IOF office knowledge

#### **World Cup 2015 Special Rules for Sprint Relay**

GA

These were accepted and should now be sent to ESB for approval.

#### **World Cup 2016: status report**

AL tabled a status report based on the information acquired from the SEAs. For EOC 2016, FOC proposes an Assistant SEA, as 7 races for one SEA is clearly too much responsibility. Otherwise, things are looking good.

Czech organizers could not put the sprint relay race into the official EOC program because the meeting of Orienteering Federations in Europe did not support the proposal. They now want to organise it on the rest day during EOC, if they can have it as an official World Cup race. The SEA was not able to carefully examine whether organising this extra race is within the organisers' capacity – **AL to follow-up after the SEA reporting. GA to contact Athlete's Commission about their views.**

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GA

#### **World Cup 2017: status report**

- Applications received from FIN and SUI. Programme for 2017 will be discussed in the meeting 5-14 (October).

The structure of the World Cup may change and FOC should know more after the next Council meeting. AL to discuss with MD after this. Decisions about 2017 are now postponed until the January meeting.

#### **Obtaining status reports**

ALL

**All FOC competition representatives should e-mail all "their" SEAs before each meeting asking 4 or 5 simple questions about progress, problems, possible rules deviations requests, whether help is needed, etc. There are too many occasions when problems are known to the IOF at too late a stage.**

10 JWOC

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**JWOC 2014, BUL (Borovets), SEA – David Aleš (CZE), AEA – Roman Zbránek (CZE)**

No new SEA Report – waiting for final SEA report and final Organiser's Report

JWOC was conducted without any major problems. There were no complaints or protests. The long distance courses were especially demanding with the W20 winning time 25% longer than the rules say. It should also be noted, that while the organiser didn't put on a banquet, the competitors did, with no problems

**JWOC 2015, NOR: (Rauland), SEA – Lars Forsberg (SWE)**

No new SEA report was available, and National Controller (Ivar Maalen) represented the SEA in the October 2014 visit to Rauland. He reported that:

- Good progress with mapping – some generalisation needed
- Control sites are in the forest and planning is going well with arena passages no built into the Middle Final
- A decision on a big screen will be made in December – mobile coverage is good enough for GPS tracking

**JWOC 2016, SUI: (Engadin), SEA – Cesare Tarabocchia (ITA), AEA – János Sűmegi (HUN)**

No SEA report is available. First SEA visit was planned for September 2014. Bulletin 1 should be published this year,

**JWOC 2017: FIN: SEA proposed to ESB**

To be organised in conjunction with FIN5 orienteering week 9-16 July 2017. WOC 2017 finishes on 7th July and Council has accepted this.

**JWOC development project.**

The report was accepted and will now go to Council. **AL to follow-up.**

11 WMOC

DM

**WMOC 2014 BRA: status report**

DM (Assistant SEA) and Oivind Holt (SEA) had recently returned from the penultimate visit to Brazil and Oivind Holt's report had been circulated before the meeting. Bulletin 2 had been published in draft form and course planning was completed.

However, the organisers are still significantly behind schedule in many of the logistical aspects of the competition, so much so that Oivind Holt had asked for DM to return to Brazil to assist before and during the competition itself.

FOC unanimously supported the request and later ESB also confirmed the approval of the request.

**WMOC 2015 SWE: status report**

Jorgen Holmboe (NOR, SEA) has circulated the report of his August visit already. Progress is good as one would expect, the main issue being that the organisers may not have the finish in the arena in contravention to the WMOC Guidelines. This

is still being discussed. DM to keep in touch.

#### **WMOC 2016 EST: status report**

Jari Kymäläinen (FIN, SEA) had circulated his June visit report previously. Bulletin 1 is not ready yet and neither is the promised website up and running. However, progress seems good in other areas. Dates are 6<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> August and there is no clash with other major IOF events.

One issue which might cause problems is that of event software. The organisers seem to be developing their own, despite the fact that we recommend the tried and tested OE2010 of Stephan Kramer. DM to keep in touch.

#### **WMOC (WMG) 2017 NZL: status report**

Nick Dent (AUS) has been appointed SEA. The WMG is scheduled for the dates 21st to 30th April (in Auckland) but the exact dates for the WMOC have not yet been published.

NZOF are still putting together an organising committee and a National Controller has not yet been appointed.

The Oceania Championships take place in North Island during the previous week (17th to 20th April). There are two separate organising teams for these events. DM to keep in touch.

#### **WMOC 2019**

**Council minutes:** “The final appointment of Latvia as organiser of the 2019 WMOC is still subject to receipt of an acceptable application by the application deadline.”

FOC understands that the bid may be based on Riga as its centre rather than Liepaja, so will differ from previous bids. An evaluation should be made of the bid.

**AL & DM to follow-up.**

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#### **ROCs**

BT

##### **European Orienteering Championships, 9-16 April 2014, Portugal.**

- Post-race evaluation requested by Council
- an evaluation of EOC 2014 will be prepared for the October Council meeting.

USK presented the report, which was accepted with minor amendments. AL to follow the report up with Barbro Rönnerberg and Owe Fredholm

**USK**  
**AL**

##### **Asian Orienteering Championships, 15-22 September 2014, Kazakhstan**

No SEA report yet, but Dominic Yue reported that

- There were 272 runners from 11 countries, ranging from 124 from KAZ to one from AUS, with 8 male Iranians present also
- The elite races comprised 43 men and 20 women
- Some accommodation caused complaints (no hotels in the area)
- Competitions were well organised but weather was poor and plastic bags had to be requested to keep maps dry
- Next AsOC will be in Chinese Taipei
- New Asian Junior and Youth Champs to be established between AsOCs, the first to be in Hong Kong in Dec 2015

##### **North American Orienteering Championships, 10-13 October 2014, Canada**

This was taking place concurrently with the FOC meeting; BT was present. The

event seemed to go well.

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

All seems to be on track.

**European Orienteering Championships, 21-28 May 2016, Czech Republic**

See report under World Cup 2016 heading

**North American Orienteering Championships 2016 USA.**

USA have advised that a venue still has to be found for this following IOF rejection of proposal to use 2015 US Championships venue. Several options exist. SEA to be appointed later.

**Oceania Orienteering Championships 2017, New Zealand.**

It is likely that Oceania 2017 will take place in NZL over the Easter weekend (one week before WMOC). Concern was expressed over the capacity of NZL to organise two events of this size in rapid succession.

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| 13 | <b>The World Games</b>   | BP |
|    | <p>It has now been confirmed that orienteering will be in the program of the 2017 World Games in Wroclaw (POL). It is planned at this stage that the sprint will be held in the town centre, with the middle being a primarily forest race with an in-town finish.</p> <p>BP reported that Jerzy Antonowicz will be the orienteering event director and an organising team is being put together with Daniel Leibundgut (SUI) as SEA. The TWG dates are 3-13 August.</p> |    |

**EVENT QUALITY**

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| 14 | <p><b>Event Advising</b></p> <p><b>Plan for EA Clinics:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- HLES in Tallinn (February 2015)</li> </ul> <p>Date is 6-8 February; invitations due to be sent out in early November</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- EA Clinic in Brno (14<sup>th</sup> March 2015)</li> </ul> <p>Dusan Vystavel will be the local organiser</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Possible other Clinics in 2015</li> </ul> <p>Possible clinic at WMOC (Gothenburg) or O-Ringen to be discussed later</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Preliminary FOC extra meeting program during WOC 2015 (open meeting, middle/long seminar, etc.)</li> </ul> <p>FOC is positive towards such meetings, the topics should be decided in January</p> <p><b>SEA Guidelines.</b> Improving and developing SEA work. Discussion based on USK's paper drafted based on discussion in last meetings.</p> <p><b>Paper discussed and to be sent to the IOF Office for publication (AL).</b></p> <p><b>SEA appointments</b></p> <p><b>FOC's proposal to ESB (AL to follow-up).</b></p> | <p>USK</p> <p><b>USK</b></p> <p><b>FOC</b></p> |
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| 15 | <b>Rules</b> | USK |
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USK to gather any rule change propositions for the October FOC meeting.

FOC reviewed the rule changes proposed by the SEAs in recent high level events.  
USK to send comments to David Rosen. **USK to follow this up.** USK

On a more general note, FOC believes that the Leibnitz Convention is outdated with regards to start being in the arena.

**Time penalties. Discussion based on GA's paper.** GA

This proposal requests a big change in one principle of the sport and FOC felt that much more evidence/experience is needed before a decision can be made. Time penalties are now built in to the SOFT rules and FOC requests that written reports are made when time penalties are actually applied in events.

**Request for provisional approval of the SFR punching system.** ITC

The supporting documents were not regarded as being conclusive. It was noted that other systems have had direct IOF inspection before being approved and this system should be no different. SFR should be required to demonstrate its system in front of expert representatives from the IOF before final approval. Provisional approval is pending on getting more detailed punching reports.

## YOUTH PROMOTION

**16 Youth Promotion** VF

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

[Orienteering is a new sport in the United World Games](#)

## EVENT DEVELOPMENT

**17 Guidelines** BP

Update & discussion:

- WOC Guidelines: Updating is needed with the new qualification formats and the introduction of the Sprint Relay.

**Office to continue with the development of the WOC Guidelines, with input from BP.**

- WCup Guidelines: David Rosen has reviewed the current WCup guidelines and stated that they are not ready for publishing. AL

**FOC decided that WOC and WCup Guidelines should be separate documents and that AL would find someone to update the WCup Guidelines.**

- JWOC Guidelines: Should be updated by January 2015. AL
- WMOC Guidelines: [Possible update after WMOC 2014 by January 2015.](#) DM
- WRE Guidelines:

David Rosen has updated these to include the mandatory use of Eventor. FOC recommends the guidelines for publishing. **VF to follow up.** VF

**18 WRE** VF

From our last Minutes: *"There will be a post-season review of the World Ranking. It is also expected that there will be a need for a detailed proposal on rebasing of*

*points. BT will continue to liaise with Leho Haldna and the IOF Office on this.”*  
Follow-up and other possible WRE matters.

Oceania 2015 WRE scoring: In the 2015 Oceania Championships (as allowed with SEA approval by Oceania rule 4.3), non-World Cup runners will run the World Cup courses after the World Cup runners (under the same conditions) and will be eligible for Oceania Championship results.

*FOC decided, that the World Ranking scores should be calculated as a single set of points for all competitors, using the World Cup scale.*

#### VISIBILITY OF ORIENTEERING

##### **19 Visibility of orienteering**

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

#### OTHER MATTERS

##### **20 Prior Knowledge and Embargoes**

BT

BT's discussion paper on prior knowledge and embargoes in the era of modern technology is to be published on the IOF website.

*The paper is accepted and is already in the public domain for discussion/feedback.*

##### **21 AOB**

AL

MM is stepping down as chair of the Athletes Commission. William Lind (SWE) is taking over his place.

*FOC commissions GA to liaise with the Athlete's Commission on behalf of FOC.*

**GA**

##### **22 Next meeting – FOC 1 – 15**

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In January 2015 during the joint Council – Commissions Meeting.

*Apologies from DM – he will be only able to take part remotely.*