

Summary from the Minutes

FootO Commission 3-11, Chambéry (France)

Sunday, 14 August 2011, to Friday, 19 August 2011

WOC 2012 SUI, status report:

The preparations move forward as planned. First drafts of maps and courses are available and will be tested this summer. There is no common accommodation in a single location available for all teams, but there is enough accommodation at different price levels and a good public transportation network in the Lausanne area so that teams should be able to find something suitable.

The WOC fees are quoted in Swiss Francs, which, at the exchange rates of today, make this a very expensive WOC for teams and spectators.

Bulletin 2 is distributed.

A large delegation of the Swiss organiser was present as observers in WOC 2011.

WOC 2013 FIN, status report:

Preparations are according to plan. A delegation of the Finnish organiser was present as observers in WOC 2011.

WOC 2014 ITA, status report:

The organiser wants to change the original date (second half of August, as in the application) to 5-13 July. However, 13 July is the date for the Final in the Football (FIFA) World Cup in Brazil. FOC is clearly against this change, because we would lose any media interest in our WOC in this week.

WOC 2015, designation by Council

FOC (without the British and the Swedish member) gave a comment to the evaluation report and made a proposal to Council. Council has designated GBR (Inverness, Scotland) as the WOC organiser 2015.

WOC Sponsor Guide

FOC discussed the Sponsor Guide and approved this excellent document for publishing on the website, subject to some minor changes. It should be distributed to the future WOC organisers directly by the Secretariat.

WOC Guidelines

FOC discussed possible amendments of the guidelines together with Clive Allen based on a list of proposals. Clive Allen is asked to prepare an updated WOC guideline document for our next meeting in September.

World Cup Guidelines: it was noted that there is no current guidance for World Cup organisers and also that many (but not all) of the requirements for WOC also apply at World Cup level.

IOF Project WOC in the future (WIF)

In the Council of Presidents, an amended proposal was presented with 4 or 5 medal races:

- Sprint (qualification and final as today)
- Sprint relay (mixed 2+2)
- Middle (with prologue and chasing start based on prologue results) replacing the present Middle qualification and final
- Long (as present, participation based on results in former WOC and reasonable regional representation, no qualification race)
- Relay (to be dropped, if Federations prefer 4 medal races over 5 medal races).

FOC had already clearly stated that they prefer qualification for Long based on WRE points and not based on performance in former WOCs.

FOC discussed a proposal for a chasing start set-up. The general procedure with bonus seconds was accepted, but ideas of free sequence for some of the controls and out-of-bound areas to increase route choices were postponed for future consideration. A revised document will be discussed in our September meeting.

A Middle chasing start with prologue must be defined clearly in good time before the first medal race at a WOC. FOC plans to have the first test of a chasing start in the World Cup 2013 in New Zealand, and further chasing start Middle races later in World Cup 2013 and 2014.

World Cup 2011:

CZE: 24.9. (Middle), 25.9. (Long, chase start based on Middle)
Final SUI 1.10. (Middle), 2.10. (Sprint)

World Cup 2012:

The Special Rules World Cup 2012 must be ready for our next meeting. The principles agreed were:

5 out of 8 races from EOC/PostFinance Sprint/WOC and the results from NORT will count. 100 points per race in EOC/PostFinance Sprint/WOC. Races 1 to 4 in NORT will give 75 points each, race 5 (chase start, World Cup Final) 200 points.

The programme is confirmed to be as follows:

- SWE: EOC (Sprint, Middle, Long) 14.5.-20.5.
- SUI: Middle 23.6. and PostfinanceSprint 24.6.
- SUI: WOC (Sprint, Middle, Long) 13.7.-21.7.
- NORT: (NOR 1./2.9. Oslo: Sprint, Middle; SWE 4.9. Knock-out Sprint; FIN 6./7.9. Kajaani: Sprint, Vuokatti: chase start Middle)

World Cup 2013:

The programme is confirmed to be as follows:

- NZL 6./8./13.1.: Sprint, Middle, Middle with prologue/chase start
- NORT (NOR, SWE, FIN, 4.-12.5., 4-6 competitions to be determined later, in connection with Tiomila)
- FIN WOC (Sprint, Middle, Long) 6.-14.7.
- SUI Middle 5.10. and PostFinanceSprint 6.10. (Final)

World Cup 2014:

Provisional programme:

22.2 Middle, Turkey (during Antalya 4 days)

March/April Long, Middle, Spain (near Murcia)

March/April EOC Portugal (Long, Middle, Sprint)

First week of June: NORT with 4-6 races

Second part of August: WOC Italy (Long, Middle, Sprint)
4./5.10. Middle and PostFinance Sprint (Final), Switzerland

World Cup 2015:

Some ideas for competitions outside Europe were discussed. The corresponding Federations will be encouraged to file applications by end of December 2011.

JWOC 2011 POL:

The event was well organized, apart from a minor mistake in the forking set-up of the relay. A C Final should be introduced for Middle in future JWOCs (Rule 6.12).

JWOC 2012 SVK, status report:

Preparations are on track. Bulletin 2 has been distributed.

JWOC 2013 CZE, status report

Preparations are on track.

JWOC 2014, appointment

BUL was proposed by FOC. The proposal was confirmed by Council. The provisional date is the second week of July.

WMOC 2011 HUN:

This was successfully staged in July.

WMOC 2012 GER, status report:

Preparations are on track. The SEA will visit Bad Harzburg after this meeting.

WMOC 2013 ITA, status report:

The Italian Federation will start preparations for the event as soon as the organisation of the World Master Games (WMG) is ready, which should happen in the next few weeks. A WMOC 2013 flyer distributed at the WOC was not authorised by FISO, and does not represent the stage of planning.

WMOC 2014, appointment

The bids from Brazil, China, Czech Republic and Latvia were reduced to a shortlist of Brazil and China by Council (with Latvia in reserve). David May (DM) had visited both Brazil and China in June. The evaluation reports were circulated to FOC and were discussed extensively. Council, after interviewing DM to get further knowledge about the evaluation visits, decided to award WMOC 2014 to Brazil.

An SEA should be designated now and will have the task to visit the organiser later this year, and make a proper evaluation and selection of suitable terrain for Sprint and Long Distance.

Regional Championships:

The European Federations appointed Portugal as the organiser of the European Orienteering Championship (EOC) in 2014.

World Games 2013

FOC decided to propose to Council to use the same qualification rules as in World Games 2009 (Taiwan). These rules have not given rise to negative remarks at the time, and allow some flexibility for the designation of 9 out of the 40 participants (men and women) in order to have balanced representation from all continents, especially from the countries in the area.

WREs

Based on decisions from FOC 2-11, the extra weight (+ 5% and + 10%) from rankings at World Cups and WOC will no longer apply from 1.1.2012, and the results will stay in the list for 18 months. It was discussed whether to use the best 4 scores in the 18 month period, and not just in the last 12 month period. FOC decided to keep reliance on the best 4 scores of the 12 month period. Otherwise there would be much less incentive for top athletes to go to WRE races if they can rely on high scores in the previous year.

It was decided that, if other classes are running WRE elite courses (e.g. juniors), they are included in the calculation of WRE points.

SEA Clinics

A clinic has been held in BRA, one during WMOC 2011 in HUN, and one at O-ringen in SWE.

Future clinics are planned as follows: High Level Event Adviser seminar in Venice (ITA) in February 2012, regular SEA clinic in Graz (AUT) in February 2012.

AOB

A first draft for a course planning document with good and bad examples for Sprint and Middle events was presented. A short discussion confirmed that the general set-up is good. Further discussion was delayed until the next meeting.

Next meeting

FOC 4-11 on Tuesday 27 September.