

Minutes – Ski Orienteering Commission – Meeting No: 2 – 2016

Place: Strömstad High School, Sweden

Meeting Schedule: Wednesday, 24th of August – 9:00-12:00
Thursday, 25th of August – 9:00 – 15:00

Participants:

Antti Myllärinen (AM)	Acting Chairman
Eivind Tonna (ET)	Member
Aleksandr Bliznevskiy (AB)	Member
Roland Hellberg (RH)	Member
Thierry Jeanneret (TJ)	Member
Valentin Garkov (VG)	Member
Hans-Jörgen Kvåle (HJ)	IOF Marketing Manager

Invited: Agnes Elfving (AE)

OPENING

1. Opening

AM open the meeting. He went through the most recent news on ski orienteering world.

2. Follow-up from SOC meeting No: 1 – 2016

Decisions and proposals for IOF Competition review group were discussed and rehearsed. The proposed changes are shown in a table below:

Table 1

Competition	Density – Current	Density – Future	Description of the future format
WSOC	Bi-annual	Annual	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 4 competitions per championships ▪ Different programs on odd and even years

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			(compare urban and forest based in foot-o) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 2019/20 season is the first one when this new format is in use
WCUP	Bi-annual	Annual	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 3 events per year ▪ WSOC is part of the WCUP ▪ There can be from 3 to 5 competitions per event, Min. 3 individual starts ▪ The duration of the event should be from 3 to 5 days ▪ Model event does not need to be organized on a separate day ▪ 2019/20 season is the first one when this new format is in use
ROC	Annual	Bi-annual	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Can be arranged in conjunction with the overall world cup and not necessarily in one location (Sprint on Round 1, long on round 2 etc.) ▪ Does not need to be annual
JWSOC	Annual	Annual	▪ No Changes
EYSOC	Annual	Annual	▪ No Changes
WMSOC	Annual	Annual	▪ No Changes

Races in WSOC would go so that in odd years a sprint-oriented race schedule would be arranged and on even years the program would be emphasize more heavily individual and long distances. Please see table two for further information.

Table 2

Odd years	Even years
Sprint / New discipline	Sprint / New discipline
Pursuit	Middle
Middle with a mass-start	Long with a mass start
Sprint relay	Relay

Final decisions about these proposals would be done in General Assembly after SOC meetings would be already ended.

TO NOTE DECISIONS / ACTIONS TAKEN SINCE THE SOC MEETING IN OBERTILLIACH

3. Council & ESB decisions

Markus Puusepp (EST) was accepted as SEA for 2017 ESOC, JWSOC, EYSOC and WMSOC.

All other issues topics are discussed further down in this document.

COMPETITION CALENDAR AND EVANT ADVISERS IN THE FUTURE

4. WSOC 2019 application

It was noted that WSOC 2019 application should have already been received. ET and HJ noted that there is a potential applicant and it is really likely that application will be received in September-October 2016. HJ has also informed this to IOF Council.

5. ESOC 2019 application

No applications received but two potential organizers have indicated their interest for ESOC and potentially also other competitions in the season.

6. Other competitions

2020-21 and 2021-22 calendars were discussed on a general level. Potential organizers will be contacted during H2/2016.

7. Nomination of event advisers

Sindre Haverstad (NOR), Staffan Tunis (FIN) and Arkadi Vedin (RUS) were proposed as SEAs by SOC for WCup held in Finland, USA and Bulgaria, respectively. Proposal was made after meeting No: 1 in February 2016. Council required more information from SOC regarding applicants and their experience.

AM proposed that SOC will nominate stay-home SEA:s to work with above mentioned EA:s and in this way secure required knowhow for event organizing. Proposal was accepted. Persons working together with proposed EA:s will be proposed to Council in Autumn 2016.

COMPETITION SUPPORT NETWORK

8. A new role to support local organizers

the importance of different competition support functions were discussed. HJ told how IOF will work together with organizers in marketing. ET proposed that SOC member would be nominated to terrain, map and course responsible person for IOF competitions. Proposal was approved and ET was unanimously selected as a responsible person starting from August 2016.

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

9. Annual ski orienteering clinics

Agnes Elfving (AE) from Sweden has been working with youth development in ski orienteering for a year now. AE went through her experiences and SOC discussed about AE's role in the future. It was decided that AE will arrange one ski-o clinic a year in a country that is not actively involved in the sport and will follow-up the development also afterwards. The first clinic is planned to be held next winter in Austria.

RULES

10. Rules updates

Required rules changes were discussed by RH. It was stated that no major changes are needed but RH will discuss about the small updates with David Rosen during WOC week.

FISU AND CISM RELATED MATTERS

11. FISU

AB will actively support FISU 2019 Universiades and the role of ski orienteering in the event. Further, HJ and TJ will work to get ski orienteering to 2020 Winter Youth Olympics and 2021 FISU Universiades held in Switzerland.

VG will actively be in contact with FISU office and Ski Orienteering FISU World Championship organizers. Further, VG is planning to have an inspection visit to FISU Universiades venues in winter 2017 in conjunction with IOF WSOC held in Krasnoyarsk, Russia.

12. CISM

French Orienteering Federation is asked to apply EA license to Patrick Desbrest who then could be nominated as IOF EA to CISM World Winter Games arranged in Sochi in 2017.

OTHER ISSUES

13. New SOC Chairman

AM was nominated to acting chairman of SOC in 2015 and he has been the chairman since. AM proposed that now that ET has indicated to have more time to work with SOC related matters, he could be re-nominated officially as SOC Chairman starting immediately. Proposal was accepted.

14. Resignation

Nicolo Corradini had informed AM before the meeting that he is facing increased work pressures in Italy and can thus not dedicate SOC the time needed. Therefore, Nicolo saw that it's better for him to resign from the position. SOC approved the proposal and thanked Nicolo from the great work he has been done in SOC during the years.

15. New members

AM was assigned to contact potential replacement for Nicolo Corradini.

NEXT MEETINGS

16. Next meeting in Imatra, Finland

Next SOC meeting will be held in Imatra, Finland, in conjunction with ESOC.