

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE EUROPEAN ORIENTEERING FEDERATIONS

Wednesday, July 16, 2008 in Prostějov, Czech Republic

1. Opening and Roll call

The meeting was opened at 12.40 pm by the Chairman of the Working Group (WG), Bjørn R. Berntsen.

21 voting federations were present, these being AUT, BEL, CZE, DEN, ESP, EST, FIN, FRA, GBR, GER, HUN, ITA, NOR, POL, POR, ROM, SRB, SUI, SVK, SWE, and UKR.

2. Election of Chair, Tellers and Minutes Secretary

Bjørn R. Berntsen (NOR) was elected to chair the meeting and as the tellers were elected Mikko Salinen (FIN) and Sixten Sild (EST).

Erik Nielsen (DEN) was elected to take the minutes.

3. Approval of agenda

The agenda was approved and there were no new items from the delegates for inclusion under item '11. Any Other Business'.

4. Approval of the minutes from Kyiv – actions taken by the working group

The minutes of the 2007 meeting were approved.

The WG Secretary David May briefed the meeting on the work of the WG in the last 12 months.

- Following the decision at last year's meeting in Kyiv, Zoran Milovanovic (SER) joined the WG in August 07
- The following event applications have been processed for decision at this year's meeting
 - EYOC 2010
 - Ski EYOC 2010
- Six European championships have been / will be staged this year
 - EOC 2008 (LAT)
 - ETOC 2008 (LAT)
 - EOC/Ski 2008 (SUI)
 - EYOC/Ski 2008 (BUL)
 - EOC/MTB 2008 (LTU) - September
 - EYOC 2008 (SUI) – October
 - Medals and diplomas to be used at all senior European Championships have been designed and commissioned. They were for the first time awarded at EOC/ETOC in Latvia



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- Response has been made to SUI proposal re EOC participation
- WG has recommended first week in July as optimal dates for EYOC
- WG has adopted the dates of 27 May to 6 Jun for EOC 2010
- New candidates to fill vacancies as Chairman and Secretary of the WG have been recruited
- WG has appointed advisers for EOC 2010 and EYOC 2009
- Website – Europe region page now developed and contains minutes, rules and other documents
- Bjørn R Berntsen has made contact regarding orienteering activities in Iceland

5. Appointment of the organiser of EYOC 2010

Slovakia (SVK) and Spain (ESP) presented their bids for EYOC 2010.

The host centre for the SVK bid would be Kosice situated in the Eastern Part of the country and the event was suggested to take place from June 24 – 27. Entry fee would be around EUR 160 per athlete and official. The entry would cover starting fees for all events, including model event, accommodation for 3 nights, full board, transport from the event centre to the competition areas and from airport and the official banquet.

The event centre for the ESP bid would be the city of Soria which is located in the northern part of Spain, in the region of Castilla y León approx. 200 kms from Madrid. Accommodation would be arranged for in the town's existing six Youth Hostels while media, IOF officials and spectators would be offered accommodation in hotels. The event was proposed to take place between 30th June and 3rd July. Entry fee is expected to be around EUR 140 which would cover starting fees for all events, accommodation for 3 nights, full board, transport from the event centre to the competition areas and the official banquet.

Voting: Spain: 12 votes Slovakia: 9 votes

Spain was appointed as organiser of EYOC 2010.

6. Appointment of the organiser of EOC/Ski 2010

As no applications for the organization of EOC/Ski 2010 had been received the meeting assigned the Working Group to consult with the Ski-O-Commission for the appointment of an organiser and gave WG power of attorney to appoint an organiser.

7. Appointment of the organiser of EYOC/Ski 2010

Romania (ROM) was the only applicant. The ROM bid was presented by the HUN Secretary General. The host city would be Miercurea Ciuc situated in the centre of the country about 255 km north of Bucharest. The town is the centre of Romanian winter sport activities. The event centre and media centre would be located in the Campus of the Sapienta University in Miercurea Ciuc. The event will take place in February.

Romania was appointed as organiser of EYOC/Ski 2010

8. Proposal from member Federations

Three proposals were presented.

- 1) The European Working Group (EWG) had received a proposal from Switzerland (SUI) regarding participation in the European Orienteering Championships which argued for clarification of rules for participation and rules for the titles in case of absence of IOF participation rules.

The proposal asked for clarification on

- **Rules for participation:** who is eligible to participate in European Championships in terms of citizenship, holders of European passport only or others as well?
- **Rules for titles:** who is the European Champion? The first runner on the result list or the best "European" runner?

and suggested that the Working Group should look into this matter and liaise with IOF with the goal to propose solutions to the European presidents' conference in 2009.

EWG had discussed the proposal from SUI and had agreed to a proposal (see below) from David Rosen, Chairman of the Foot-O-Committee and that the rule should be used at EOC 2008 in Latvia.

David Rosen's proposal for amendment (tried at EOC 2008):

- *Competitors representing full member Federations of the IOF, defined by the International Olympic Committee as belonging to a non-European continent, can participate in EOC but will not be eligible for European titles, medals or diplomas.*
- *When the European Championship competition is not combined with a separate competition (such as a World Cup) open to all Federations, the organiser shall prepare and pay for prizes for any non-European competitors/teams who are in the first 6 places of the overall results. Two separate results lists shall be published, one showing the results of the European Championship (excluding any non-European teams) and a second showing the results of the Open competition.*

Decision: *The proposal was adopted unanimously*

- 2) EWG proposed that if the Annual Meeting adopted the above proposal, the same rules should apply to all other Special Rules for European Orienteering Championships.

Decision: The proposal was adopted unanimously

- 3) EWG Chairman, Bjorn Berntsen, proposed the following amendment to section 9 of Working Group Rules:

- *All changes to the Working Rules are subject to approval by the IOF.*

After a short discussion on the necessity of the amendment where at least one representative was of the opinion that the addition was already covered by other provision in the rules, the meeting **adopted the proposal with all votes but one.**

9. Election of the Working Group

The Chairman, Bjørn R. Berntsen (NOR) and the Secretary, David May (GBR) had previously announced that they wanted to stand down. The Chairman further announced that Dan Chissick (ISR) wanted to stand down. All other working group members were willing to being re-elected.

EWG had been active, and successful, in identifying suitable candidates for the Chairman, Helge Søgaaard (DEN) and the Secretary, Erik Nielsen (DEN). The Chairman emphasized, however, that other candidates could be nominated from the floor.

Norway nominated Anne Line Nydal Berglia as working group member.

As no other candidates were nominated the result of the elections was:

Chairman: Helge Søgaaard (DEN) elected with acclamation

Secretary: Erik Nielsen (DEN) elected with acclamation

Members: Juraj Nemeč (SVK), Erich Simkovič (AUT), Vincent Frey (FRA), Zoran Milovanović (SRB), all re-elected with acclamation and Anne Line Nydal Berglia (NOR) new-elected with acclamation.

10. Decision concerning the next meeting

The next meeting will provisionally take place in association with WOC 2009 in Hungary. The exact date will be fixed later depending on the IOF meeting schedule.

11. Any other business

The new Chairman of EWG, Helge Søgaaard (DEN), thanked warmly for being elected and promised to continue facilitating the high standard of work that EWG had been maintaining over the years for the benefit of the European federations.

Finally, and on behalf of the European federations, he expressed the federations' gratefulness to the outgoing Chairman and Secretary for their dedicated work for the European orienteering case.

Bjørn R Berntsen thanked David May, the other members of the WG and all the European Orienteering Federations for their cooperation and contributions, and wished the new WG good luck with its duty.

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