

## **Summary from the Minutes**

**Foot-O Commission 1-10, Helsinki (Finland)**

**Friday, 22 January 2010, 16.45 h to Sunday, 24 January 2010, 11.30 h**

### **WOC 2010 NOR, status report:**

The organiser is offering now reasonably priced accommodation in the middle price level. There will be live TV coverage of all finals (Norwegian Television NRK). The start interval in the long distance event was discussed, and it is noted that Council decided a rule change, back to a 3 minutes start interval for WOC. The IOF should therefore approach the WOC 2010 organiser to discuss the possible implementation of this change.

### **WOC 2011 FRA, status report:**

The preparations are on track. There will be a narrow cooperation between Switzerland (World Cup Finals 2010/2011 and WOC 2012) and France (World Cup 2010 and WOC 2011) in the field of time keeping, IT and arena production. The proposed dates and locations of the training camps have been modified.

### **WOC 2012 SUI, status report:**

The national controller has started working. It is proposed to relocate the long distance qualification. A secretary has been appointed, and there is good progress on the budget and with enlisting volunteers for help. The programme foresees the sprint final on Saturday just before the opening.

### **WOC 2013 FIN, status report:**

In view of discussion with TV the original programme is reconsidered and the finals concentrated towards the second half of the WOC week. Mapping has started with training maps.

### **WOC guidelines**

FOC discussed what chapters should be added and which chapters need urgent updating, based on a proposal of Clive Allen. The chairman will contact the corresponding commission chairs. It was noted that no feedback to the handbook is available (e.g. sent to the e-mail address [wocguidelines@orienteering.org](mailto:wocguidelines@orienteering.org))

### **WOC relay evaluation**

FOC is of the opinion that the present relay could be made more attractive and exciting for TV and spectators by shortening the overall competition time. A rule change is proposed to shorten the legs.

### **World Cup 2010: status report**

**NORT:** Preparations are on track.

Some clarifications and some modifications of the Special Rules concerning the Nordic Orienteering Tour have been made, see the updated Special rules on the IOF website.

**Final round:** Long 3 Oct., FRA, and PostFinance Middle and Sprint 9/10 Oct., SUI. For cooperation between organisers see under WOC 2011. The official training week No. 1 for WOC 2011 is moved from the week between the World Cup races to the week before the World Cup in France.

**World Cup 2011:**

The confirmed programme is as follows:

NORT: FIN 17 June, SWE 21 June, NOR 25 June.

WOC: FRA 13 Aug. to 20 Aug.

CZE: 24 Sep. (Middle), 25 Sep. (Long).

Final SUI 1 Oct. (Middle), 2 Oct. (Sprint).

**World Cup 2012 and 2013:**

Application deadline for WC 2012 and 2013 is 31<sup>st</sup> January 2010.

The following applications are expected:

2012: EOC SWE in May; WOC SUI in August; modified NORT and pre-WOC in

NOR/SWE/FIN in September; Final in SUI in October. FOC will discuss the programme in its next meeting in April.

**JWOC 2010 DEN, status report:**

Preparations are on track.

**JWOC 2011 POL, status report:**

The organiser has changed the area for the Middle final.

**JWOC 2012 SVK: status report:**

Preparations are on track. The terrains have been discussed. A two-loop long distance course lay-out is considered to reduce following in view of the 2 minutes (or 1.5 minutes) start interval.

**JWOC programme**

It was again confirmed that the coaches/team leaders do not want a change of programme. In particular all team members (maximum 6 per country) should have the right to start in the Long distance event. In analogy to the rule change proposal for the WOC relay, the legs and overall length of the JWOC relay should also be shortened.

When checking the programme of the coming JWOCs it was realised that a rest day and a day for training at the beginning of the week can only be accommodated if the overall length of the JWOC is extended from 6 to 7 days. A corresponding change of Rule 3.7 is proposed.

**WMOC 2010 SUI, status report:**

Preparations are on track. There is a cap of 4500 WMOC entries, currently there are around 3200 paid entries. The organisers moved the deadline for entry *fee payments* to 19<sup>th</sup> June in line with Rule 7.2. It is proposed that a new rule is incorporated into chapter 9 (entries) which makes sure that the *entry* deadline cannot be more than 6 weeks before the event.

**WMOC 2011 HUN, status report:**

Bulletin 1/2 has been published. The embargo of the city of Komló is maintained, mainly because there is already a sprint map of this town.

**WMOC, general points**

WMOC 2012 GER: No further information at this stage.

WMOC 2013 ITA combined with WMG: No further information at this stage.

FOC notes that Council has decided to adapt the WMOC application evaluation process.

FOC has to prepare a reasoned short list based on the information in the application. Short listed candidates have to pay a fee which will then cover evaluation visits to applicants on the short list. The new procedure will apply to applications for WMOC 2014 to be filed in January 2011.

The WMOC guidelines update was discussed and approved. Many points from the WOC guidelines have been incorporated in an adapted form. Rules which must be followed are

now shown in boldface. *(Meanwhile the updated WMOC guidelines have been published on the IOF website.)*

**Regional Championships:**

There is a possibility that the 2013 Oceanian championships (NZL) may be included in the World Cup programme.

**WREs**

For 2010 there are now 90 WRE events. Although forms have been sent out also for 2011 and 2012, no application has yet been filed for these years. The draft of the WRE guidelines update was discussed and approved. As with the WMOC guidelines, rules which must be followed are now shown in boldface. *(Meanwhile the updated WRE guidelines have been published on the IOF website.)*

**Rule change proposals**

Apart from the rule change proposals mentioned under the headings WOC relay, JWOC and WMOC, some further proposals were discussed. Rule 23.3 should be changed such that the finish line shall be at least 3 m wide for mass start or chase start competitions and at least 1.5 m wide for individual start events. A definition of quarantine should be included into the rules.

**High Level Event Seminar, 13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> February 2010, Geneva**

There are 32 applicants from 12 nations. Main topic will be sprint in urban areas.

**Event Adviser Clinics**

The clinic set up 26<sup>th</sup>/27<sup>th</sup> February 2010 in CZE will be a combined clinic for Foot O and MBTO. Clinics in CAN and FRA/SUI are planned for later in the year.

**Next meetings**

FOC 2-10 on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2010, in Prague.

FOC 3-10 during the WOC week in Trondheim, meetings from Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> August to Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> August.