

Minutes – Foot Orienteering Commission – Meeting 3 - 2013

Place: Vuokatti, WOC 2013, Finland

Date: Sunday, 7th of July, 19.30-23.00
Tuesday, 9th of July, 8.30-12 and 20.00-22.00
Friday, 12th of July, 8.30-11.30

Participants:

Mikko Salonen (MS)	Chairman
Goran Andersson (GA)	Member
Vincent Frey (VF)	Member
Unni Strand Karlsen (UK)	Member
Aron Less (AL)	Member
David May (DM)	Member (online)
Willi Mueller (WM)	Member
Hideo Onoe (HO)	Member (online)
Blair Trewin (BT)	Member (online)
Dusan Vystavel (DV)	Member
Björn Persson (BP)	Sports Director

Invitations: -

Apology: -

OPENING

1 Opening MS

2 Follow up of Minutes FOC 2-13 MS
The minutes of the meeting 2-2013 were approved.

TO NOTE DECISIONS TAKEN BY EMAIL SINCE THE FOC MEETING 2-13

3 Rules Deviation Request and World Cup Special Rules 2013 Amendment MS
Organisers of the stage 5 of NORT 2013 asked in April for a rules deviation to use a 1:10000 scale map in their chasing start competition, which was initially defined as “Long Distance Chasing Start”, but was in further planning changed to “Chasing Start, Middle Distance Style”. FOC accepted the rules deviation request and decided to send it to ESB for final approval (which was received). The World Cup Special Rules were amended accordingly.

4 WOC 2016 Dates MS

SEA team of WOC 2016 has asked FOC's opinion of the proposed dates (20-28 August). WOC 2016 will be organised according to the WOC programme decided at the IOF General Assembly 2012. The original application for WOC 2016 identified WOC to be staged in the second part of August as the preferred period. This was accepted in the evaluation. The current dates proposal is within this period. The proposed period is overlapping the Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro with one day (closing ceremony, +4 hours' time difference to CET). The detailed week-programme is still subject to considerations and further planning. FOC decided to support the proposal put forward by the SEA team.

EVENT PLANNING

5 WOC BP

8.1 WOC reports

WOC 2013, FIN: SEA Report June 2013

- The Championships are on, organisers have things under control..

WOC 2014, ITA: SEA Report, March 2013

- IOF is working to finalise the contract with the organiser. That's the highest priority right now.

WOC 2015, GBR: no new SEA Report available

- New Event Director, Paul McGreal, has been appointed. Next SEA visit in early September to meet the new event director.

WOC 2016, SWE: SEA Report, June 2013

- First visit was done in June. The organising team has started to work.

8.2 WOC 2017 application process

- No applications received so far. Council will discuss about the situation in their meeting and most probably agree on proactive tasks to find an organiser.

6 World Cup WM

World Cup 2013: status report

- SEA Reports of the 2013 NORT stages 1-2 and 4-5
- No other new SEA Reports available.

World Cup 2014: status report

- SEA made an unofficial visit to Turkey, tested GPS, etc.
- Status report for the WCup races in Spain and Portugal should be acquired by the next FOC meeting
- Nordic Round will be organised as follows (and that has already been approved by Council):
 - o 7th of June, Norway, Middle Distance (Kongsberg)
 - o 8th of June, Norway, Long Distance (Kongsberg)
 - o 11th of June, Finland, Sprint (Imatra)
 - o FOC asks the Office to publish the event details on the IOF website
- FOC proposes a sprint relay WCup series for 2014.
- Special Rules 2014 to be finalised by next FOC meeting.

World Cup 2015: status report

- Races to be held in Australia (Tasmania - beginning of the year), Nordic Round, WOC (GBR), SUI.
- For the Nordic Round, FOC suggests Sweden and Norway to organise Round 2 in June (5-7 June 2015) in the Bohuslän / Halden region as a pre-WOC. The disciplines will be a sprint relay, a middle distance and a middle/shortened long distance. This should be approved by Council.
- FOC proposes a sprint relay WCup series for 2015 also.

World Cup 2016: status report

- Applications received from SUI (WCup final, in October) and POL (2 races in June/Sept). Other races are WOC in August (SWE) and EOC in May (CZE). There is a possibility to combine POL WCup races & EOC. It should also be possible to include pre-WOC 2017 into the programme, if it's possible. Decision should be made by the next FOC meeting.

Future of World Cup:

- It's a problem that WCup is changing from year to year. WM prepared some key points. The proposal should be developed further in the next meeting.
- Council has also asked FOC to consider if there should be a separate overall winner for sprint- and forest-based world cup and also to which categories there should be an overall prize giving, e.g. women, men, relay, federation etc. FOC discussed these proposals and decided that it was too late to implement any for 2013, where the only overall winners will be in the women's and men's individual categories, as usual. However, for 2014, the proposed Sprint Relay Series could be scored to give an overall winning Federation.

Sprint Relay World Cup

- FOC received a letter from FIN regarding the possible introduction of a Sprint Relay series in the 2014 WCup programme. FOC discussed the proposal and supports it and is seeking Council's immediate approval for setting up a Sprint Relay WCup series for next season, consisting of competitions in FIN, TUR, ITA and SUI.

7 JWOC

DV / AL

JWOC 2013, CZE: status report, SEA Report May 2013.

- From technical and organisation sides this was one of the best championships ever. Two direct TV transmissions (from the middle final and from the relay) were covered, different terrains for different disciplines, lot of spectator and media attention.

JWOC 2014, BUL: status report, no new SEA Report available. Next SEA visit scheduled for September.

JWOC 2015 NOR: status report, no new SEA Report available. Selected date is 5-12 July, which does not conflict with other major IOF events.

JWOC 2016: Applicants (HUN, ROU (online presentation) and SUI) presented their bids.

- FOC received three good applications (HUN, ROU and SUI). After a long debate, FOC made a proposal to Council to appoint Switzerland to organise JWOC 2016.

8 WMOC

DM

WMOC/WMG 2013, ITA: status report, SEA Report June 2013

- Italy has 2630 entries so far.

WMOC 2014, BRA: status report, no new SEA Report – next SEA visit is in November.

- Bulletin 1 was published on 10th July.

WMOC 2015, SWE: status report, no new SEA Report

- SEA will make a first visit in August.

WMOC 2016:

- FOC received DM's detailed reports following his recent assessment visits to Denmark and Estonia and also spent time in studying details of the proposed terrains, arenas and access during their meeting in Vuokatti. After a long discussion, FOC made a proposal to Council to appoint Estonia to organise WMOC 2016.

WMOC 2017:

- Organised in conjunction with WMG.

- 9 ROCs** HO, BT
- European Orienteering Championships, 9-16 April 2014, Portugal
North American Orienteering Championships, 10-13 October 2014, Canada
Asian Orienteering Championships 2014, August, Kazakhstan
South American Orienteering Championships 2014, BT to find out about it.
Oceania Orienteering Championships, January 2015, Tasmania, Australia
- Possible regional competition in Africa was discussed.
- 10 The World Games** BP
- The World Games 2013: status report, no new SEA Report available.
- Technical side of organisation is going well, some issues with out of forest aspects.
The World Games 2017: POL will organise the event. SEA will be nominated once orienteering has officially invited to be part of the WG 2017.

EVENT QUALITY

- 11 SEA** USK
- Plan for future EA Clinics:
- EA Clinic, O-Ringen, Boden, SWE: 23 July 2013 – 16 participants entered
- EA Clinic during WMOC/WMG, ITA: August 2013 – 18 participants entered
- HLES: 2014 (Gothenburg, beginning of February)
- Joint FootO/MTBO EA Clinic, Prague, CZE: March 2014.
- SEA Appointments. Procedure how to find SEAs for IOF events was discussed.
- Younger event advisers should also be encouraged to get into the system. Federations should be contacted by IOF Office to encourage younger people to get licensed. There is no special training for Event Advisers. Having AEAs is a good training. Jury membership is also an education.
- Actions to be taken:
- SEA Clinic in Italy during WOC 2014 (USK to coordinate).
- Market the current system to the Federations, review the content of SEA recruiting letters (USK). Office to support with marketing.
- 12 Application for Approval of Emit Touch Free Punching for FootO** WM
- Emit's application for approval of the Emit Touch-Free punching system for use in IOF FootO WREs was discussed. FOC decided to recommend Council to approve Emit's touch free punching for use in FootO WREs (part A). Usage at IOF World Events (part B: WOC, RC, JWOC, World Cup, WMOC) requires in FOC's opinion further experience from WREs.
- 13 Rules** USK
- Task for FOC to summarise proposed rule changes for next meeting.
- Regional Championships rules:
- A suggestions for a rule change is a new appendix covering NAOC (reply needed from North America by September 15.).

- Situation with Oceania Championships rules update (deadline for reply from Oceania to be received by September 15).

YOUTH PROMOTION

14 Youth Promotion VF

Discussion based on VF's paper.

The remit for FOC is to identify International Youth Games where Foot Orienteering can be included. FOC sees the situation that it is rather difficult to get into these kind of games, also on a regional level. It's just as difficult to get into the Youth Olympic Games as to the Olympic Games. No further actions required at this stage.

EVENT DEVELOPMENT

15 WOC Qualification and Starting Order Proposals BT

FOC decided to update their proposal for Starting Order based on Council's feedback. WOC Qualification proposal was accepted by Council in April as proposed by FOC.

16 Guidelines

Postponed until the next FOC-meeting.

- WOC Guidelines: to be revised next year MS
- WCup Guidelines: little feedback received. Guidelines circulated to past WM organisers for reviewing.
- JWOC Guidelines: Should be rewritten this year based on the other guidelines. Final version to be ready by January 2014. AL
- WMOC Guidelines: These have been updated for 2013. DM
- WRE Guidelines: Should be updated next year (2014) in the light of any changes to the system. DM

17 IOF Course planning document and sprint recommendations GA / DM

DM's part about assessment for a good sprint event to be added. GA then sends the file to the IOF Office for publication as a guideline. This is a living document and should be updated constantly.

18 WRE DM

WR review work is led by a working group Michael Dowling. First draft of the outcomes was just recently circulated to the reference group. The paper will be presented to Council during the WOC week and Council will then decide about the next actions.

VISIBILITY OF ORIENTEERING

19 Visibility of orienteering

Update. This is a new remit from Council and the results should appear in the WOC Guidelines (see agenda 16).

OTHER MATTERS

20 AOB all

Foot Orienteering Athletes' Commission with six members has been set up. The Commission is: Matthias Merz, SUI (coordinator), Ida Bobach, DEN, Amélie Chataing, FRA, Lizzie Ingham, NZL, William Lind, SWE, and Márten Boström, FIN (members). FOC Chair will coordinate discussions with Athletes' Commission.

Possible ISSOM changes were briefly discussed, GA to follow it up with Map Commission.

21 Next meeting – FOC 4 – 2013 all

Saturday, 21 September 8.00 – 20.00 GMT. Venue is London, Premier Inn at Bath Road (near Heathrow airport). DM to help with the setup.

MS & AL 14/7/2013