

## **AGENDA – Foot Orienteering Commission – Meeting 4 - 2013**

**Place:** Skype

**Date:** Sunday, 13th of October, 1900-2230 CET

**Participants:**

Mikko Salonen (MS)	Chairman
Göran Andersson (GA)	Member
Unni Strand Karlsen (USK)	Member
Aron Less (AL)	Member
David May (DM)	Member
Willi Müller (WM)	Member
Blair Trewin (BT)	Member
Mike Dowling (MD)	IOF Vice President
Björn Persson (BP)	Sports Director

**Invitations:** -

**Apology:**

Vincent Frey (VF)	Member
Hideo Onoe (HO)	Member

### **OPENING**

**1 Opening** MS

**2 Follow up of Minutes FOC 3-13** MS  
The minutes of the meeting 3-2013 were approved.

### **TO NOTE DECISIONS TAKEN BY EMAIL SINCE THE FOC MEETING 3-13**

**3 SEA nominations** MS

ESB was asked to approve the following SEA nominations:

- Jari Kymäläinen (FIN): World Cup in Norway 2014
- Göran Andersson (SWE): World Cup in Finland 2014
- Kjell Blomseth (NOR): World Cup in Sweden 2015

ESB approved the nominations on 1<sup>st</sup> of August.

**4 FootO Rules 2014** MS

Rules Commission prepared a draft, which was discussed by emails within FOC and sent to Council for approval on 4<sup>th</sup> of October.

**5 IOF Policy on conflicting event dates MS**

Based on FootO Commission's request, the IOF Council has discussed proactive measures to avoid clashes in event dates in the future. Council decided on the related priorities and prohibited periods as identified in the attached IOF Policy on conflicting event dates. FootO Commission should use this information through the event application processes.

**EVENT PLANNING**

**6 WOC BP**

6.1 WOC reports

WOC 2013-2016 reports were presented and discussed.

6.2 WOC 2017 application process

An application was received from Estonia. BP made a site visit and wrote an assessment report in August 2013, which was circulated to FOC. Overall, FOC sees it as a feasible application, supports it and proposes EST to Council to be appointed as WOC 2017 organisers. GA expressed his reservations for the decision.

6.3 WOC 2018 application process

We should follow the established application process. The IOF Office will circulate invitations with deadline for applications in a few weeks time.

**7 World Cup WM**

World Cup 2013: status report

- WCup is now finished and was conducted without any major problems. A test sprint relay event was run before the WCup finals with valuable experience for the future.

World Cup 2014: status report

- WCup Special Rules: some discussion about starting order and how many races to count in the overall World Cup. Special Rules to be approved by IOF Council.
- Special Rules for Sprint Relay were discussed. WM to prepare special rules asap as Council has to approve them in their meeting next weekend.

World Cup 2015: status report

- Official Sprint Relay World Cup is proposed for 2015, but FOC has to see how it goes in 2014. For 2015, the SWE/NOR round is proposed to have a Long, a Sprint, a Middle and a Sprint relay event.

World Cup 2016: status report

- Decision regarding the programme should be made during FOC's January meeting. A good number of bids were received for 2016 and a new proposal from NOR is expected.

World Cup 2017

- Application process should be the same as it was this year.

Future of World Cup:

- Discussions was postponed to January.

**8 JWOC AL**

JWOC 2013, CZE: Final SEA Report, Organiser's Report

- This was an excellent event overall. Terrains, maps and courses were all top notch, event centre, accommodation, catering and transport were all very high quality. Two direct TV transmissions were covered.

JWOC 2014, BUL: SEA Report August 2013

- Event dates are 21-27 July. Bulletin 2 was issued in the beginning of September.

JWOC 2015 NOR: status report, no new SEA Report available

- Event dates are 5-12 June. Bulletin 1 is almost ready and will be published in the coming weeks.

JWOC 2016 SUI: status report

- Preliminary event dates are 9-15 July.

JWOC 2017:

- No change is planned in the application process. Multiple applications are expected.

**9 WMOC DM**

WMOC/WMG 2013, ITA: SEA Report June 2013, Survey Report

- The event had its ups and downs, but was conducted successfully. The main problem was time stress. Although all odds were against the organisers, they managed to put on a WMOC without any major problems.

WMOC 2014, BRA: status report, no new SEA Report

- The organiser seems to be behind schedule. Bulletin 1 was published this summer. Oivind Holt (NOR, SEA) will make a two week visit in early November.

WMOC 2015, SWE: SEA Report August 2013

- Everything seems well on track at the moment, although a National Controller is not yet appointed.

WMOC 2016: status report

- SEA should be appointed asap. Event dates are yet to be fixed.

WMOC/WMG 2017:

- New Zealand have recently been asked to submit a formal bid by the end of this year. The need for an assessment visit should be decided in January.

**10 ROCs HO, BT**

- South American Orienteering Championships, 11-14 November 2013, Pirenópolis, Brasil. No update.

- European Orienteering Championships, 9-16 April 2014, Portugal. This is covered under WCup.

- Asian Orienteering Championships, 15-22 September 2014, Schuchinsk of Akmola, Kazakhstan. No update.

- North American Orienteering Championships, 10-13 October 2014, Ottawa,

Canada. Bulletin 1 was recently released and is available on the event website. The 2016 event is scheduled for the United States, but a venue is yet to be selected.

- Oceania Orienteering Championships, 2-11 January 2015, Tasmania, Australia. It is confirmed as a World Cup event (the Sprint, Middle and Long distance Championships will each be World Cup races). Bulletin 1 is due to be released in December 2013.

**11 The World Games**

BP

The World Games 2013:

- The general impression seems to have been positive, in particular the atmosphere in Cali and the hospitality and enthusiasm shown by local people was praised by the athletes.

The World Games 2017:

- POL will organise the event. SEA will be nominated once orienteering has officially invited to be part of TWG 2017.

**EVENT QUALITY**

**12 SEA**

USK

Recent EA Clinics:

- Clinic in Boden (SWE) - 23 July 2013 - 16 participants: 5 from SWE, 1 from SUI, 7 from KOR, 1 from HKG, 1 from CAN, 1 from CZE.
- Clinic in Sestriere (ITA) - 6 August 2013 - 18 participants: 5 from BRA, 2 from CAN, 1 from ESP, 1 from GBR, 2 from GER, 3 from ITA, 3 from JPN, 1 from LAT.

Plan for future EA Clinics:

- HLES 2014: SWE (Gothenburg). Dates are 1-2 February. Advertising should start in a few weeks. IT should be one main topic this year.
- Joint FootO / MTBO EA Clinic, Prague, CZE: March 2014 – cancelled due to lack of participants
- Clinic in Tallinn 22-23 March 2014
- EA Clinic in combination with NAOC 2014
- Possible other Clinics in 2014 during O-Ringen, Swiss O Week, WMOC 2014 in Brazil

SEA appointment proposals were sent to ESB.

**13 Application for Approval of SportIdent Touch Free Punching for FootO**

WM

SportIdent's application for approval of the SportIdent Air + Touch free punching system for use in IOF FootO WREs was discussed. FOC decided to recommend Council to approve SportIdent'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. This is the same recommendation as the one FOC gave for EMIT's system. It must be noted that Athletes Commission is not too keen on the introduction of touch free punching, but there are certain areas – knockout sprints and sprint relays –, where it ensures greater fairness.

**14 Rules**

Situation with Appendix covering NAOC. Due to lack of cooperation from the region, this is postponed until January. A major problem for the North Americans is eligibility. USK

Situation with Oceania Championships Rules update. AUS and NZL have agreed in principle on a proposed appendix to the IOF Competition Rules covering the Oceania Championships. Adoption to be expected in 2014 in time for the 2015 event. BT

**15 IOF Protocol Guide**

MS

The IOF Council has introduced a new protocol guide (IOF Protocol Guide). FootO Athletes' Commission has asked FootO Commission to discuss about the points they have raised:

*"All the AC from Bike-O, Pre-O, Ski-O and Foot-O support the following proposals:*

*1) The Athletes Commissions propose to change the last paragraph of chapter "6.3 Activities" so the top 3 will be present at the flower ceremony, while the award ceremony will honour the top 6:*

*"The medal ceremony is organised to give medals to the three best athletes and diplomas to the six best athletes in individual distances. In relay/team events the medal ceremony is organised to give medals and diplomas to the three best teams. In the flower ceremony, the three best athletes/teams get flowers and the media will get an opportunity to take pictures of the medal winners shortly after the competition."*

*2) The Athletes Commission propose to decrease the waiting time for the athletes before the ceremonies in the ceremony procedures in chapter "6.3 Activities".*

FOC supports the proposal from the FootO Athletes' Commission.

**YOUTH PROMOTION****16 Youth Promotion**

VF

No further action at this stage (as decided in meeting 3-13).

**EVENT DEVELOPMENT****17 Guidelines.**

- WOC Guidelines: To be revised next year. MS
- WCup Guidelines: Little feedback received. WM
- JWOC Guidelines: Should be rewritten based on the other guidelines. AL
- WMOC Guidelines: Will be updated by January 2014. DM
- WRE Guidelines: Should be updated by January 2014 in the light of the changes to the system. DM

**18 IOF Course planning document and sprint recommendations**

DM to follow-up that the assessment for a good sprint event should be added. GA / DM

**19 WRE**

DM

New WR system proposal will be discussed by IOF Council next weekend. The new proposal is based on the old system, with a separate WR for sprint and "forest" races to be established. One key point is that all finishers will be guaranteed WR

points and there will be a weighting of higher level events. DM could not support a second key point related to the scoring system, that fixed scores would be allocated to the winners of top IOF events such as WOC and World Cup.

## **VISIBILITY OF ORIENTEERING**

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Update.

## **OTHER MATTERS**

**21 AOB** all

**22 Next meeting – FOC 1 – 2014** all

Joint Meeting, Helsinki, Finland 17-19 January 2014.

MS & AL 15/10/2013