



**Minutes of
COUNCIL MEETING No. 186**

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Date 13 October 2017 / 09:00 – 17:00
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Participants	Leho Haldna (LH)	President
	Astrid Waaler Kaas (AWK)	Senior Vice President
	Michael Dowling (MD)	Vice President
	Mikko Salonen (MS)	Vice President
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	Vincent Frey (VF)	Member
	Tatiana Kalenderoglu (TK)	Member
	Nik Suter (NS)	Member
	Maria Silvia Viti (MSV)	Member
	Dominic Yue (DY)	Member
	Laszlo Zentai (LZ)	Member
	Tom Hollowell (TH)	Secretary General/CEO
	David Wästlund (DW)	Sports Administrator
	Malin Fuhr (MF)	Communications and Global Development
	Kirsty McIntyre (KM)	Anti-doping Officer/Office Administrator

1 Opening

President Leho Haldna welcomed the members and declared the meeting opened.

2 Approval of the agenda

The agenda was approved, with the addition of one item under all other business, 26.5 Appeal from suspended athlete.

3 Approval of previous minutes

3.1 Minutes of Council meeting 185

The minutes of Council Meeting No. 185, held on 3 - 6 July 2017 in Tartu, Estonia were approved as true records of that meeting.

TH reported regarding item 185 - 5.2 that the IOF had not received the grant applied for from the IOC Sport & Active Society Commission. The IOC had received 90 applications and only 3 grants had been awarded.

TH reported regarding item 185 - 8.3 that the new World Ranking Event (WRE) system for service fees had been implemented and that WRE applications were being received. There were no significant changes in the total number of WRE applications numbers yet, but several federations had increased the number of WREs being applied for.

TH reported regarding item 185 - 14.4 that the member federation in Ecuador had now met its member obligations and was therefore once again in good standing with the IOF.

4 To note decisions taken by e-mail since Council Meeting No. 185

4.1 Decisions taken by Council

none

4.2 Decisions taken by the Event Supervisory Board (ESB)

17 July 2017: The ESB unanimously approved the appointment of Shin Murakoshi (JPN) as the Senior Event Adviser (SEA) for the Asian Orienteering Championships 2018 (AsOC 2018) in Hong Kong.

17 July 2017: The ESB unanimously approved the appointment of Carlos Alberto Xavier (BRA) as the Senior Event Adviser (SEA) for the South American Orienteering Championships 2018 (SAOC 2018) in Uruguay.

17 July 2017: The ESB unanimously approved the appointment of Graham Teahan (NZL) as the Senior Event Adviser (SEA) for the Oceania Orienteering Championships 2019 (OOC 2019) in Australia.

17 July 2017: The ESB unanimously approved the appointment of Lachezar Iliev (BUL) as the Senior Event Adviser (SEA) for the World Ski Orienteering Championships 2019 (WSOC 2019) in Sweden.

28 August 2017: The ESB unanimously approved the modification of the 2017 Orienteering World Cup Special Rules to allow for a 2-minute start interval in the long-distance competition at the World Cup final in Switzerland if the number of entries was more than 70.

28 August 2017: The ESB unanimously approved the appointment of Markku Vauhkonen (FIN) as the Senior Event Adviser (SEA) and Vadim Konishev (RUS) as the Assistant Event Adviser (AEA) for the European Ski Orienteering Championships 2019 (ESOC 2019) in Turkey.

13 September 2017: The ESB unanimously approved the Rules Deviation Request from the organisers of the World Masters Orienteering Championships 2018 (WMOC 2018) to use map scale 1:7500 for classes WM60 and older for the long and middle distance competitions.

18 September 2017: The ESB unanimously approved a general extension of the current application deadline for IOF events from January 1, 2018 to March 31, 2018.

22 September 2017: The ESB unanimously approved the appointment of Péter Molnár (HUN) as the Assistant Event Adviser (AEA) for the World Orienteering Championships 2021 (WOC 2021) in the Czech Republic. He will assist SEA/Project Manager Daniel Leibundgut.

22 September 2017: The ESB unanimously approved the appointment of Francesco Giandomenico (ITA) as the Senior Event Adviser (SEA) and János Sümegi (HUN) as the Assistant Event Adviser (AEA) for the World Masters Orienteering Championships 2020 (WMOC 2020) in Slovakia.

22 September 2017: The ESB unanimously approved the appointment of Vitalijus Paulauskas (LTU) as the Senior Event Adviser (SEA) for the European Youth Orienteering Championships 2019 (EYOC 2019) in Belarus.

9 October 2017: The ESB unanimously approved the appointment of Vera Parizkova (CZE) as the Senior Event Adviser (SEA) for the European MTBO Orienteering Championships 2019 (EMTBOC 2019) in Poland.

9 October 2017: The ESB unanimously approved the appointment of Patrik Gunnarsson (SWE) as the Senior Event Adviser (SEA) for the MTBO World Cup and World Masters MTBO Orienteering Championships 2019 (WMMTBOC 2019) in Poland.

9 October 2017: The ESB unanimously approved the appointment of Ludomir Parfianowicz (POL) as the Senior Event Adviser (SEA) for the World MTBO Orienteering Championships 2020 (WMTBOC 2020) in the Czech Republic.

9 October 2017: The ESB unanimously approved the appointment of Janos Manarin (ITA) as the Senior Event Adviser (SEA) and Simone Grassi (ITA) as the Assistant SEA for the Junior World Orienteering Championships 2020 (JWOC 2020) in Turkey.

5 Correspondence

5.1 International Olympic Committee (IOC) – Independent Testing Authority (ITA)

TH reported about the letter received from the IOC regarding the status of the implementation of the proposed ITA for Anti-doping work. The ITA was being established and would start its work in connection with the Olympic Games (OG) in PyeongChang, KOR in 2018. Thereafter, International Federations would be asked to join the ITA. TH noted that inclusion of the IOF in the ITA would most likely not happen until 2019 or 2020.

5.2 International School Sports Federation (ISF) – Invitation to participate at the ISF Seminar October 11 – 13, 2017.

TH reported that an invitation had been received from the ISF, and through liaison with the Regional and Youth Development Commission (RYDC) and the FootO Commission (FOC), it had been determined that FOC Chair Aron Less would represent the IOF at the seminar. Topics to be discussed were cooperation regarding the World School Championships – Orienteering (WSCO) and World Orienteering Day, based upon the Memorandum of Understanding between the IOF and the ISF.

5.3 French Orienteering Federation (FFCO) – Paris 2024 Olympic and Paralympic Games

TH reported about the letter received from FFCO President Michel Ediar proposing cooperation in approaching the Paris 2024 OG organisers. Council discussed and agreed that LH and TH should discuss cooperation and actively follow-up with the FFCO as soon as possible. Furthermore, that letters to both the OG2024 and OG 2028 organisers should be prepared asking that Orienteering be considered for inclusion.

5.4 WMOC 2020 Italy/Puglia/Gargano Bid Organising Committee – WMOC 2021 and 2022

TH reported about the letter received from the President of the WMOC 2020 bid committee asking that Council consider awarding Italy the WMOC 2021 or 2022 based upon their 2020 bid, which had been unsuccessful. Council noted that the request should have come from the Italian Orienteering Federation and TH was asked to answer the letter to that effect, i.e. Council would need a statement from the Italian Orienteering Federation regarding this issue.

6 President's reports

LH reported on activities between the Council meeting in July and October.

LH had represented the IOF at

- WOC in Tartu, EST 30/6 – 7/7, 2017
- The World Games in Wroclaw, POL 19/7 – 27/7, 2017
- FISU Gala and Universiade Opening Ceremony, TPE, 17/8 – 20/8, 2017
- WMTBOC, LTU, 25/8, 2017

In addition, LH had attended and reported from a number of external and internal meetings

- Meetings with the International World Games Association (IWGA) and other IWGA member federations in connection with The World Games.
- Meetings with FISU representatives in connection with the Gala and Universiade.
- Meetings with various IOF members during WOC.
- Participation in the SkiO Commission (SOC) meeting in connection with WOC.
- Visit to the Orienteering World Cup in LAT 26/8, 2017 including meetings with the Latvian Orienteering Federation regarding WOC 2018 issues.
- Discussions with the MTBO Commission Chair and other MTBO representatives during the WMTBOC.

LH and TH would give a more complete report from The World Games in connection with agenda item 25.4.

STRONG MANAGEMENT AND FUNDING

7 Follow-up of Activity Plan 2016-2018

TH presented an updated evaluation of progress towards the Activity Plan goals.

Additional comments would be added when discussing Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) and the report from the RYDC.

8 KPIs

TH presented an updated list of KPIs which are to be followed in accordance with the General Assembly 2018 (GA 2018) targets in the Activity Plan. Measurements were now in place for all areas, and Council discussed the Member Survey which had given some valuable data regarding number of orienteers and growth perspectives among the members. 41 of 71 member federations had answered and the IOF Office was tasked with continuing to follow up to get in as many answers as possible.

It was agreed that the KPIs should be communicated also to the Commissions for follow up versus their respective remits. Furthermore, that the KPIs should be discussed at the Joint Meeting in January and the GA 2018.

9 Finance

9.1 Sponsorship Report

TH presented a sponsorship report noting the following

- The value of external sponsorships had risen from 61 TEUR 2016 to 81 TEUR as of October 2017
- The new sponsorship agreement with Nokian Tyres had been concluded in September. The new agreement covers Title Sponsorship of the WOC for the years 2018 – 2021. The agreement also includes a new section regarding sponsorship of World Orienteering Day for the same time period. Finally, the agreement includes sponsorship of targeted activities at Orienteering World Cup rounds and other events as desired by Nokian Tyres.
- World Orienteering Day sponsorships had been secured also for 2018.
- The value of already contracted sponsorships for 2018 was currently 93 TEUR.
- Further activities were planned as time and selling resource allowed.
- Discussions were ongoing with agents who were interested in selling IOF events and advertising on IOF Eventor and LIVE Orienteering on a commission basis.

9.2 Forecast 2017

TH presented the financial result as of September 30, 2017 and an updated forecast for the remainder of the year 2017. The forecast continued to be in line with the previous forecast which shows a small positive result for the year. Some comments to the new forecast:

- Income from TV rights at WOC in total achieved the same level as 2016, and there had been additional TV rights income from the World Cup Final. Most of this income went back to the organisers to offset the cost of productions.
- The income from LIVE Orienteering was expected to exceed the budget and the previous forecast and has contributed important income to IOF organisers to offset some of the costs of productions.
- The areas of identified cost reductions in the previous forecast had all progressed in accordance with plan. Particularly the reduction in staff costs remained in line with the target of a 30% reduction compared to 2016.
- Costs for event advising were running significantly higher than the budget. This was partly due to late submission of expenses from some SEAs (i.e. from 2016 and even 2015), due to The World Games SEA costs, due to higher costs from

overseas events (e.g. WMOC in NZL, NAOOC in CAN, AsJYOC in CHN), and due to additional Assistant SEA appointments for some events.

- Costs for medals and awards had increased significantly due to the provision of medals and awards for regional championship events.
- The above costs increases were to be offset with some additional identified cost reduction actions, particularly in the areas of communications and some Council projects.

9.3 Forecast 2018

TH presented a forecast for 2018 based upon the expected outcome for 2017 and referenced to the approved GA Budget.

Council discussed the 2018 forecast and agreed on a number of principle decisions:

- The target for sponsorships was agreed at 150 TEUR for the year, considering the current level of already contracted sponsors.
- It was agreed that the IOF presence at the SportAccord Convention be reduced as a cost savings measure. However, participation at conferences particularly targeting potential host venues for IOF events should be considered instead.
- It was agreed that the amount set aside for the agency agreement for global TV distribution should be reduced or cancelled.
- Staff costs should be maintained approximately at the same level as 2017 only taking into account normal pay increases and some investment in some contracted services to attain the sponsorship target.
- TH was tasked with getting budget agreement with Discipline Commissions (DCs) regarding Event Advising costs to achieve better control in this area.
- It was agreed that the new forecast should be communicated to all commissions for them to set appropriate activity and budget levels.
- Anti-doping Fund income and costs were not adjusted but it was agreed that the Athletes Commissions (AC) should be contacted regarding future costs, i.e. 2019 and beyond.

The new forecast for 2018 showed a positive result for the IOF of approximately +30 TEUR.

10 Strategic Directions 2018 - 2024

10.1 Activity Plan 2018 – 2020

AWK and TH presented the first draft version of the Activity Plan for the time period 2018 – 2020. This was based upon the Strategic Directions which had been finalised following previous consultations and summarised at the Presidents Conference in Tartu, EST in July.

Council worked in groups to discuss the draft Activity Plan and gave feedback on the contents. The next steps were agreed;

- Council members would provide any additional individual feedback to the Activity Plan draft by October 16.
- AWK and TH would adjust the draft Activity Plan in accordance with the Council discussions and feedback and send to Council for final comment as soon as possible.

- The draft Activity Plan would be sent, by the end of October, to member federations and IOF Commissions for comment, with answers due prior to January 1, 2018.
- A group activity would be planned for the Joint Meeting in Warsaw in January 2018 to further discuss the Plan within IOF Commissions and Council, based upon the consultation feedback received.

10.2 Long term financing plan 2018 -

TH presented the Secretary General/CEO thoughts and proposal regarding longer term financing. The thoughts were received by the Council as input to its further discussion in accordance with the Strategic Directions and Activity Plans.

A number of immediate comments regarding long-term financing were expressed by Council members

- LH felt that membership fee calculation methods should not be changed as the current method was accepted and worked well.
- MS commented that event sanction fees should be reviewed based upon real costs per event and expected income potential.
- MS and LH asked that a separate budget area regarding international work should be established to put focus on this area.

The long-term financing would be reviewed further once the Activity Plan priorities were more clear.

11 Proposed Statutes Changes for GA 2018

MS presented a draft version of the IOF Statutes including suggested changes. The changes are primarily to clarify the working procedure at the IOF GA based upon feedback received from member federations. It was noted that some clarifications may be needed in nominations procedures due to the new rotating format of Council appointments.

MS was to update the Statutes proposal in accordance with the Council discussions and that a new version would be discussed at the Council meeting in January 2018.

12 Audit of IOF processes and documents

LH proposed that Council should initiate an audit of IOF working processes and documents based upon the work initiated by the Ethics Commission. A Council working group was selected for the task, consisting of OF (who would lead the work), AWK and MD. OF would liaise with the Ethics Commission to get feedback from them.

The working group was to deliver a progress report at the Council meeting in January 2018 and a final report at the Council meeting in April.

FOCUS ON KEY OUTCOMES

13 Report from the RYDC

MF presented a report from the RYDC regarding their work. The RYDC had also asked Council for their opinion and decisions on a number of items in the report.

The RYDC had asked for a Council opinion about the prioritisation of regional development work, i.e. if there was a preference for which countries to work with knowing that resources do not allow for work in all areas. Council agreed that it was important that the RYDC itself, based upon its available resources, propose priorities in regional development work. One area where Council was particularly interested in achieving some focus was helping Germany.

Regarding the WOC Clinic Council felt it was important that member federations need to be informed about and approve the participants from their federation who attend the Clinic. Potential participants who fulfil the criteria for attending, can apply to their federation who must approve their participation. If the WOC Clinic responsible within the RYDC receives applications directly these must always be forwarded to the member federation for approval.

Council is of the opinion that the O-Ringen Academy is important in international development work and should be supported by the IOF. However, the Academy should be included in the discussions and agreement with O-Ringen about the future World Cup to achieve an acceptable level of support from O-Ringen. TH was tasked with making sure that this issue was covered in the agreement discussions.

TH informed that Nermin Fenmen was named the Project Manager for the Global Orienteering Volunteer Platform (GOVP) and member survey activities. Council furthermore wanted to note the positive development with the introduction of the GOVP and thank the RYDC for their work.

Council confirmed the dates of World Orienteering Day as

- May 15, 2019 (and the following week), and
- May 13, 2020 (and the following week).

Council furthermore confirmed the decision proposed by the RYDC and IOF Office that management of the World Orienteering Day project be transitioned to the IOF Office, as it is primarily a promotional rather than development project.

Council tasked TH with communicating with the RYDC regarding their budget for activities in 2018, based upon the updated forecast for 2018 (item 9.3 above).

Council confirmed Patrik Kunz (SUI) as the RYDC Chairperson during Lenka Klimplova's (CZE) maternity leave. Patrik is appointed as of October 15, 2017 and until Lenka returns (most likely sometime in spring 2018).

The RYDC proposed that several new members be appointed to the RYDC based upon the competences which were identified in the call for nominations. Based upon the review of submitted CV information the RYDC recommended that 2 of the 4 nominated persons be appointed to the RYDC. Council approved the appointments of Susi Rutz-Rothacher (SUI) and Ingrid Okkenhaug (NOR) to the RYDC. Note: TK, AWK and NS did not take part in this discussion and decision.

Council wished to express its appreciation to the RYDC for a very complete, well-structured and extensive report.

14 Cooperation multisport games organisations

AWK presented a proposal for how to assess multisport games organisations and determine which of these organisations the IOF should seek cooperation with. The

IOF should cooperate with multisport games organisations when this benefits our overall goal.

It was agreed that the IOF Office would be tasked with creating an assessment template which would take into consideration the strategic directions, and outline the costs and benefits to the IOF and members of each cooperation. Council would decide on cooperation based upon the evaluation in the template. It was noted that potential cooperation should not only be limited to competitive sports organisations but also with recreational partners.

In Council discussions it was confirmed that cooperation with FISU, CISM, ISF and IOC Youth Olympic Games (YOG) should be prioritised as these clearly are in line with the strategic plan.

POSITION ON THE WORLD SPORTING STAGE

15 Sustainability Policy

MF presented on behalf of the Environment Commission (EnvC), the results of the member federation consultation regarding the proposed IOF Sustainability Policy, and the resulting analysis from the EnvC. The EnvC had asked for direction from the Council regarding the next steps towards creating the policy.

Council discussed and based upon the member federation feedback and the analysis of the EnvC decided upon the following steps;

- The proposed Policy document is too complex and some of the proposed actions are not economically sustainable. EnvC should lower the ambition level and in particular remove the actions related to carbon emissions compensation.
- The EnvC should prepare a new version of the document, adjusted as above. Council proposes that the document should be simplified and restructured with a shortened Draft Sustainability Policy stating key policy objectives. The policy document may then be followed with a next level of documents with more detail, e.g. "Code of Conduct" and "Access to Terrain" which highlight ways of working in key areas.
- Council agreed that a new round of consultation should not be necessary and that the target date for the Draft Sustainability Policy should be the June 2018 Council meeting. This allows for adoption at the GA 2018.

Council wished to express its appreciation to the EnvC for the work it had carried out in creating the consultation documents and the revitalisation of the commission.

INCREASED VISIBILITY

16 Policy on conflicting dates

MD presented the proposal for an updated Policy on Conflicting Dates for IOF Events. The proposal had been consulted with the Discipline Commissions. Council approved the updated policy with the following changes:

- The Priority Order of IOF Events section was to be updated to reflect the FootO World Cup as being higher in priority order, i.e. having priority immediately after FootO World Championships.
- In the prohibited periods for FootO events the IAAF European Championships should be added.

- For the WMTBOC the prohibited period for the FIFA World Cup should be removed.

17 World Ranking System (WRS) development

LH presented a proposal to create a Working Group reporting to Council which would be tasked with reviewing and suggesting changes to the World Ranking System. The background for this is that changes in the event program (e.g. split WOC, new sprint format) would place new requirements on the WRS. It was noted that the group should also review where and how the WRS is used today and how we can improve and increase use both internally and in external communications. The Working Group should report conclusions back to the Council in the summer of 2018 so that changes may be implemented beginning from the 2019 season.

MD (Chairperson), NS and VF were asked to create a remit for the Working Group and propose members of both the Working Group and an expert reference group. The remit and working group members would be approved at the January 2018 Council meeting.

18 TV Report and Strategy

TH presented a report about the status of IOF efforts in gaining increased TV coverage. The report also included a report about the use of LIVE Orienteering as a live streaming platform. The report outlined the financial impact of TV coverage and LIVE Orienteering on both the IOF and organisers of IOF events.

Based upon the report TH also presented a proposal for future IOF strategy in the area of media coverage.

Council discussed the report and strategy and tasked TH with updating the proposed TV strategy, implementing it into future organisers agreements and communicating the strategy to the Discipline Commissions and the IT Commission. It was also suggested that the topic should be raised for inclusion at the next IOF High Level Event Seminar (HLES).

OTHER BUSINESS

19 Appointment of IOF Anti-doping panels

Council approved the appointment of the following IOF Anti-doping panels in accordance with WADA requirements. The panels consist of a pool of possible members, in case of a specific anti-doping issue the selection of members for the specific panel will occur from this pool:

TUE Panel: Olli Heinonen (chair), Christer Rolf, Thomas Reynolds

Doping Review Panel: Kirsty McIntyre (chair), Olli Heinonen, Wendy Dodds, Jan Exner

Doping Hearing Panel: Hilikka Salmenkylä (chair), Christer Rolf, Jakob Mørkeberg, Jan Exner

20 FootO Commission (FOC)

20.1 WMOC Long Distance qualification method

DW presented the FOC proposal for qualifications method for the Long Distance final at WMOC. The FOC proposal outlined 4 options with one recommended. Council discussed the various options.

By voting 7 for, 3 against, 1 abstain, Council approved the FOC proposal.

20.2 New format at Sprint WOC

NS presented a report from the FOC regarding their recommendations about the new format at the Sprint WOC, from 2020. Council had previously determined that the new format should be a knock-out or elimination model.

Council agreed with the FOC proposal regarding number of elimination rounds and competitors per heat, principles for advancing and estimated winning times. Council agreed that the overall format should be able to be organised in one day and should include a qualification race with possibility for broad participation, followed by 3 elimination rounds as specified in the FOC proposal.

Council was not yet prepared to determine forking method for elimination round courses, as proposed by the FOC, as it felt that further testing was required. Council agreed that FOC should conduct further testing of courses with 1) No forking, 2) "Self choice" forking and 3) another forking method in which all runners pass the same controls (could be butterfly loops or phi loop, or some other forking method).

FOC was tasked with updating the new format description document based upon the Council decisions and distributing it for the purpose of testing and feedback.

20.3 Appointment of FOC Event Supervisors

TH presented the proposal from FOC for the appointment of Event Supervisors. Council discussed the proposal and agreed that the proposed supervising method from FOC could potentially cause a lack of clarity in the division of responsibilities between the Supervisor and the appointed SEA, who shall be the primary contact between the IOF and the organiser. The potential confusion among SEAs and event organisers must be avoided.

Council did not approve the proposed Supervisors and tasked OF in liaising with FOC to clarify their proposal and its long-term impact on the quality guidelines for IOF events.

20.4 Proposal regarding the event application process

DW presented the proposal from the FOC to change the event application process for IOF events to allow for more flexibility in awarding multiple events at one time.

Council discussed the proposal and agreed that it could have merits. However, it was difficult to assess all impacts of the proposal. Council decided to create a Council working group consisting of TK (Chairperson), LZ and MSV to review the proposal in more detail and make recommendations to Council regarding changes to the event

application process. The group should report back at the January 2018 Council meeting.

Council wished to express its appreciation to FOC for the forward-looking proposal and also for the FOC plan to collect, via a survey of member federations, indications of interest in organising IOF events in the future.

20.5 Orienteering World Cup 2018 Special Rules

Council approved the Special Rules with the following changes:

- For competition 7 the starting interval should be 2 minutes independent of the number of entries. Council requested that the principle of variable start interval (i.e. 3 minutes for the last 15 competitors) be tested at this World Cup round.
- Due to TV coverage and for alignment with WOC rules, for competition 10 the starting interval should be 90 seconds.

20.6 Appointment of Orienteering World Cup organisers for 2019

Council approved the appointment of FIN to organise Orienteering World Cup round 1 in the vicinity of Helsinki from June 8 – 11, 2019.

Council approved the appointment of SUI to organise Orienteering World Cup round 3 in Laufen, Baselland from September 27 - 29, 2019.

Note: NS and MS did not participate during the above decisions.

TH informed Council about ongoing negotiations regarding the organisation of World Cup round 4/final. Council agreed that the proposed organiser was appointed if the negotiations were successful and delegated to TH to complete the negotiations.

Note: round 2 of the Orienteering World Cup 2019 is to be held in connection with the WOC in Norway.

20.7 FOC organisation – replacement appointment

TH reported on the status of replacing FOC member Tomas Dlabaja (CZE) who had resigned from the FOC. CZE had proposed a new member as a replacement.

Council decided that a call for nominations should go out to all member federations, for answer by October 31, 2017. FOC should assess all nominations for the replacement, including the nomination already submitted by CZE.

20.8 EOC 2020 application status

DW presented the status of EOC 2020 and discussions held between FOC and the IOF Office. No applications had been received by the application deadline and FOC was now seeking guidance about how to proceed. EOC 2020 was planned to also be part of the Orienteering World Cup 2020 but some potential scenarios had been worked out including decoupling EOC from the World Cup or cancelling the event altogether.

Council agreed that FOC should continue to attempt to find organisers for a combined EOC/World Cup, by targeted approaches to member federations. If this was not successful it could be considered to decouple the EOC from the World Cup and reduce the requirements on organisers of EOC, to make the event more attractive to organisers.

21 TrailO Commission (TOC)

21.1 Organiser WTOC 2021

OF presented the status of finding organisers for the WTOC 2021. Council agreed that an official letter should be sent to the federation in CZE asking them if they could organize WTOC 2021 in connection with WOC 2021.

21.2 Misconduct by TrailO competitor/Team Leader

OF reported on a case of misconduct in connection with WTOC 2017. The TOC had prepared a report and had handed over the case to the Ethics Commission to assess if this constituted an ethics violation.

21.3 AsTOC 2019

The member federation in Hong Kong (HKG) had proposed that a regional Asian TrailO Championships be organised in 2019 and they would be willing to host it. The TOC was positive if that there would be an attempt to organize the championships at least every 4 years, and the rules for ETOC could be applied.

Council approved the organisation of AsTOC 2019 based upon the above.

21.4 ETOC and WTOC evaluations

The TOC had proposed that evaluations of WTOC and ETOC organisers should be carried out in the same way as was done for WOC and WMOC, i.e. with bid evaluation visits.

Council felt that this could not be carried out at the current time particularly considering that having a bidding fee for TrailO events, to be able to finance the evaluations, would not be possible. Council recommended that TOC work with recruitment of organisers to improve quality.

21.5 TrailO Clinic HKG

TOC proposed to conduct a TrailO EA Clinic and seminar in HKG in December 2017. Council confirmed this and noted that a budget of 500 EUR was allocated to EA Clinics.

22 Report from the IT Commission

TH presented a report from the IT Commission regarding the status of work with IT Quality Guidelines. The first version of IT Guidelines was planned to be ready for approval at the January 2018 Council meeting. The report also noted that the first IT Assistant SEA had been appointed and was working with WOC 2018.

Council wished to thank the IT Commission for the report on the status of their work.

23 Map Commission (MC)

23.1 ISOM 2017 Colour and Print Appendix

The MC had forwarded a proposal to Council regarding the creation of an appendix to the ISOM 2017 standard regarding the use of CMYK printing instead of PMS printing. The MC had discussed and done some testing and examinations of maps printed using CMYK and felt that this could now be recommended under certain conditions.

Council agreed to the principle that CMYK printing could be used in addition to PMS printing, and therefore asked the MC to continue their work with creating the necessary appendix to ISOM 2017. Council added the following comments:

- Both options, CMYK and PMS printing, must be allowed by the standard and should therefore be described.
- Council members questioned whether the overprinting effect could be removed as stated by MC.
- Council asked that MC liaison also with an expert reference group regarding the appendix. LZ was appointed the Council member responsible for coordinating this work with the MC.

23.2 ISSOM revision

The MC had forwarded to Council a revision of the International Standard for Sprint Orienteering Maps. Council requested of the MC that the new standard should be sent out for consultation to all member federations and relevant commissions. MC should also prepare a list of changes from the previous version of the standard prior to sending out for consultation. This to make commenting more efficient. It was important that the Rules Commission (RC) be consulted to make sure that competition rules affected by the updated standard be added or modified.

Council proposed that the consultation be completed and editing be done for approval at the April 2018 Council meeting.

23.3 ISSkiOM revision

The MC had forwarded to Council a revision of the International Standard for Ski Orienteering Maps. Council requested of the MC that the new standard should be sent out for consultation to all member federations and relevant commissions. MC should also prepare a list of changes from the previous version of the standard prior to sending out for consultation. This to make commenting more efficient. It was important that the Rules Commission (RC) be consulted to make sure that competition rules affected by the updated standard be added or modified.

Council proposed that the consultation be completed and editing be done for approval at the April 2018 Council meeting.

23.4 Proposal for map control process for IOF major events

MC had proposed a new process for the quality control of maps in connection with IOF events, i.e. to make sure that they followed the applicable mapping standard. MC would manage the control process.

The Council approved of this initiative and asked the MC to start using the new process for all events in 2018. It was noted that the process needs to be included in the organisers and SEA guidelines for IOF events and MC should be in contact with the Discipline and Rules Commissions regarding this.

24 Rules Commission (RC)

24.1 Rules changes FootO

DW presented the proposed rules changes for FootO to be approved for adoption as of November 1, 2017.

Council approved the new rules with the following changes to the proposal:

- Proposed new 1.17 Definition of IOF Supervisors, shall be removed
- The second sentence in rule 15.8 regarding map scale for sprint competitions at WMOC shall be removed
- The rules regarding use of 0.1 second timing shall be returned to their previous version, i.e. 0.1 second timing shall still be used at WOC sprint. Council asked that more background information and justification for this rule change be given to assess if the rule should be changed at a later time.
- Rule 24.16 Possibility of removing split times in a qualification race at WMOC must be removed from the rules.
- Rule 31.3 WOC JWOC WMOC IOF Supervisor role, shall be removed.

24.2 Rules changes MTBO

DW presented the proposed rules changes for MTBO to be approved for adoption as of November 1, 2017.

Council approved the new rules without changes to the proposal.

24.3 Rules changes SkiO

DW presented the proposed rules changes for SkiO to be approved for adoption as of November 1, 2017.

Council approved the new rules with the following changes to the proposal:

- Rule 6.6 entry of up to 6 men and 6 women at WSOC shall be returned to the previous version (4 entries maximum per gender)

24.4 Rules changes TrailO

DW presented the proposed rules changes for TrailO to be approved for adoption as of November 1, 2017.

Council approved the new rules without changes to the proposal.

24.5 Revision of the IOF Control Descriptions

DW presented the proposed revision to the IOF Control Descriptions document to be approved for adoption as of November 1, 2017.

Council approved the document, however Council had the following comments:

- OF noted that a number of TrailO specific suggestions had not been included in the revision and stated that TOC may suggest a TrailO appendix to the Control Descriptions document.
- Council asked the IOF Office to check what appeared to be some inconsistencies between the symbol description parts of the document and the examples section of the document, prior to final publication.

24.6 Rules Harmonisation – report

Council had received a report from Øivind Holt (NOR), the Council appointed project manager leading the rules harmonisation project. Due to time pressure Council did not have time to discuss the report and tabled this item until the next meeting.

24.7 Approved punching systems – revision

Council approved the revised document listing Approved punching systems as proposed by RC.

24.8 World Ranking Scheme Rules

Council approved the updated World Ranking Scheme rules as proposed by RC.

25 Event Reports

Council noted that summaries of key findings in all Council member reports should be sent to the Discipline Commissions responsible for the respective events so that Council comments could be included in event evaluations.

25.1 EYOC 2017 (SVK)

MSV had forwarded a report from the event. Council did not discuss the report but it was distributed for Council review.

25.2 JWOC 2017

MS had forwarded a report from the event. Council did not discuss the report but it was distributed for Council review.

25.3 WTOC 2017 (LTU)

OF had forwarded a report from the event. Council briefly discussed the event noting that significant quality issues had appeared due to lack of resources in the local organising committee. TOC had already discussed the matter and taken several actions.

25.4 The World Games (POL)

LH and TH had both provided written reports from the event. The technical organisation had been at the highest possible level and Council agreed that thanks should be forwarded to the local organisers for their excellent work.

The IWGA evaluation of the orienteering events was expected to show very positive results based upon discussions with the evaluators and IWGA staff. The event had not however reached the expected goals regarding visibility, which was largely due to lack of interest from the Polish host broadcaster and inadequate agreements between the IOF, the IWGA and the Wroclaw Organising Committee.

TH was already in contact with the IWGA and the Birmingham Organising Committee for the World Games 2021, and Council agreed that a visibility plan and definite milestones must be agreed prior to committing to The World Games 2021.

25.5 EMTBOC 2017 (FRA)

VF had forwarded a report from the event. Council did not discuss the report but it was distributed for Council review.

25.6 WMTBOC 2017 (LTU)

LZ had forwarded a report from the event. Council did not discuss the report but it was distributed for Council review.

25.7 Orienteering World Cup round 4 (SUI)

NS had forwarded a report from the event. Council did not discuss the report but it was distributed for Council review.

25.8 AsJYOC 2017 (CHN)

DY had forwarded a report from the event and from the Asian Working Group (AWG) meeting held in connection with the event.

The event in Inner Mongolia had been well organised and the report was noted by Council.

Highlights from the AWG meeting:

- Japan had shown its interest in applying to organise the AsJYOC 2019
- Korea had shown its interest in applying to organise the AsOC 2020
- Hong Kong had shown interest in organising the first AsTOC in 2019 if supported by TOC and Council. See 21.3 above.
- The Asian federations had discussed the creation of an Asian Cup consisting of a series of WRE competitions held in countries across the region. Council was supportive of the idea as it helps strengthen the WRS in the region.

26 Any other business

26.1 Appeal regarding TrailO Paralympic Eligibility

Council had received an appeal, with supporting evidence, from the member federation in Germany (DTB) regarding 2 athletes who had participated in the Paralympic Class at IOF events. The evidence provided indicated that the athletes should not be eligible in accordance with the rules for Paralympic Eligibility in TrailO.

Council had asked TOC to investigate and provide a statement, and based upon this made the following decisions:

- The athletes were to have their Paralympic Eligibility revoked with immediate effect.
- The athletes were to have their results disqualified for any events held during the period of their Paralympic Eligibility, as the definition in the rules is that Paralympic Eligibility is provided only in cases of Permanent Disability.
- Council determined that the applications for Paralympic Eligibility submitted by the athletes constitute false statements and as such may be considered violations of the IOF Code of Ethics. Council decided therefore to send these cases to the Ethics Commission for investigation and ruling.

Council also asked TOC to review the process for the application and granting of Paralympic Eligibility to improve the integrity of the process.

26.2 IOF Family

LH proposed to redefine VIP services provided at IOF events, to make these more open and welcoming to a defined IOF Family, i.e. IOF members and the IOF organisation in a broader sense. Council discussed the idea briefly and agreed to discuss the ideas further at an upcoming meeting.

26.3 Approval of SkiO World Cup Special Rules for the 2017-2018 season

Council approved the SkiO World Cup Special Rules for the 2017-2018 season as proposed by the SOC and RC.

26.4 IOF Representation 2018

TH distributed a list of representation duties for the remainder of 2017 and 2018. Council appointed representatives for the upcoming SkiO events. Council members were to notify TH of their availability for representation at 2018 events. The list would be completed at the January 2018 Council meeting.

26.5 Appeal regarding Anti-doping Rules Violation

TH informed Council about an appeal which had been received from the athlete Polina Frolova (RUS) who had been determined to have committed an Anti-doping Rules Violation and was sanctioned with a suspension for a period of 4 years. The appeal asked Council to consider a lessening of the sanction.

TH had sought legal counsel regarding the case. The legal opinion was that the IOF had no obligation to consider the appeal as the case was considered closed. The opportunity to appeal to CAS had passed. Council agreed that the appeal should not be considered.

Note: TK was not present when this item was discussed.

27 Future Council meetings, dates and venues

- 27.1 19 - 20 January 2018, Warsaw, POL (Joint meeting)
- 27.2 13 - 14 April 2018, Brussels/Namur, BEL
- 27.3 14 – 15 June 2018, Helsinki, FIN
- 27.4 6 August 2018, Sigulda, LAT (in connection with WOC 2018)
- 27.5 4 – 7 October 2018, Prague, CZE (IOF GA)

28 Closure of the meeting

President Leho Haldna closed the meeting and thanked the Council members for their contributions.

The Council wished to express their appreciation to the Swedish Orienteering Federation for the use of their meeting facilities, and in particular Secretary General Susanne Söderholm for her support and hosting of the Council.

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