

Minutes of the MTBO Commission Meeting 2018-1 19 and 20 January 2018 in Warsaw, Poland

- Participants: H el ene Ediar (HE), member (FRA)
Ursula H ausermann (UH), chair (SUI)
Timo Laurila (TL), member (FIN)
Ludomir Parfianowicz (LP), member (POL)
Jiri Putik (JP), member (CZE)
- Excused: Keith Dawson (KD), member (GBR)
Emily Benham (EB), Chair Athletes Commission (GBR)
- Not present: Carlos Sim oes (CS), member (POR)

1 Opening

The meeting opened at 3 pm on Friday, 19 January 2018

2 Approval of the agenda

The agenda that was circulated before the meeting was approved.

3 Approval of previous minutes

The minutes of the last meeting in August 2017 were approved.

4 Matters arising and decisions taken since the last meeting

- 4.1 **SEA appointments** for WCup rounds 1 & 3 2019 and WMTBOC 2020
(see www.mtbo-commission.com/event-advising.html, current SEAs at work)
Before appointing a SEA, the ESB likes to have a brief description of each candidate's experience.
Idea: Clinic participants provide this information on a form.
- 4.2 **Rules for 2018**
New rules were approved by the Council without changes to the MTBOC's proposal.
The Council also approved the revised document listing approved electronic punching systems (see www.mtbo-commission.com/uploads/1/5/9/9/15996872/iof-approved-electronic-punching-systems-january-2018.pdf).
So from 2018 it is compulsory to use a contactless electronic punching system with a range of ~ 1.5-1.8 m at World Championships (WMTBOC, JWMTBOC, WMMTBOC), Regional Championships and World Cup events.

At the moment SPORTident Air+ is the only system with this long range. For the season 2018 the SPORTident company lends the necessary equipment to organisers of MTBO events at a reduced cost rate. Although SI Air+ has proven to be reliable, a back-up solution has been found. Information about the SPORTident support is available on the MTBOC's website www.mtbo-commission.com/info-for-organisers--eas.html in the paragraph about IT – electronic punching.

- 4.3 New document **Events Application Overview**, see (www.mtbo-commission.com/uploads/1/5/9/9/15996872/iof-events-application-overview-2018-2022.pdf)
- 4.4 General **extension of the application deadline** for IOF events to 31 March 2018 because the IOF Office wanted to improve the application process.
- 4.5 **New application forms and guidance notes** <http://orienteering.org/mtb-orienteering/event-organising/event-application-forms> (see also 6.1)
- 4.6 **New World Ranking scheme rules and sanction fees:** see <http://orienteering.org/new-wre-rules> and <http://orienteering.org/mtb-orienteering/event-organising/world-ranking-instructions>)
- 4.7 The Council approved the proposal of the Map Commission (MC) to have a **new map control process** for IOF major events in 2018 and later (see also 9.2).
- 4.8 The MTBOC gave feedback on the first draft of the **2018 - 2020 Activity Plan**.
- 4.9 Emily Benham Kvåle became **IOF MTBO athlete of the year 2017**. The Athletes' Commission had recommended four successful MTBO athletes and Emily got the most votes from the MTBOC.

5 MTBO Commission Remits and tasks

- 5.1 **Resignations:** It was noted with regret that two members resigned from the MTBOC.
 - Thomas Wieser (AUT), who had been a member of the MTBOC for 16 years, had to do so for health reasons. The MTBOC hopes that he gets well soon and thanks him for his sterling efforts over the many years.
 - Magnus Wallenborg (SWE) decided to focus on his duties as SEA of the WMTBOC 2019. After this assignment he would be prepared to help with a development project.
- 5.2 The **Commission Remits** and special tasks for 2018 were finalised.

6 International event calendar & application documents

- 6.1 For the 2020 – 2021 events, the **application documents** have been reviewed. In the interest of transparency there is now also a standard version of the contract for the event available. The first published edition of the application documents contained a few ambiguities about media production requirements, but they could be clarified (see also 7.5).

In the future the application requests will be sent out in April/May. This will give member federations more time to prepare the application documents.

- 6.2 Out of the 21 countries that responded to the **Strategic Planning Survey**, only two to three federations would be interested in organising a major MTBO event in the next five to six years.

Potential applications for the 2020 – 2021 events (deadline = 31 March 2018):

- 6.2.1 At least one application can be expected for the World Championships 2021.
6.2.2 3-4 possible candidates were identified for the World Cup Rounds 2020.
6.2.3 There is no potential applicant known for the WMMTBOC 2020 at the moment.

6.3 Status of upcoming events

6.3.1 World Cup Events (incl. World Championships) 2018

EMTBOC and WMMTBOC in HUN: Bulletin 2 was published on 25 January.
For the other two World Cup rounds, namely the WMTBOC in AUT and the World Cup in POR, everything seems to be on track.

6.3.2 World Cup Events (incl. World Championships) 2019

The SEA of the WMTBOC in DEN has made his first visit. He is convinced that this will be a well managed and good event in all aspects.
First contacts with the organisers of the two other World Cup rounds (POL and GER) have been established by the SEAs.

- 6.4 The definite programme for the **World Masters Series 2019** will be ready by the next meeting and can be approved then. So far POR, CZE, DEN, SWE, GER have been lined up.

- 6.5 The **Series for Youth and Juniors**, called *Young Guns MTBO Series* (see www.mtbo-commission.com/events-for-young-people.html) is starting this year with competitions and trainings in France in April.

- 6.6 The MTBOC is not happy about the clash of dates of major events:
2017: WMTBOC in LTU and WCup FootO in LAT
2018: WMTBOC in AUT and WOC FootO in LAT
2019: EMTBOC in POL (8-10/6) and WCup FootO in FIN (6-11/6)

7 Event advising and quality

7.1 Evaluation of the international events

- 7.1.1 Feedback on 2017 events see www.mtbo-commission.com/event-evaluation.html
7.1.2 As in past years, participants of the World Cup events and the WMMTBOC will have the opportunity to give feedback on these events through an online questionnaire.

- 7.2 The next **EA Newsletter** is still pending.

- 7.3 In 2018 an **EA Clinic** is planned in DEN, dates tbd.

- 7.4 So far 40 accidents have been reported in the **injury and accident database**.

- 7.5 In MTBO the **media production requirements** are as follows:

- WMTBOC: arena/streaming quality
- EMTBOC & World Cup: GPS tracking and live results

Organisers may choose to deliver more functionality than the contractual requirements. If this is the case, the additional functionality provided is subject to the requirements in the IOF contract/agreement.

8 Rules

8.1 The **Special Rules for the MTBO World Cup 2018** were submitted to the Council for approval.

Notes after the meeting: They were approved by the Council.

8.2 To allocate the start slots for the **Long distance at the WMTBOC 2018**, the MTBOC proposed to use Middle and Mass Start for on-event qualification (same as in 2017).

Notes after the meeting: The Council approved the proposal.

Both documents can be found in the rules section on the MTBOC's website at www.mtbo-commission.com/rules.html.

8.3 Rule change proposals will be discussed at the next meeting in August.

9 Mapping standards

9.1 The MTBOC delegated the task to design the most urgently needed symbols (mainly for sprint, e.g. stairs, canopy, paved areas, narrow ride, uncrossable stone walls) to the **Map Commission (MC)** who will also start with the ISMTBOM review.

These symbols should be available in April and can be tested during the season 2018, feedback will be collected. A solution for rideable/unrideable areas will follow later.

9.2 The MTBOC and the MC discussed the **new map control process** for IOF major events. The actual OCAD files must now be sent to the MC at the latest six months before the event. The deadline of six months is ambitious but the MTBOC agrees with it.

10 Development

10.1 Work for the development project *How to Organize your First MTBO Event (HOFME)*, (www.mtbo-commission.com/current-projects.html) is in progress.

10.2 Another two development projects are planned:

- One is aimed at European countries with little or no MTBO activity.
- The other project is intended to develop MTBO in a suitable area outside Europe with the idea to hold an IOF major event there in a few years.

10.3 MTBO on World Orienteering Day (WOD) on 23 May 2018: Any orienteering activity – also MTBO – held between 23 May and 29 May can be registered as a WOD event.

11 MTBO documents and support materials

11.1 EA's handbook: It will be updated as soon as possible.

11.2 The Organisers' Guidelines also need updating.

11.3 The guidelines for mass start & relay and for quarantine zones will soon be ready for publication.

11.4 The templates for bulletins will hopefully be available in spring.

11.5 A first draft of an MTBO flyer and of guidance for athletes new to MTBO is planned to be ready by the end of April.

12 Next meeting

Friday, 10 August 2018, at the WMTBOC in AUT

The meeting closed at 10 pm on Saturday.

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Chair of the MTBO Commission

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