



Minutes – Foot Orienteering Commission – Meeting 1–18

Place: Hotel Lord, Warsaw, Poland

Meeting schedule: Friday, 19th January 2018 – 15:00-22:00 CET
Saturday, 20th January 2018 – 13:00-19:00 CET

Participants:	Áron Less (AL)	Chair
	Kilian Imhof (KI)	Member
	Maria Krafft Helgesson (MKH)	Member
	Helge Lang Pedersen (HLP)	Member
	Janos Manarin (JM)	Member
	David May (DM)	Member – through Skype
	Petteri Muukkonen (PM)	Member
	Unni Strand Karlsen (USK)	Member
	Blair Trewin (BT)	Member – through Skype
	Jan Petržela (JP)	FootO Athletes Commission Member
	Daniel Leibundgut (DL)	WOC Project Manager – through Skype
Invitations:	Mike Dowling (MD)	Council responsible contact person
	David Rosen (DR)	Rules Commission Chair
	David Wästlund (DW)	Sports Administrator
Apology:	Adam Chromý	Member

OPENING

- 1 Opening** AL
- AL opened the meeting.

TO NOTE DECISIONS / ACTIONS TAKEN SINCE THE FOC MEETING 4-17

- 2 Council & ESB decisions** AL
- 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 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.
- 14 October 2017: Council approved FOC's proposal for the WMOC long distance qualification procedure.
- 14 October 2017: Regarding the new WOC sprint format, Council agreed with the FOC proposal in most areas, but asked for clarification in others. For details, see section 18.
- 14 October 2017: Regarding Event Supervisors, Council discussed FOC's 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 Owe Fredholm in liaising with FOC to clarify their proposal and its long-term impact on the quality guidelines for IOF events.
- 14 October 2017: Regarding the World Cup Special Rules, the IOF Council approved the Special Rules with the following changes: 1) 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. 2) Due to TV coverage and for alignment with WOC rules, for competition 10 the starting interval should be 90 seconds.
- 14 October 2017: The IOF Map Commission 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.

- 14 October 2017: The ESB unanimously approved the appointment of Göran Andersson (SWE) as the Senior Event Adviser (SEA) for the Orienteering World Cup round 1 2019 in Finland.
- 14 October 2017: The ESB unanimously approved the appointment of Jerzy Antonowicz (POL) as the Senior Event Adviser (SEA) for the Orienteering World Cup round 3 2019 in Switzerland.
- 14 October 2017: The ESB unanimously approved the appointment of Blair Trewin as the Senior Event Adviser (SEA) for the Orienteering World Cup round 4 2019 in China.
- 16 November 2017: The IOF Council has approved the appointment of Adam Chromý as a member of the IOF FootO Commission. He replaces Tomaš Dlabaja.

COMMISSION WORKING PROCEDURES 2018

3 FOC Remits and Special Tasks

AL, BT,
HLP

New Remits and Special Tasks for 2018 to be discussed and approved. **It was agreed, that AL will finalise the list of special tasks for 2018 liaising with MD and Nik Suter by 31st January 2018.**

IOF Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)

The Council has over the past year worked on establishing some quantitative measures (in the form of KPIs) to help assess and determine our progress towards the IOFs strategic goals. Council feels that some of the measures may help assess the Commission's progress towards growth targets. Attached is the KPI document updated with the latest available data. A few notes:

- For those figures which are relevant for FOC, it would be helpful if FOC could give guidance to Council about appropriate targets.
- The IOF is quite a way off from the targeted number of countries participating at WOC competitions. What is FOC's view about this? How can we increase participation?

FOC discussed the KPI setup. FOC is positive towards the idea of using KPIs in measuring progress within the IOF Strategic Plan. **AL will get back to the IOF Office with FOC's exact findings.**

FOCUS ON KEY OUTCOMES – STRATEGIC PLANNING & EVENT QUALITY

4 Strategic planning

MKH,
HLP, AL

From our previous Meeting Minutes: A next step can be to restructure the application process to enable applying for multiple (3) years at the same time. This could be done by asking Federations what events they plan to apply for during the next 5-10 year period. If the proposals were then deemed feasible, an application process leading to the allocation of several events to a country in one procedure could be made. A discussion paper was sent to Council.

[PMN: Council discussed the issue. For applications due by March 31, 2018 the applicants were to indicate whether they would like their bid to be valid for the current and the next successive bid period. Applications would be considered and evaluated for both bid periods, unless retracted by the member federation. Events would however only be appointed for the current period. Application fees (valid for WOC and WMOC) only needed to be paid once, unless the member federation made significant changes to the bid prior to the next evaluation period. Bids which did not fulfil the bid criteria, i.e. were deemed as un-successful would not be carried forward to the next period. Council decided also to continue to evaluate the opportunity for awarding bids for several years and several events at the same time, but any changes would not take effect until the next evaluation period, i.e. after 1 January 2019.]

Cooperating with the other three Discipline Commissions, AL volunteered to set up a questionnaire about the plans of National Federations to organise high level events in the next 10 years. Results of the questionnaire are available.

Answers from SWE, FIN, ITA and GBR were still missing. The corresponding FOC members volunteered to contact their Federations and ask them to answer the questionnaire by 28th January. **Action MKH, PM, JM and DM.**

5 World Orienteering Championships (WOC)

DL, AL,
PM

- **WOC 2017, Estonia:** Status report. No final SEA report available.
- **WOC 2018, Latvia:** Status report. No new SEA report available. DL has now taken over the SEA / Project Manager role (for WOC 2018 and onwards) and a last visit was made in November 2017. Finance is one of the concerns. Dates are 4-11 August. Less than usual live TV-coverage is expected from WOC 2018, since it clashes with the 2018 European Championships, a new multi-sport event for 10 different sports held between 2-12 August in Glasgow and Berlin. Live streaming will still be produced.

WOC 2018 to present a brief status report at HLES 2018, [while the next SEA visit will take place just after HLES.](#)

The communication between the EA team and the organizers were discussed. DL talks to TH about staging meetings about communication issues during the HLES.

A new breach of the embargoed area was reported from October. [PMN: Council took action (for more details, see the IOF Council Meeting 187 Minutes. Council also tasked the Rules Commission, in consultation with the respective discipline commissions, with reviewing and modifying the rules regarding the description of embargoed area to clarify potential non-surface breaches.)]

- **WOC 2019, Norway:** Status report. No new SEA report available. Sarpsborg, Østfold was appointed as the organiser. Dates are 13-18 August. A meeting between the SEA & the OC took place in October. [Bernt Myrvold replaces Tore Sandvik as responsible for maps and courses. Progress seems to be on track.](#)
- **WOC 2020, Denmark.** Status report. No new SEA report available. First SEA visit took place in the end of November 2017. [The programme was discussed and feedback was given to DL. The organiser is making very good progress.](#)
- **WOC 2021, Czech Republic.** Dates need to be finalised. Proposal is 2-6 July 2021. No major actions expected until after the World Cup in October.
- **WOC 2022:** Sprint WOC. [Several candidates expressed their interest in this event.](#) Application deadline is 31st March 2018.
- **WOC 2023:** During the Joint Meeting, SUI announced their interest in applying for WOC 2023. Brazil is also expected to be a candidate.

6 European Orienteering Championships (EOC) AL, PM

- **EOC 2018,** 5-13 May 2018, Ticino, Switzerland. Bulletin 2 published. JM gave a brief update. Everything is on track.
- **EOC 2020:** no applications received so far. **Action AL to support the IOF Office in finding a solution.**
- **EOC 2021:** Will have the same formats as the sprint WOC. Application deadline is 31st March 2018. This should be World Cup round 2/3.

7 World Cup (WCup) BT, MKH, PM

- **World Cup 2017: status report**
 - Round 4 (WCup 13-15): 29 September – 1 October in Grindelwald, Switzerland. This was a great event, with fair courses and good visibility.
 - Overall, the 2017 World Cup was a successful series with good competitions in Finland, Estonia, Latvia and Switzerland. The whole

World Cup went down without any major problems. Visibility was a small, but not critical issue in the Latvian round.

- **World Cup 2018: status report**

- Round 1 Switzerland, as part of EOC (5-13 May).
- Round 2 Latvia, as part of WOC (4-11 August).
- Round 3 Norway: Pre-WOC around Halden will be held from 31st August until 2nd September. Forest relay on Friday, a prologue (9:00) and a pursuit (16:00) on Saturday and a shortened long distance on Sunday is on the programme.
- Round 4 Czech Republic: Dates are 4-7 October, with a the new WOC sprint format on Thursday, a Sprint Relay on Friday, a Middle Distance on Saturday and a Sprint on Sunday.
- **World Cup 2018 Special Rules.** Approved by Council. One major change will be that the description of the new WOC sprint format in CZE is still to be included in the Special Rules. **Action BT & AL, deadline 31st March.**

- **World Cup 2019: status report**

- Round 1 Finland, somewhere in the Helsinki metropolitan area, the week before Jukola (8-11 June). Two forest competitions on the weekend and one Relay competition ([Sprint Relay on Suomenlinna?](#)) on Tuesday.
- Round 2 Norway, as part of WOC (13-17 August).
- Round 3 Switzerland: (Laufen, near Basel), Sprint-based round. Dates are 27-29 September. The actual plan is to have three competitions with a Middle Distance, a Sprint, and the new WOC sprint format. **Different qualification regimes for the individual Sprint competition were discussed, BT will liaise with the organisers about this.**
- Round 4 China: This has now been endorsed by Council, the Partnership Agreement is signed. The province of Guangdong (around Guangzhou) will host the event. Dates and formats tbd. Dates are to be coordinated with the CISM World Military Games which will be organised in Wuhan 18-27 October. The orienteering competitions in CISM will not go on for the full period, maybe like 4 days, and CISM will work with IOF on placing the competitions so that they fit with the World Cup. **BT should propose dates for our April meeting.** Jaroslav Kačmarčík will somehow be used as part of the organising team, BT will be the SEA.

[FOC desires to have 3-4 competitions in this round, one individual Sprint competition \(without qualification\), one Sprint Relay and 1-2 other competitions. The other competition formats may be a Middle Distance, the new WOC sprint format or a second individual](#)

sprint. BT to liaise with Jaroslav Kačmarčík about the formats and a proposal shall be made by our August meeting.

- BT drafted the overall programme for the World Cup 2019 during the meeting, which was approved in principle by Council.
- **Special Rules for World Cup 2019 must be approved by Council in October in order for the teams to have adequate time for planning. Action BT.**
- **World Cup in the future:** From 2020 and onwards the intention is that the World Cup will be held with 3 fixed rounds, one of them being O-Ringen. From 2019 Swiss Cup is fully on-board. Both O-Ringen and Swiss Cup are supportive about IOF's ideas. The 3rd World Cup round in 2020 should ideally be the EOC (forest).

8 Junior World Orienteering Championships (JWOC)

HLP

- **JWOC 2017 Finland:** Status report. Final SEA report available. **The findings of the final SEA report will be used to update the JWOC Organisers' Guidelines. The ethics questions will be discussed during HLES. Action HLP.**
- **JWOC 2018 Hungary:** Status report. No new SEA report available. Preparations are on track. Dates are 8-14 July.
- **JWOC 2019 Denmark:** Status report. No new SEA report available. Dates are 6-12 July. **Preparations are on track.**
- **JWOC 2020 Turkey:** New SEA report available. Upon FOC's recommendation, Council appointed Turkey the organiser of JWOC 2020 and approved the dates of the event as 28 June – 5 July, 2020. The appointment is contingent upon the Event Advising Team (SEA: JM, AEA: Simone Grassi), finding adequate terrains together with the organisers during the autumn of 2017. JM visited Turkey in December and his report is not very positive. **The situation was discussed and an action plan was agreed between JM, AL and HLP. Action JM to execute.**
- **JWOC 2021:** **FOC expects at least one candidate.** Application deadline is 31st March 2018.

9 World Masters Orienteering Championships (WMOC)

DM,
BT, JM

- **WMOC 2018 Denmark:** Status report. No new SEA report available. Over 3200 entries by the first deadline (12 January) – this has the potential to be the largest WMOCs ever. Dates are 7-13 July. **Several key organisers plus the SEA will attend HLES where, amongst other things, the new Long Final qualification system will be tested out.**
- **WMOC 2019 Latvia:** Status report. No new SEA report available. Approved dates are 5-12 July. Some concerns about a lack of manpower. **Next SEA visit scheduled for August. The Event Plan is getting ready. Some problems about transport to the forest events have still to be**

resolved. There is a one page website for the event and Bulletin 1 (postponed until next month) will be available in draft in time for the HLES. A few key officials (including the Event Director, but not the SEA) will attend the HLES.

- **WMOC 2020 Slovakia:** SEA Francesco Giandomenico and Assistant SEA János Sümegi approved by Council. DM to have a meeting with them at the HLES to define responsibilities. Dates approved by Council: 7-15 August, 2020.
- **WMOC 2021:** open bid as Council decided to disconnect WMOC from the World Masters Games. Applications due by 31st March 2018.
- **WMOC at HLES:** one of the split sessions will focus on WMOC at the upcoming High Level Event Seminar in Riga. DM responsible for the session.

10 Senior & Youth Regional Orienteering Championships (outside Europe) BT, JM

- **North American Orienteering Championships 2018 (Senior & Junior?),** 18th-21st August 2018, Whitehorse, Yukon, Canada.
- **South American Orienteering Championships 2018 (Senior & Youth),** 5-11 November 2018, Uruguay. [PMN: SEA report arrived just after the meeting.]
- **Asian Orienteering Championships 2018,** Hong Kong. Preliminary dates are 22-27 December. Bulletin 1 published.
- **Asian Junior & Youth Orienteering Championships 2019:** Japan had shown interest in applying to organise.
- **Oceania Orienteering Championships (Senior & Youth) 2019,** 28th September – 6th October 2019, Wagga Wagga, NSW, Australia.
- **Asian Orienteering Championships 2020:** South Korea had shown interest in applying to organise.
- **North American Orienteering Championships 2020 (Senior & Junior?):** it's the USA's turn to organise.
- **South American Orienteering Championships 2020 (Senior & Youth):** rumours are that Brazil will be the only candidate.
- **Application process:** the process of application for organisers for ROCs outside Europe is now somewhat simplified.

FOCUS ON KEY OUTCOMES – RULES

11 Rules

The 2018 FootO Competition Rules were approved by the IOF Council in their October meeting with the following changes to the proposal:

USK,
DM

- Proposed new 1.17 Definition of IOF Supervisors was removed
- The second sentence in rule 15.8 regarding map scale for sprint competitions at WMOC was 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. IT Commission will take the lead on this.
- Rule 24.16 Possibility of removing split times in a qualification race at WMOC was removed from the rules.
- Rule 31.3 WOC JWOC WMOC IOF Supervisor role was removed.

New control descriptions were issued by the IOF Rules Commission: Refer to the IOF webpage: Resources -> Mapping and Control descriptions. Only minor changes were made to follow up with the ISOM 2017 map symbols: 'trench' and 'out-of-bounds area' were introduced, the 'bend' symbol moves from column G to column F, while the symbol for radio control is discontinued.

FOC seeks advice from Rules Commission how to handle complaints and protests in the new WOC sprint format, since the time constraint is very tight. [PMN: DR submitted his advice to DL, BT & AL.]

It was agreed to change the reference of 'Guidelines' to 'Guidelines/Manuals' from the 2019 version of the IOF Competition Rules. Action DR.

22.11 should at some stage be rephrased in order not to have advise in rules

12 **Liaising with FootO Athletes Commission (FOAC) & Coaches Reference Group (CRG) – "Entourage reference group"** KI, PM

KI organised a meeting with coaches and athletes during the final World Cup round in 2017. IOF Strategic Calendar Planning and the new WOC sprint format were the main issues. The meeting was led by AL. The conclusion was that it was a very successful meeting and we should do these in the future as well if possible. JP also welcomed the initiative and FOC decided to have this as a permanent fixture at the last European World Cup competition. In 2018, it is particularly important to get feedback from the new WOC sprint format right after the World Cup sprint competition in the Czech Republic.

FOAC gave valuable input for the 3rd sprint format description afterwards the meeting in writing.

JP shared FOAC's critical observations from WOC 2017 and that there shall be an official channel, where these could be sent to the IOF. DW answered that such a function will be activated in Eventor. FOAC's observations:

- individual sprint courses (Q+F) were too easy and lacked variations that characterise good sprint courses

- forest part and forkings were too decisive in the Sprint Relay
- overlapping terrain between the Middle Distance and the Relay competitions, which gave a significant advantage for those who competed in the Middle Distance competition.

13 Mapping issues

JM, KI

It was discussed earlier, whether we should revisit the idea of allowing 1:10.000 maps for long distance events in junior and senior high level events.

JM was appointed to head a group from FOC and Map Commission to work on this issue. BT and KI volunteered to be other FOC members in this group. The group should also discuss digital printing issues. [The report was discussed and FOC will revisit the issue in April.](#)

[PMN: a new ISSOM is to be created in 2018 by the IOF Map Commission. FOC should have this on the agenda in the April meeting.]

FOCUS ON KEY OUTCOMES – EVENT ADVISING

14 Event Advising

USK,
HLP

- **EA Clinics:**
 - **Clinic in 2017:** A successful EA Clinic was held in Italy on 16-17 December, near Milan Malpensa airport. JM was responsible for the organisation, DR for the presentations. 16 participants took part from 7 countries – Belarus, Belgium, Czech Republic, Greece, Italy, Lithuania and Switzerland.
 - **High Level Event Seminar 2018.** The date for HLES 2018 is 3-4 February, the venue is Riga, Latvia. AL responsible for organisational matters, HLP, USK, MKH & DM for the content. Programme is now finalised. 64 entries from 17 countries.
 - **A Clinic will be organised in Norway (Sarpsborg),** on 3-4 March. USK is responsible for the organisation. **MKH to assist USK in getting participants from Sweden for this.** [Currently 12 entries.](#)
 - **A possible Clinic in China,** financed by Orienteering Association of China may take place in 2018. IOF Office coordinates this.
 - **Hong Kong asked to have an Event Advising Clinic** in December, most possibly in conjunction with ASOC (22-27 December 2018). **USK to get in touch with Hong Kong about this.**

INCREASE THE ATTRACTIVENESS OF ORIENTEERING TO YOUNG PEOPLE

15 Youth promotion

BT, KI

Extended remit. Special tasks for 2017 were (all with partial responsibility):

- Seek inclusion in the Youth Olympic Games
- Support the RYDC to introduce orienteering in new countries and territories, and encourage IOF regions to conduct regional youth/junior competitions

AL took part in a seminar of the International School Sports Federation (ISF) in October representing the IOF. AL gave input on how to cooperate more and how to make ISF Orienteering World Championships more successful in the future. A brief report was published on the IOF website.

16 European Youth Orienteering Championships (EYOC)

AL

- **EYOC 2018:** Veliko Tarnovo, Bulgaria. Dates are 28th June – 1st July. New SEA report available. Bulletin 2 was published. Preparations seem to be on track.
- **EYOC 2019:** Grodno, Belarus. Vitalijus Paulauskas was appointed as EA. Preliminary dates were 30 May – 2 June 2019. These are not the usual EYOC dates (which is the end of June). Belarus organises the European Olympic Games in Minsk in the last third of June and thus it would be better for them to have EYOC on a different date. Still they can organise EYOC at the usual dates. *However, IOF Council did not accept the dates, which would be too early in the summer and before school holidays in most European countries and would cause difficulties for participation. FOC was tasked with working with the organiser to find new more appropriate dates. A meeting is planned between the Organiser, the EA, AL and Adam Chromý at HLES in Riga.*
- **EYOC 2020:** application deadline is 31st March 2018. We had 6 applications last year, so interest is generally high.
- **EYOC Organisers' Guidelines:** The 2016 version of the JWOC Guidelines were updated and customised by AL and Adam Chromý. *The guidelines were approved by FOC so that AL shall send it to the IOF Office for completing information about LiveOrienteering and further proofreading. Then the document should be published. The EA for EYOC 2018 agreed to use the document and propose improvements after the competition.*
- **Change of responsibility:** It was agreed that Adam Chromý will take over the responsibility for this competition from AL after this meeting.

STRENGTHEN IOF POSITION ON THE WORLD SPORTING STAGE – EVENT DEVELOPMENT

17 Organisers' Guidelines (Manuals)

HLP,
MKH,
USK

- **WOC Organisers' Manual:** Updating is needed with the new qualification formats and the new split WOC. **DL & HLP should set up a milestone plan by our April meeting about when this can be finalised.**
- **WCup Organisers' Guidelines:** It was agreed in the meeting to cancel future upgrading, since the current World Cup system becomes obsolete after 2019 and a new World Cup Organisers' Guideline is not likely to be ready until mid-2019. The Swiss and Swedish World Cup organisers have their own working system and the EOC organiser may use a "lite" version of the WOC Manual.
- **JWOC Organisers' Guidelines:** The 2018 version of the Guidelines are ready in the Event Overview Tool format. HLP will liaise with DL if the web tool for EOT is ready for publication by 20th February.
- **WMOC Organisers' Manual:** Some major revisions have been made for the 2018 edition largely to reflect Rule changes, especially with respect to the introduction of the new Middle Distance competition. A draft was circulated to BT, HLP, DW and the 2018 organiser and SEA a month ago and amendments made as a result. The new Guidelines were approved by FOC. It was agreed to rename the Guideline to "Manual". **Action DM to make the necessary arrangements for publishing it on the IOF website.**
- **WRE Organisers' Guidelines:** DM updated the Guidelines to reflect the latest rule changes. FOC feels that since this document contains mostly administrative instructions (and also the future changes will most probably be administrative), the IOF Office should be responsible for updating the WRE Guidelines in the future. **Action AL to send the WRE Guidelines for updating, proofreading and publishing to the IOF Office.**
- **Sprint Relay Guidelines:** was published in February 2015. **No action is required / foreseen for 2018.**
- **Manual transformation project:** HLP mentioned an initiative with the joint intention to raise the profile for SEAs and combine the Event Guidelines and SEA Guidelines in a way that will eventually provide the SEAs with better checklists of how to monitor the events and report progress back to FOC. Part of the concept was introduced in 2017. The project with the working title "Event Overview Tool" was further developed in 2017. **HLP gave an update. DL is liaising with the IOF Office to have the tool established in a webpage.**
- BT earlier suggested to have a review of the course planning principles – especially for Sprint. Inspired from WOC courses – how difficult should Sprint be? **See also FOAC's comments in section 12. PM volunteered to manage the revision. JM to send the editable document to PM. The document shall also contain more recent map examples. Action PM to**

prepare a status report and a plan for finalizing this for FOC meeting 3 – 2018.

18 3rd Sprint format development

KI, JM

A report was sent to Council and partially approved. 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. DL updated the format description document and it's now published on the IOF website.

DL continues to be the project manager. FOC tasks for 2018:

- develop a testing plan for 2018 (fine-tuning and identification of possibilities to have competition testing with spectators and media production)
- update the format description document paper by 30th September and by 31st October [PMN: since FOC Meeting 4-18 is on 10th November, 15th November is a more realistic date for finalising the format description]
- find an appropriate name for the 3rd sprint format. **DL to liaise with the IOF Office to establish a process to find an appropriate name.**

It was previously agreed that the "Why" document (a "discussion paper" explaining the choices made) could be further developed after the Council decision about the format description document is made. **This is still missing. DL develops a PowerPoint presentation for the HLES 2018 and this will then be used as the "Why" document.**

It was also previously agreed that the Milestone plan (a plan showing the milestones and the test and development events that will be held until the format is finally ready for WOC 2020) document could be further developed. **It was agreed to postpone this to a later FOC meeting. We may get additional feedback at the High Level Event Seminar.**

VISIBILITY OF ORIENTEERING

19 WRE DM, BT

Update.

The World Ranking Scheme Rules were updated in October 2017.

The IOF Council decided to create a Working Group reporting to Council which is 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. 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. [PMN: [The Working Group will contain one member from each Discipline Commission.](#)]

STRONG MANAGEMENT AND FUNDING – TEAMWORK

20 AOB AL

[KI informed that he will leave FOC due to working commitments.](#)

21 Next meetings all

- FOC Meeting 2-18: Spring meeting on 28 April (Saturday) in Northern Italy, close to Venice and Treviso airports. **JM to organise.**
- FOC Meeting 3-18: During WOC in Latvia, probably during the beginning of WOC (5-6 August). **AL to organise.**
- FOC Meeting 4-18: [In Borås, Sweden, 9th-11th November in conjunction with a local 3-day sprint event.](#) **MKH to organise.**
- FOC Meeting 1-19: second half of January, as part of the IOF Joint Meeting. IOF Office to organise.

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