



**Minutes of  
COUNCIL MEETING No. 189**

Place Helsinki, Finland

Date 14 June 2018 / 10:00 – 17:30  
15 June 2018 / 09:00 – 16:00

Participants	Leho Haldna (LH)	President
	Astrid Waaler Kaas (AWK)	Senior Vice President
	(Not present for §1-4, §15, §19 – §22.1-22.4)	
	Michael Dowling (MD)	Vice President
	Mikko Salonen (MS)	Vice President
	(Not present for §1-4, §15, §19 – §22.1-22.4)	
	Owe Fredholm (OF)	Member
	Vincent Frey (VF)	Member
	Tatiana Kalenderoglu (TK)	Member
	Nik Suter (NS)	Member
	Maria Silvia Viti (MSV)	Member
	(not present for §13, §18-19, §22.5-22.6)	
	Dominic Yue (DY)	Member
	Laszlo Zentai (LZ)	Member
	Tom Hollowell (TH)	Secretary General/CEO
	David Wästlund (DW)	Sports Administrator
	Kirsty McIntyre (KM)	Anti-doping Officer/Office Administrator
	Malin Fuhr (MF)	Communications Officer
	Göran Andersson (GA) (§15)	World Orienteering Day Project Coordinator

1 Opening

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

2 Approval of the agenda

The agenda was approved with the following amendments.

- Item 22.5 Rules deviation to allow event bids for multiple years.
- Item 22.6 Decision on name of Sprint WOC 3<sup>rd</sup> Format

3 Approval of previous minutes

3.1 Minutes of Council meeting 188

The minutes of Council Meeting No. 188, held on 6-7 April in Namur, Brussels, were approved as true records of that meeting.

TH made the following comments regarding follow up of items in the minutes:

§6. No further progress had been made regarding the inclusion of Ski Orienteering in the Universiade 2021. Discussions were ongoing, mainly a financial issue.

§20.1 Event Applications from Russia – further information from WADA. New information had been received from WADA that meant that event applications from Russia should be accepted as the new World Anti-doping Code, valid from April 1, 2018, was only applicable to countries where the National Anti-doping Organisation (NADO) became non-compliant after April 1, 2018. This meant that the applications from Russia for WOC 2022 and ESOC 2020 were accepted by the IOF. The Russian WOC 2022 bid was however not short-listed for evaluation by the FootO Commission (FOC). The bid for ESOC 2020 was to be evaluated by the SkiO Commission (SOC).

§23 IOF Family. No progress had yet been made in the implementation of this item due to lack of time in the IOF Office.

Reports from other meeting 188 items were included in the agenda of meeting 189.

4 To note decisions taken by e-mail since Council Meeting No. 186

4.1 Decisions taken by Council

No decisions from Council.

4.2 Decisions taken by the Event Supervisory Board (ESB)

18 April 2018: The ESB unanimously approved the Special Rules for the Orienteering World Cup 2018, including the appendix regarding the 3rd Sprint Format to be used in World Cup competition number 9.

30 April 2018: The ESB did not approve the request for a rules deviation regarding athletes' licences from the organisers of the European MTB Orienteering Championships 2018 (EMTBOC) in Hungary. The organiser had requested a rules deviation for masters' athletes participating only in the EMTBOC relay competition to be relieved of the requirement to have an athletes licence.

22 May 2018: The ESB unanimously approved the request for a Rules Deviation regarding on-course refreshments from the organisers of the Orienteering World Cup in Norway in August/September 2018. According to the Rules Deviation, competitors' own drinks cannot be accommodated at refreshments stations for the Long Distance race due to logistical reasons.

4 June 2018: The ESB unanimously appointed Jüri Joonas (EST) as the Senior Event Adviser (SEA) for the FISU World University Orienteering Championships in Smolensk, Russia in 2020.

5 June 2018: The ESB appointed Jaakko Lajunen (FIN) as the Senior Event Adviser (SEA) for the European Orienteering Championships in Rakvere, Estonia in 2020. Note: MS did not participate in this decision.

## 6 President's report

LH reported on activities since the last meeting, primarily this was related to representation at the SportAccord Convention 16 – 20 April, 2018 together with the Secretary General/CEO. Detailed reports were included in the CEOs report (below).

## 7 Correspondence and CEOs report

TH reported on the activities of the CEO and IOF Office since the previous Council Meeting

CEO and Office – significant activities since last Council meeting

- SportAccord Convention 14 – 22 April (TH/LH)
- EOC – Ticino, SUI 9 – 13 May (TH)
- Evaluation visit WOC 2022 – Edinburgh 14 - 16 May (TH)
- Eventor planning meeting – Stockholm 16 May (DW)
- Anti-doping planning meeting – Stockholm 17 May (KM)
- World Orienteering Day event – Karlstad 23 May (entire office)
- Evaluation visit WMOC 2021 – Kansai, Japan 26 – 31 May (TH)
- Evaluation visit WOC 2022 – Paris 8 – 10 June (TH)

### SportAccord Convention – highlights from meetings/activities of interest

- IWGA Annual Meeting – Orienteering was confirmed to be on the program of TWG 2021 in Birmingham, AL, USA with the same events and participation as in 2017. Elections to the IWGA Council.
- TWG 2021 - Follow up meetings were held with the organisers and IWGA staff regarding various aspects of the event. It was agreed that a follow-up visit should occur in November 2018 to finally establish venues, program and budget. The IOF clearly indicated that we need to be involved in the establishment of vendor contracts and TV planning.
- ARISF General Assembly – TH was elected to the ARISF Council with 24 votes of the 33 members present.
- Meeting of the ARISF Council and Joint Meeting ARISF Council/IOC President and VPs.
- IMGA Annual Meeting – Major news was the announcement that the IMGA and IOC have signed an agreement that WMG will be held in the Olympic Games (OG) venue one year following, i.e. Paris in 2025, LA in 2029. New Statutes were approved. One position on the IMGA Board is vacant, the IOF should consider a candidacy for this seat at the next Annual Meeting.
- Winter WMG Innsbruck 2020, we are progressing towards inclusion for WMSOC 2020. No objections within IMGA or FIS.
- WMG 2021 Japan – Discussions with IMGA management regarding WMOC not being automatically part of WMG 2021, which was to be followed up at the evaluation visit.
- Meeting with IOC Sports Department – Exchange of information regarding activities. The IOF was given high marks for several activities, including World Orienteering Day and governance programs..
- ARISF/IOC workshop – Run by the IOC Sports Department. Focus on increasing Sports Participation and ways of doing so.
- FISU – Signed new Collaboration Agreement for the next 4 years and informal discussions in a number of areas.
- Meeting with FIS SG Sarah Lewis and FIS Competition Manager – We discussed common event issues like Universiades and WWMG to make sure there was no FIS resistance. The IOF was invited to take part in FIS technical meetings for cross-country.
- Meetings with various venues from Scotland, Wales, Denmark, Canada, Norway, China, Finland
- Meetings with the National Olympic Committees of Denmark and Finland

- World Urban Games – Several Skype and phone meetings were held prior to the SportAccord Convention regarding the inclusion of orienteering. A special meeting of all interested IFs was held at SportAccord and it was announced that Orienteering was pre-qualified as one of 7 sports for the games. The GAISF organisation is now looking for host venues, but work is behind schedule. More will be known about organisation and financial concepts during the fall.
- WADA – meeting with our WADA contact person to review compliance work and other minor issues.
- ISF – A number of informal meetings with the ISF SG.
- Thailand Sports Ministry – meeting to discuss how to set up a national federation in Thailand.
- GAISF General Assembly – Key topics at the meeting:
  - Governance issues – combatting Harassment in sport
  - .sport initiative (new domain owned by GAISF and how it will be implemented)
  - GDPR
  - Multisport Games – World Urban Games etc.

#### Anti-doping/WADA activities

- Compliance  
All Critical issues which were to be solved by May 13 have been closed. Of the remaining High Priority and Important issues a large number have been closed. Next milestone is August 13.
- Planning changes  
Due to the above compliance issues, changes will happen in the composition and structure of the IOF Testing Pools. This does not affect the overall number of tests or IC/OOC test distribution.
- Testing Partner IDTM  
Cooperation with testing partner IDTM is well-established and simplifies the planning process. KM has had a planning and coordination meeting with them.
- WADA Athletes Forum  
Erik Blomgren, Coordinator of SkiO AC, has attended the WADA Global Athletes Forum in Calgary with the support of the IOF.

#### IT – Eventor, LIVE Orienteering and GDPR

A major update to Eventor was released by SOFT to enable Eventor to function better on all platforms. DW has together with SOFT planned a list of prioritized and funded updates. However, SOFT has not been able to deliver the necessary development time. Updates are in regards of necessary GDPR improvements, and in entry and results management. A plan has also been created for Eventor World, however the other developments are prioritized.

3 issues were found during the use of LIVE Orienteering at EOC. 2 of the issues were solved early in the week, but one issue in the livestream.com platform remained unsolved. Focus now is on securing the performance for WOC.

GDPR – All IOF systems have been inventoried regarding the personal information we gather. Personal information policy has been updated for some systems, and for others we are working with system suppliers (e.g. Eventor/SOFT) to finalize implementation. DW is assigned IOF Data Protection Officer (DPO) and each system have an assigned GDPR Controller.

#### New event applications

Applications for the next round of IOF Events will be published in the next few weeks, for applications prior to January 1, 2019.

### Communications

MF has returned from parental leave at the beginning of May, working 50%. Focus for now is on finalising the Biennial Report and day-to-day communications, as well as creating the communications plan for WOC 2018.

Work on the update of the IOF webpage to begin. Was delayed due to cost savings last year.

### Correspondence

- From the IOC – Recognized Federation support has been restructured and will be paid directly from the IOC with an amount of 32000 USD. Previously we received 25000 USD from IOC and approximately 5000 USD from ARISF as development funding.
- A letter requesting Observer status at the Central America and Caribbean Games 2018 in COL has been sent to the Colombian OC and Organisers.
- Several letters and correspondence with the CISM Orienteering Committee Chairperson requesting support in the organisation of the World Military Games in China, and in finding future World Military Orienteering Championships organisers. There will be no championships in 2018 as it has been impossible to find an organiser.

## **STRONG MANAGEMENT AND FUNDING**

### 8 Follow-up of Activity Plan 2016-2018

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

Council noted that there was good progress made on nearly all action items as we approach the end of the activity plan period. A few exceptions to this were noted:

- The target of 75 member countries at the end of 2018 was possible to achieve but would require some focus on the identified new potential members during the remainder of 2018.
- The goal of 500 000 participants in World Orienteering Day (WOD) 2018 would not be met.
- The goal of adding a new Regional Championships event in either MTBO or SkiO would not be met.
- It was noted that although the quantity of events having broadcast quality TV productions had increased, there was still a need to work on the production storytelling quality from some events to improve the viewer/spectator experience
- The targets regarding inclusion in Youth Olympic Games would not be met.

### 9 KPIs

DW and TH presented an update to the list of KPIs which are to be followed in accordance with the General Assembly 2018 (GA 2018) targets in the Activity Plan.

The KPIs included the number of WRE events, with an increase in number of countries organising WREs. This is a positive effect of the new WRE fee system.

The next update of the figures will be at the meeting in Prague.

### 10 Finance

#### 10.1 Sponsorship Report

TH reported on the status of work with sponsorships.

Meetings had been held with 2 new potential partners and the scope of the partnerships had been agreed with both. Both involved a smaller cash sponsoring component and services which provide value to the IOF and member federations.

Agreements had been reached with two new WOD partners, O-Track/Danish OF and Doba's Products. Small cash value, but in-kind sponsorship to help Global Development.

Two potential partners in China had been identified and initial discussions with these were ongoing.

TH asked Council for additional guidance regarding the decision from meeting 188 about allowing advertising for betting companies at WOC 2018, based upon discussions with the sponsor agent. Council decided to uphold their decision from meeting 188.

## 10.2 Forecast 2018

TH reported on the Forecast for 2018, which showed a predicted surplus of approximately 45 TEUR. TH commented on changes from the previous forecast:

- There had been a slight increase in the amount of the grant from the IOC.
- Increase in bid fees due to high number of event applications.
- TV rights income for WOC and the 2018 World Cup events had increased and the situation for the year had improved. The net effect of TV rights was as expected.
- The change in the WRE fee system had shown more or less the expected results. There was an increase in the number of WREs and organising countries. FootO WRE fees were forecast to reach at least the same value as prior year, whereas MTBO and SkiO WRE fees were predictably much lower than prior years. TrailO WRE fees had exceeded expectations due to both more events and larger participation than expected.
- The value of contracted sponsorships was 107 TEUR.
- LIVE Orienteering income from EOC 2018 had exceeded expectations and the full-year forecast for LIVE Orienteering had therefore been raised.
- Actual staff costs and fixed office costs remained lower than the forecast, however the forecast remained unchanged in these areas. TH remarked that some additional resource may be applied to supporting the sponsorship work.

## 11 Strategic Directions

### 11.1 Strategic Directions 2018 - 2022 and Focus Areas until GA2020

AWK presented the feedback from the Member Federations from the most recent consultation round.

Council reviewed the comments, and decided which suggestions were to be incorporated into the document.

TH was tasked with updated the document for inclusion in the materials for the General Assembly.

## 11.2 Long term financing plan 2018

TH presented a level-of-effort analysis regarding the allocation of IOF resources. Based upon this analysis and the Strategic Plan and Focus Areas, Council discussed strategic financing priorities.

It was agreed that prioritisation and a re-allocation of resources was important, and that additional resources should be applied only as additional income was secured.

Priorities were established based upon the Strategic Directions and Focus Areas both for the 2019-2020 budget and for additional funding when generated.

Information about financing and financial priorities was to be presented at the Pre-GA.

## 11.3 Draft Budget 2019/2020

TH presented the draft budget for 2019/2020. Council commented several areas to bring the budget in line with the final Strategic Directions and Focus Areas and agreed a target surplus for each year. Council also agreed that the budget should be presented and followed up as a baseline budget with a conservative approach, and a description of how additional resources would be used when generated. TH was tasked with updating the budget accordingly for inclusion in the General Assembly materials.

## 12 Biennial Report 2016-2018

MF presented the draft version of the Biennial Report 2016-2018. Council commented upon several areas for correction or modification. It was decided that the results section could be further minimized by showing only the top 3 in masters' competitions and the top 6 in senior/junior championships competitions.

The final deadline for comments to the Biennial Report was 22 June.

Furthermore, Council discussed the future format of the Biennial Report. More cost-effective methods and better use of the IOF Office time should be found.

## 13 Preparations for GA

### 13.1 Preparation timeline for GA 2018

TH summarised the preparation timeline for GA 2018. Preparations were in line with the plan.

### 13.2 Proposal Statute Changes for GA 2018

MS presented the proposed Statutes document and changes. Council approved the document and changes for inclusion with the General Assembly materials.

MS also raised the topic of creating an IOF Policy regarding Harassment. MS and AWK were tasked with preparing a draft for the next meeting.

### 13.3 Proposal Code of Ethics changes for GA 2018

MS presented the proposed updated Code of Ethics, created in cooperation with the IOF Ethics Commission. Council approved it for inclusion with the General Assembly materials with a number of changes and additions.

### 13.4 Membership Fees proposal for GA

TH presented the proposal for Membership Fees to be put to the General Assembly. It was noted that there was a need to explain how the system which was established in 2008 works, and that this should be done in connection with the Pre-GA.

### 13.5 Proposals from Members

- i From NOR, regarding a change to the IOF Statutes that both genders should be present among the Vice Presidents. Council stated support for the proposal and MS was tasked with including it in the proposed statutes changes, appropriately worded.

Note: AWK was not present during the discussion and decision about this item.

- ii From NOR, regarding a change to the IOF Statutes that the General Assembly should be chaired by an independent Chairperson. Council agreed that a recommendation to the general Assembly would be prepared in support of the principle but proposing that this should not be included in the IOF Statutes.

Note: AWK was not present during the discussion and decision about this item.

- iii From NOR regarding a program change for JWOC, adding Sprint Relay. Council was in support of the principle of including the Sprint Relay in JWOC, however this prompted an evaluation of the whole JWOC programme. Council tasked FOC with performing an analysis and recommendation, with the intention of putting forward a counterproposal to be presented at the General Assembly.

Note: AWK was not present during the discussion and decision about this item.

- iv From DEN regarding Anti-Doping work within the IOF. Council discussed the proposal noting support for parts of the proposal which were good and fully in line with the IOF anti-doping strategy and ongoing work. Other parts of the proposal indicated some misunderstanding of the World Anti-doping Code and of the potential consequences of the proposals. Therefore, Council saw the need to provide further background to the member federations at the Pre-GA. KM and TH would prepare a Pre-GA informational presentation and a response to the proposal for the next council meeting.

- v From DEN regarding IOF Sub-Regional work. Council were not in agreement with the proposal, nor were the RYDC following consultation. There were deemed to be risks that the proposal could be counter-productive and that the costs of the proposal to the IOF and member federations could potentially be quite high. AWK and MD were to prepare a response.

- vi From DEN regarding VIP Services concept at WOC. Council noted that work was already going on in this area, although not yet completed. Council felt that this was an operational issue and was happy to take the proposal on board in the continual development of the VIP concept. However, Council would recommend to the GA not to approve the proposal, but to instead give the mandate to Council to develop the VIP concept.



### 13.6 Ethics Panel composition

All but one of the current IOF Ethics Commission have agreed to be nominated to be on the Ethics Panel at the GA. Chairperson Jan Exner has decided not to continue. TH was tasked with proposing a new member in dialog with the commission, the Honorary Legal Advisor and member federations.

### 13.7 IOF Auditors

IOF Governance Auditor Göran Larsson (SWE) has notified his desire to step down, so the IOF must find a new Governance Auditor. TH was tasked with proposing a new Governance Auditor.

### 13.8 Pre-GA Agenda

The Council discussed the agenda for the Pre-General Assembly meeting which would be scheduled for October 5<sup>th</sup>, 18:00 – 21:00.

It was agreed that the agenda should be:

- Changes to the IOF Statutes and Code of Ethics
- Strategic Directions 2018-2022, Focus Areas 2018-2020 and long-term financing plan
- Membership categories and fees 2019-2020
- Anti-doping work presentation
- Overview of IOF Events
- Presentations of Council nominees

Council nominees would be asked to prepare for a presentation of maximum 3 minutes.

### 13.9 Practical Organisation

Council reviewed the practical arrangements for the GA.

### 13.10 IOF Awards of recognition

Council discussed the awarding of IOF Pins at the General Assembly, agreeing the list of individuals to be recognized.

## **FOCUS ON KEY OUTCOMES**

### 14 RYDC Report to Council

TH presented a report from the RYDC to Council.

- The work of the Regional Coordinators was becoming more structured and in accordance with development plans. 3 new members could potentially be added during 2018. MS reported a new contact in Jamaica which would be passed on to the Regional Coordinator.
- The Start Up Kit was to be launched.
- WOC Clinic 2018 planning was well-advanced with 9 participants registered. 3 places were still open for applicants.
- The Global Development Conference (GDC) was scheduled for 5 October in Prague, Czech Republic, in connection with the GA. Several interesting speakers were confirmed. Council discussed how to increase attendance. Council proposed to remove the conference fee and reduce the schedule of the main conference to 09.00-14.00 to

avoid a clash with the Pre-General Assembly. Instead to have a workshop for the non-Pre-GA attending participants in the evening. Council felt that having a key note speaker could attract more attendees. LH would open the conference. The IOF Office was tasked with promoting the GDC to GA participants and others.

## **YOUNG PEOPLE**

### 15 Report World Orienteering Day (WOD)

GA presented a preliminary report from the 2018 World Orienteering Day. Council thanked GA for the presentation and asked that the evaluation and analysis of WOD 2018 be presented at the next Council meeting.

## **POSITION ON THE WORLD SPORTING STAGE**

### 16 Status Report – Event Applications and Appointments

#### 16.1 ETOC 2020

Council appointed FIN the organiser of ETOC 2020 based upon the recommendation of the TOC. The dates were approved as 20-25 May 2020.

Note: MS was not present during the discussion and decision about this item.

#### 16.2 WSOC 2020

See agenda item 22.3

#### 16.3 WMTBOC 2021

Council appointed FIN the organiser of WMTBOC 2021 based upon the recommendation of the MTBOC. The dates were approved as 10-18 June 2021.

Note: MS was not present during the discussion and decision about this item.

#### 16.4 MTBO World Cup Round 3 2020

Council appointed FIN the organiser of MTBO World Cup Round 3 2020 based upon the recommendation of the MTBOC. The dates were approved as 10-13 September 2020.

Note: MS was not present during the discussion and decision about this item.

#### 16.5 EYOC 2020

Council appointed HUN the organiser of EYOC 2020 based upon the recommendation of the FOC. The dates were approved as 19-22 June 2020.

Note: LZ was not present during the discussion and decision about this item.

#### 16.6 NAOC 2020

Council appointed USA the organiser of NAOC 2020 based upon the recommendation of the FOC. The dates were approved as 25-27 July 2020. NAOC 2020 will also include

#### 16.7 Events status per discipline

DW reported the status of events being evaluated, applications which remained open and applications to be opened for bidding. A number of events would be ready for appointments at the August 6 Council meeting.

Council discussed the situation with lack of bids for SkiO events and tasked SOC to evaluate and make recommendations for the long term situation.

#### 17 Strategy Discussion – SkiO and FIS Cooperation

Based upon the meeting that LH and TH had with FIS representatives at the SportAccord Convention, Council discussed how to strengthen the relationship with FIS. The IOF had been invited to attend FIS Cross Country Technical Meetings. Council agreed that we should accept the invitation and that it should be followed up with further cooperation discussions. TH was tasked with taking action towards FIS.

#### 18 TrailO Strategy

Based upon ideas presented by LH, Council held a discussion about TrailO strategy. The discussions included ideas about how to grow the discipline further, how to increase the attractiveness for youths and issues around Paralympic class eligibility.

Council agreed that a thorough review of the discipline was needed, and Council decided to form a working group, including members from the Council, the Office and TOC, to establish a background document describing the current situation. This document should form a basis for further discussion. AWK to form the working group with participation from OF and DY. TH to prepare a remit for the working group, based upon the Council discussions.

### **INCREASED VISIBILITY**

#### 19 World Ranking System (WRS) review project

MD delivered a status report of the project. Both the working group and reference group have been active. They have worked through a number of questions and scenarios and have identified a clear way forward with several options. Work will continue to compile a final proposal for the next Council meeting in August.

LH noted that the alternatives being proposed could have different complexities and costs associated with them regarding implementation in the WRS system and asked that this be considered in the final proposal.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

#### 20 Report from MC

##### 20.1 Status of ISSOM 201x revision

TH reported on behalf of the MC that extensive feedback had been received regarding the ISSOM revision. MC therefore needed more time to complete the revision and would address this at their meeting in October. MC noted that many comments were related to the issues about moving the definition of forbidden areas from the map specification to the rules and asked for Council guidance. Council guidance remains that the definitions of forbidden areas should be in the rules.

## 20.2 Print Appendix for ISOM 2017

TH reported on behalf of the MC that the Print Appendix to ISOM 2017 had received very few comments during the consultation period, and after some minor corrections was now ready for approval. Council approved the Print Appendix for publication.

## 20.3 Map Control Process

TH reported on behalf of the MC that the new map control process was working OK in most cases. Two events, JWOC 2018 and WMOC 2018, had not submitted maps for review in time. Council briefly discussed a need to review sanctions on organisers who do not meet the requirements in contracts. This discussion was tabled for a later meeting.

## 21 Report from FOC

### 21.1 Proposal regarding Map Scale for Long Distance

FOC had proposed to Council to initiate a test period for allowing the use of map scale 1:10000 for Long Distance competitions (in WREs and Regional Championships only). The test period would commence immediately and run until 31 December 2018. Event Advisers (EA) would be given the opportunity to approve the use of 1:10000 but would in such cases be required to report back to FOC and the MC following a set of specific questions.

Council in voting (7 For/2 Against/2 not present) approved the FOC proposal for implementation.

## 22 Event Reports

### 22.1 ETOC 2018

OF reported from ETOC 2018 which had been a very successful event. Council wished to congratulate and thank the organisers in Slovakia for the successful organisation of the event.

### 22.2 EOC 2018

NS reported from EOC 2018 which overall had been very successful. There had been some difficulties in the presentation of the sprint in the TV production. It was agreed that FOC should be consulted regarding this also.

## 23 Any Other Business

### 23.1 Oceania Working Group

Council approved the formation of and the proposed Terms of Reference for the Oceania Working Group (OWG).

Council also discussed the question from FRA whether New Caledonia could participate in the OWG and OOC. Consultation with AUS and NZL indicated that this would be welcomed. TH had also investigated the status of New Caledonia in IOC terms and participation in regional bodies and events should be possible. TH was tasked with investigated how to complete this formally.

### 23.2 Rules Oceania Junior & Youth Orienteering Championships

Council approved the rules for the Oceania Junior & Youth Orienteering Championships (OJYOC) which would be held together with the OOC, first time in 2019.

### 23.3 Norway – Letter regarding WSOC 2020 Application

The member federation in NOR had sent a letter stating that they would apply for WSOC 2020 but only under certain conditions and requested Council approval. TK reported that SOC had discussed the letter and recommended that Council not approve the conditions for an application.

Council agreed that the conditions requested by Norway could not be accepted. TH was tasked with responding that neither a reduction in fees nor inclusion of WMSOC in the event was possible, but that Council would welcome an application in accordance with normal conditions.

Note: AWK was not present during the discussion and decision.

### 23.4 Paris 2024 – World Cup 2020

Based upon discussions held in connection with the evaluation visit for WOC 2022 in Paris, TH asked for Council support to potentially assign a World Cup event to FRA and Paris during 2020. This since the decision for inclusion in the 2024 Paris Olympic Games would be in late 2020.

Council approved, including potential financial support to FRA to be able to provide TV productions. TH was tasked with working further with FRA regarding this.

Note: VF was not present during the discussion and decision.

### 23.5 Rules deviation to allow event bids for multiple years

MS proposed a rules deviation so that when preparing the new bid documents for the next bid period, it could be communicated that Council, if receiving several bids of high quality, could appoint organisers for multiple years.

Council approved the rules deviation, only for the next round of bids for WOC and WMOC, and for the of maximum 2 organiser appointments. DW was tasked with including information about this in the bid documents.

### 23.6 Decision on name of Sprint WOC 3rd Format

Council decided that the name for the Sprint WOC 3<sup>rd</sup> Format should be Knock-Out Sprint. The decision was based on a recommendation from FOC of two names, and the result of an online survey of the orienteering community where Knock-Out Sprint received more than 75% of 500 votes.

24 Future Council meetings, dates and venues

24.1 6 August 2018, Sigulda, LAT (in connection with WOC 2018)

24.2 4 – 7 October 2018, Prague, CZE (IOF GA)

- i Council meeting 4 October
- ii Conferences and Pre-GA 5 October
- iii GA 6 October
- iv Council meeting 7 October AM

25 Closure of the meeting

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

Council sincerely thanked the Finnish Orienteering Federation for their hospitality.

Leho Haldna  
President

Tom Hollowell  
Secretary General/CEO