

Summary of Board meeting – 3 June 2008



The Board met in Derby from 10:45 until 17:25.

- The minutes of the meeting held on April were approved.
- The latest draft of what is currently called the “Whole Sport Plan” was presented to the Board by the Chief Executive who was congratulated on the work and thinking that he had overseen so far. The Board agreed that this represented a well-structured and coherent picture of where they saw British Orienteering going in the next 5+ years and it would benefit from the further refinement in the areas highlighted. They also expressed pleasure about the degree to which all Clubs and members had had the chance to be involved with its development and about the many inputs received.

It was agreed that the Plan must be and is a plan for orienteering and is not a plan to implement Government initiatives – however it was accepted that the Plan needs, in the first instance when it is submitted to the Sports Councils, to be written using Government and Sports Council terminology. When finalised, the plan will be suitable for submitting to various funding agencies alongside grant applications, but the plan will be followed regardless of the degree of funding received – the pace of implementation being adjusted to the resources available. The importance of communicating the plan effectively to others was agreed, with relevant emphases for individual members, clubs and Associations
- A central database of Board induction material and meeting papers had been set up and Directors would shortly have access to it, avoiding the future distribution of papers by e-mail, and giving immediate access to the latest version of all relevant materials.
- The Board agreed that liaison with Associations would best be carried out by assigning each of the 13 Associations a “Liaison Director” whose role would be to offer to visit each Association at least once per year and to have regular communication with the Association Chairman. This would enable effective consultation when required, and allow Associations a further way of raising issues easily and to be well-informed about the Board’s thinking.
- An award for support of British Orienteering’s international influence strategy had been received from CCPR / UK Sport and the allocation of the grant was agreed for UK’s IOF representatives, with several Directors not participating in the discussion due to perceived conflicts of interest.
- The Orienteering Australia proposal to the IOF Congress regarding a return to biennial World Championships was discussed and the UK delegates briefed on voting.
- The Management Accounts and the status of the 2008 budget were reviewed with no major issues identified.
- The principles that will underlie the 2009 budget were agreed and the schedule for its adoption by October 2008 agreed. It was noted that it may well be early 2009 before it becomes clearer as to how much funding British Orienteering will receive from various Sports Councils, potentially making some difficult decisions necessary.
- The Directors & Officers liability insurance policy was approved.
- Draft guidelines for all meetings of the Board, Committees, Groups, and Panels were discussed, and a revised version is to be agreed by e-mail prior to implementation.

- Board meeting dates for 2008 were confirmed and provisional dates for five meetings in 2009 agreed.
- Standing Orders for the Board were agreed covering e.g. authorities delegated to the Chief Executive and bank mandates.
- Standard British Orienteering terminology on policies and procedures was agreed.
- A modified Health & Safety policy was agreed.
- A schedule for the annual review of all policies was agreed.
- A paper clarifying roles and responsibilities before, during and after General Meetings was agreed.
- Reports on progress with the Operational Plan and updates on other recent matters were discussed.