

Summary of Board meeting Wednesday 29th April 2009



- The Board met at the Derby Conference Centre, Derby from 10:30 until 17:00
- The minutes of the Board meeting held on 29 February 2009 were approved.
- Thanks were recorded to retiring Directors Peter Christopher and Chris James and the new Directors Philip Baxter and John Woodall, and re-elected Director Jenny Peel were welcomed.
- Neil Cameron was appointed as Chairman, Lyn West as Vice Chairman and Jenny Peel as Treasurer.
- It was agreed to ask the Auditors to clarify with HMRC the Federation's position relating to Corporation tax on some of its income.
- The position of Chairman between the AGM and the first Board meeting post-AGM (particularly when the Chairman might not be standing for re-election, or was unsuccessful) was clarified. This confirmed a decision taken by e-mail.
- A discussion was held on the desirable level of involvement of British Orienteering in Mountain Bike Orienteering (MTBO) in the UK. The discussion resulted in the formation of a small Working Group to look into this further and to be Chaired by Jenny Peel. The group would report to the next Board meeting.
- The latest version of the Whole Sport Plan was reported on by the Chief Executive. In contrast to previous strategic plans, this plan had been developed using much consultative input from clubs and had a coherence in its structure and expansion of the agreed vision (MP3). Further work remained to refine the plan using the latest grant-funding decisions, to summarise the plan's key elements, and to communicate this in an easily digestible form to association, clubs and members. This would be done as soon as possible.
- The ideas from the planning session held in February were reviewed and Directors agreed to help progress the ideas by feeding in, over the next week, the priorities as they saw them.
- The Chief Executive reported on the latest funding contracts from the UK and Home Country Sports Councils. The UK Sport contract had been reviewed by e-mail and the Chief Executive was authorised to sign it.
- The Management Accounts for the 1st quarter of 2009 were reviewed and various queries resolved.
- The Chief Executive updated the Board on a number of recent staff changes and the latest staff plans for the future.
- The Board reviewed the status of a set of projects being implemented in the Federation and the latest version of the Operational Plan for 2009, and had their questions answered.

- The AGM was reviewed and was generally thought to have gone well, being briskly conducted in only 90 minutes including the Awards, although members still had (and took) the opportunity to raise issues of their choosing. Jon Duncan's presentation was also thought to have been excellent. It was expected that the levy system for 2011 would again be raised at the 2010 AGM but how to progress this was left to a future meeting.
- The funding support from British Orienteering for IOF Council and Commission members from the UK was debated at length. A decision in principle was taken to support expenses to some degree should the external funding (as was thought likely) prove inadequate. The people concerned would be written to shortly asking for information and comments on a way forward.
- Arising from the regular meeting between SOA and British Orienteering held two weeks previously, the Board reviewed a draft international strategy that SOA were discussing with EventScotland. The Board congratulated SOA on their initiative, discussed many aspects of the strategy, and agreed to write to SOA with their comments. It was agreed that the Board should approve the content of the letter to SOA.
- A number of agenda items were deferred to be discussed by e-mail or at a future meeting.