

Summary of Board meeting Wednesday 8 July 2009

- The Board met at the Holiday Inn, Birmingham from 10:30 until 17:20.
- The minutes of the Board meeting held on 29 April 2009 were approved.
- The Board thanked Rules Group for the immense amount of work that had gone into developing updated Rules/Guidelines etc, confirmed that Events Committee should approve the final draft for 2010, and set a timetable for this to be completed so that the Board could approve a complete set by August 2009.
- It was agreed that the British Orienteering tent should continue to be set up at future major events to allow informal contact between the Board and members who were present.
- It was agreed that British Orienteering should supplement by £2,700 in 2009-2010 the grant received from CCPR for British IOF post-holders in order to meet all receipted costs of the post-holders subject to various detailed conditions.
- Minutes of recent meetings of Events, Development, Coaching (x2), and International Committees were reviewed and noted.
- At the request of Events Committee the Board considered the strategic approach to staging future BOC Elite and Age Class sprint events. It was decided unanimously that from 2011 these events should be held at the same venue on the same date. There were many reasons for this decision which Major Events Group would be asked to implement. Amongst these reasons were that the purpose of the event would be clear and potentially more appealing to sponsors, the atmosphere would be enhanced compared to separate events, and it would bring elite and other competitors into closer contact.
- The Board agreed the recommendation of Events Committee to open British Championships to competitors previously ineligible (eg non-British members of foreign National Orienteering Federations). The British Champion would be the fastest eligible competitor on each relevant course.
- The Board discussed and agreed the structure and objectives of the planned meeting in September between the Board and all Committee and Group members.
- A draft paper on the development of a Competition Framework for orienteering in the UK was discussed. It was agreed that a project plan was needed which would include how the membership would be consulted on the need for, and later any resulting changes arising from, such a Framework.
- The Chief Executive presented an early draft of a Major Events Strategy which encompassed both major events under British Orienteering's control and those to be bid for and then awarded by external bodies such as the IOF. The Board congratulated him on this work, supported the idea of it being approached from a business viewpoint, and agreed to continue work on the draft as a matter of priority.
- The communication and involvement of clubs in the Whole Sport Plan was discussed and the pilot approach of using a tool of use to clubs was endorsed. A wider roll-out would be considered once adaptation had been done following the pilot.
- It was reported that funding from major key partners Sport England and UK Sport was at last being received for 2009-10.
- On a request from NIOA it was agreed that British Orienteering should employ the new staff that had been funded by Sport NI and efforts made to manage the risks to British Orienteering that resulted.

- The latest monthly Management Accounts, and debtors and creditors lists were reviewed and queries answered.
- The Board were informed of the latest staff appointments and plans for the advertising of several future positions.
- Information was supplied on Key Performance Indicators agreed with Sport England, including regarding satisfaction and participation growth Details to be placed on the web site in the near future.
- The summarised status of a range of projects was reported on as was progress with the Operational Plan 2009.