

Meeting of
PLANNING and DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
on 13th January 2004
at the Friends Meeting House, York.

Council is asked to NOTE:

- 04/05a the plan to simplify the Badge Incentive Scheme for Juniors.
- 04/05b the progress in establishing a series of experimental Regional Events.
- 04/05d the decision on the removal of S class trophies from BNOC 2004.
- 04/06 the views of the Committee on the five aspects of the Strategic Plan 2004 – 2008 discussed.
- 04/07 the discussion on BJOC, and the decision making process followed, as outlined in the discussion paper.
- 04/08 the need to establish appropriate review criteria for the Junior Badge Class provision.

Minutes of the meeting of
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PRESENT:

David Morgan (BOF Vice Chairman) in the chair Suse Coon (Councillor)
Chris James (Councillor)

In attendance: Alex Ross (Executive Officer)
Peter Bylett (Development Manager)
Hilary Palmer (Development Manager)
Donald Petrie (SOA Professional Officer)

04/01 Apologies and Opening Remarks

Apologies from Malcolm Duncan. Hilary Palmer and Peter Bylett were welcomed to their first meeting of the Committee.

04/02 Minutes of the meeting of 18/07/03

The minutes, with an agreed renumbering (52(2) to 53) of the Actions, were accepted as a true record.

04/03 Actions and Matters Arising

Actions Deleted 49, 50, 51 and 53

Actions Continuing 52

04/04 Notification of Major Items of Other Business

Issues over Ranking of Juniors (referred to Council), the provisions for junior age classes at relays (referred to Event Operations), coaching for seniors (referred to Coaching Committee) and the applications for grants from the Multi Day Levy Fund (to be discussed under AOB) were raised.

Members questioned the appearance of some of these items on the agenda as it was felt that the Committee should be more proactive and involved in "blue sky thinking" although it was understood that this had to take place in a structured environment.

04/05 Updates

a. Incentive Schemes

The Badge Scheme for Juniors as it presently stands is perceived as too complicated for Juniors and Organisers alike. It was agreed that a revamped system which is easier to comprehend and calculate is required. A draft proposal will be brought to the next meeting following consultation with interested parties.

Action AR/PB/HP

b. Regional Event Structure

A working range of courses for the experiment has been established based on schemes running in the SOA and WMOA. Two clubs (BOK and DVO) have been found to trial the scheme but another is required in the north. Several possibilities were suggested. The available courses will be based on distance rather than finishing time. An initial announcement of the experiment will feature in the next Focus.

Action AR

c. Fixtures Structure

A paper produced by Peter Guillaume following the Workshops held prior to the AGM was made available. Discussion was held over for inclusion in Item 04/06.

d. Prize Giving Ceremonies and Trophies

Some very useful feedback has been forthcoming since the article in Focus. There are a number of volunteers to take part in a steering group but as yet they have not met.

It was agreed to expand the withdrawal of trophies for S classes, trialled at BOC 2003, to BNOC 2004.

Action AR

04/06 Strategic Plan – 2004 - 2008

The Committee focussed on five areas of the plan.

The provision of Regional Development Officers was seen as an advance provided that Associations were willing and able to take ownership of the resource. There was still some clarification required on what the RDO's will do and how they will be funded.

The establishment and publication of procedures eg for monitoring major events was welcomed.

The need for external research into the marketing of the sport and the provision of sufficient and continuing volunteer resource was seen as necessary. There was some concern over our ability to obtain external funding to enable that process to occur.

The need for more strategic thought regarding the event structure, as

outlined in Peter Guillaume's paper, was accepted. There was some debate as to whether this was part of the Strategic Plan or a natural role for Event Operations Committee.

Communications were seen as the only means by which constructive dialogue could be encouraged and the decision making process be seen as democratic. There was some frustration at the rate of progress in improving the communications within the Federation despite the need for its improvement being highlighted some time ago. It was agreed to add an item on Communications to the next agenda as the website editor would be available for comment as part of the Committee.

Action AR

04/07 British Junior Orienteering Championships

A paper describing the recent history of the decision making process was presented. Discussion focussed on two issues, the decision making process and the decision itself, neither of which was felt to be flawed. There was some concern regarding the conflict between parochial views and overarching views expressed regarding the issue and that a breakdown in communication had contributed to this conflict. It was agreed to make the paper available to Council in order that a decision could be taken based on all the factors.

04/08 Junior Badge Classes - Review

The original decision calls for a review of the provision after two years of operation. A suitable proposal for how that review should be carried out is now required. It was agreed that thoughts on suitable criteria would be brought to the next meeting for discussion.

Action All Members

04/09 Any Other Business

Applications from EMOA and NIOA for grants from the Multi Day Levy Fund to help stimulate development were discussed. Both applications were approved subject to provision of interim progress reports, the return of any unused funds after 12 months and an agreement to share any materials and good practice with other Associations/Clubs.

Action AR

04/10 Dates and Venues of Future Meetings

22nd April 2004 Friends Meeting House, York.

ACTIONS

continuing or arising

52	04/19	Set up group to examine prize giving ceremonies and trophies.	AR
54	04/05a	Provide draft proposal of simplified badge incentive scheme for juniors.	AR/PB/HP
55	04/05b	Contact other possible participant clubs for experimental Regional Event	AR
56	04/05d	Liaise with Organiser of BNOC 2004 regarding withdrawal of S Class trophies.	AR
57	04/06	Add Communications within the Federation to the agenda of the next meeting.	AR
58	04/08	Provide suitable criteria that might be used in a review of the Junior Badge Class provision.	All members
59	04/09	Arrange suitable procedure to obtain interim reports on development projects	AR