

Meeting of
DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
on 18th October 2005
at the Friends Meeting House, York.

Management Committee is asked to NOTE:

- 05/27 The need to discuss a BOF policy on an orienteering magazine in view of the possible demise of CompassSport.
[Subsequent to the meeting it was announced that CompassSport is to continue]
- 05/28 The approval of a development grant to NUOC.
- 05/29 The decision on radio orienteering and its provision.
- 05/29 The long term development topics identified for discussion at future meetings.

Minutes of the meeting of
DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
On Tuesday 18th October 2005
at the Friends Meeting House, York.

PRESENT:

Bob Roach (Chairman) John Morris (Councillor)
Malcolm Duncan (Treasurer)
Peter Guillaume (Event Operations) Mark Saunders (International)
Keith Marsden (Coaching)
Alex Ross (Executive Officer)

05/21 Apologies and Opening Remarks

Apologies received from Donald Petrie, Peter Christopher, Peter Bylett, Chris James and Lyn West.

The Chairman stated his intention to use part of the meeting as an opportunity for brainstorming possible subjects for future agendas of this committee.

05/22 Minutes of the meeting of 07/06/05

Minutes accepted as a true record.

05/23 Actions and Matters Arising

Actions completed: 77, 82, 84, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91 and 92

Actions continuing: 81, 85 and 86.

05/24 Notification of Major Items of Other Business

No items.

05/25 Updates**a. Orienteering for the Disabled**

There was a short discussion on the Equality Standards that the sport has to attain as part of its commitment to Sport England funding. Some difficulties were identified but further discussion was deferred until the next meeting when Peter Bylett would be present.

b. Volunteering

Item deferred until the next meeting due to absence of Peter Bylett.

c. Competition for Seniors

A number of possible competitions for seniors were discussed including a Masters Cup Final and a competition analogous to the UK Cup. It was suggested that the Nopesport Forum might be used to generate further ideas that a Senior Competitions Group might take forward.

Action AR

05/26 Communications

A paper provided by Chris James was considered in his absence. It was agreed to send a copy, for information, to Keith Auchterlonie who is currently producing the BOF Communications Plan and that further consideration of the paper would be postponed until after that plan has been published.

Action AR

05/27 CompassSport Issues

There was a short description of the history of a magazine for orienteers from initial publication by BOF through to the commercial present day version. The likelihood of its disappearance as a commercial product as noted from the most recent edition was discussed. Discussion centred around two areas, RC#5 the junior magazine and CompassSport itself.

Issues regarding RC#5 including Search, the BSOA publication, the recombination of the two magazines (RC#5 and CompassSport or their descendents) and incorporating RC#5 into Focus were discussed. It was agreed that the costs of such options and input from the BSOA and the RDO's would need careful consideration.

Action AR

Discussion regarding CompassSport centred on a possible adoption by BOF producing such a magazine in-house. Issues regarding the importance of an independent voice, the existence of suitable skills within the organisation, the implementation of a suitable editorial policy, the possible funding scenarios were set against a suitable expansion of the existing and improving Focus magazine. It was agreed that this needed further discussion as a policy matter by Management Committee.

Action AR

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05/28 Development Fund Applications

Applications received from Nottingham University Orienteering Club and Quantock Orienteers were discussed.

The application from NUOC to provide promotional material at a Freshers Fair, an introductory event with a series of follow on sessions and the necessary equipment was agreed on the basis of co funding from the club and the University.

It was agreed that the content of this and the previous application involving Warwick University should be passed on to other Universities clubs as a possible model.

It was also agreed that university orienteering would be on the agenda of the next meeting of this committee.

Action AR

There was some concern over the application from QO. It was felt to be a worthwhile but very ambitious project for a small club and there was a fear that delivery might prove difficult. It was agreed to clarify with the club this fear, invite them to try and achieve a level of co-funding from the Club and Association who would also benefit from the project and ask them to update the section on how the project contributes to the BOF and Association Strategic Plans.

Action AR

05/29 Any Other Business

A letter received from RSGB (Radio Society of Great Britain) regarding Radio Orienteering was discussed. The letter seeks a recognition from or association with BOF to encourage clubs to host radio orienteering events. A number of concerns were expressed. Radio orienteering is not a recognised IOF discipline and there is a danger of a dilution of effort which would more appropriately be directed towards those recognised disciplines. Potentially, the increased use of electronic controls could lead to conflict as there is now evidence that those controls are adversely affected by interaction with radio transmitters. During joint events there is always the possibility of conflict between competitors in the two disciplines. However these concerns do not preclude co-operation between event organisers and those interested in hosting radio orienteering experiences. It was agreed that BOF could consider passing on details of club contacts, and including suitable material, to be supplied by RSGB, in club mailings but that no formal association was necessary to do that.

Action AR

Keith Marsden made a presentation on the United Kingdom Coaching Certificate and the possible involvement of Orienteering highlighting the benefits and costs of such an involvement. The likelihood that such a change to coaching qualifications would impact positively on development was noted. Coaching Committee are currently seeking funds and an endorsement from UK Sport.

The Chairman explained that following a presentation about the UKCC by Derek Allison, Management Committee had given support in principle to involvement in the UKCC but until the financial implications for BOF were clear, no commitment of BOF funds could be considered.

There followed a brainstorming session on topics, suitable for “blue sky thinking” into long term development, for future meetings. Those topics included:-

- involvement in Multi Sport Clubs as found on the Continent
- the potential for the sport in Africa and how we might be involved
- land exclusion due to avian flu or similar outbreak

- a review of the competition structure
- encouraging socialisation in clubs and engaging newcomers through the Club structure. Discussion around the last topic identified websites, magazines, informal events, club series events, a sense of belonging, perhaps with a Club base and the spreading of good practice as issues worth investigating.

Topics identified will be introduced into future agendas.

05/30 Reporting and Actions

The Committee agreed that the following should be communicated to the membership as soon as possible.

- 1 A response to the possible demise of CompassSport is under consideration.

05/31 Dates and Venues of Future Meetings

25 th January 2006	Friends Meeting House, York.
26 th April 2006	Friends Meeting House, York.
27 th September 2006	Friends Meeting House, York.

ACTIONS

continuing or arising

81	05/10a	Progress creation of a results archive	AR
85	05/16a	Produce Guideline or Table illustrating progression through the ageless badge scheme	AR
86	05/16a	Draft a promotional document for the ageless badge scheme for discussion by Committee Members	AR
93	05/25c	Prepare suitable forum item for inclusion on Nopesport.	AR
94	05/26	Add agenda item on Communications to next Management Committee agenda	AR
95	05/27	Prepare costings and receive feedback on possible scenarios for future production of a junior magazine.	AR
96	05/27	Add agenda item on CompassSport to next Management Committee agenda	AR
97	05/28	Prepare letter for all university orienteering clubs alerting them to possible development funding.	AR
98	05/28	Contact QO to advise on resubmission of Development Fund application.	AR
99	05/29	Contact RSGB on possible involvement of BOF Clubs in radio orienteering	AR