

BRITISH ORIENTEERING FEDERATION

ELITE COMPETITIONS GROUP

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OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS WILL BE MADE OVER THE
VARIOUS SERIES AND SELECTION RACES IN DUE COURSE.**

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday June 13th 2006 at 169 musters Road, West Bridgford

Present: John Palmer (Chair), Peter Guillaume (Fixtures), Jon Cross (Senior Selector), Mark Saunders (UK Relay Co-ordinator/British Seeding), Barry Elkington (Event Standards), Hilary Palmer (Coaching/FCC coordinator/Junior Selector), Derek Allison (Programmes Director/Chair Senior Selectors), Dave Harrison (IC Chair/JK Seeding) and Chris Poole (GB Junior Squad)

Apologies: Dave Peel (UK Cup Co-ordinator),

1. Minutes of the 2005 meeting

The minutes were approved.

2. Matters arising from the minutes.

None.

3. Review of 2006.

194 men and 158 women scored points although there were some events where it was easier to score points. There may have been too many events. The double header weekends were favoured and particularly the Sprint/Middle had been a success. The distribution of medals, the arenas and good commentaries had been features of the series.

It was felt that the BOF website could have drawn attention to the results after each of the races.

Action DA

The Harris Relay was enjoyable despite the reduced numbers. The shorter races at the British relays were appreciated by many and did not attract any adverse reaction from the elite athletes; 30 minutes of good orienteering was better than a 45 minute of poor quality experience.

Guidelines exist for the BRC, JK and Harvester relays; it was pointed out that the Scottish Relays had not been as advertised; Jon Cross to contact the SOA Competitions Convenor.

Action JC

4. British Elite Championships 2007.

It was agreed that the British Long would be in conjunction with BOC on 5th May at Pwll Du.

The British Middle would be on 15th April at Mulgrave Woods.

The British Sprint would be on 14th April at Scarborough.

UK Cup 2007

It was agreed that the following races would comprise the 2007 series:

March 11	SROC Nat	Lakes	Long
April 6	JK	Forest of Dean	Sprint
April 7	JK	Forest of Dean	Middle
April 8	JK	Forest of Dean	Long
April 14	British Sprint Champs	Scarborough	Sprint
April 15	British Middle Champs	Mulgrave Woods	Middle
May 5	BOC	South Wales	Long
June 29	WOC selection races	Moray Firth	Sprint
June 30	WOC selection races	Moray Firth	Middle
July 1	WOC selection races	Moray Firth	Long

Notes:

Provisionally, pending discussions with Mike Forrest; the JK Sprint would be limited to 80 pre entered athletes, the top 60 in the UK Cup and top 15 from the FCC would be guaranteed an entry. Wild cards would be available to achieve the entry limit. Other attendants would enter on the day and could run a training event or a similar course. Mark Saunders to discuss with Mike Forrest JK Coordinator.

Action MS

Dave Harrison agreed to deal with the seeding requirements. **Action DH**

WOC selection races are yet to be confirmed. The Sprint race will take place on the afternoon of the Friday as usual. No permissions have been sorted out yet. This would make a great climax to the season and make the selection races more of an occasion. They would be open events. The possible clash over areas with the Purple Thistle training camp was noted. Areas to be identified and embargoed as soon as possible; end of June?

Action DP/DA

Peter Guillaume agreed to advise the SOA Fixtures Secretary so that the events appeared on the BOF fixture list.

Action PG

The number of scoring rounds would be as follows:

Future Champions Cup		UK Cup	
Scoring	Rounds	Scoring	Rounds
4	8	6	10
3	7	6	9
3	6	5	8

World Ranking Events 2007

The 2007 WRE's will be JK Day 1, JK Day 2 and the SROC National Event.

Action PG

Future Champions Cup

It was agreed that the following races would comprise the 2007 series:

February 25	MV Nat	White Downs	Long
March 4	ESOC Reg	Blair Athol	Long
March 11	SROC Nat	Lakes	Long
April 6	JK	Forest of Dean	Middle/Long*
April 7	JK	Forest of Dean	Long
April 14	British Sprint Champs	Scarborough	Sprint
April 15	British Middle Champs	Mulgrave Woods	Middle
April 21	WCH FCC Middle Final	Cannock Chase	Middle
April 22	OD FCC Long Final	Bentley Woods	Long

*JK Day 1 would be a middle distance race for the M/W 20E classes but a Long for the M/W18L and 20L

Although considered; it was agreed not to add the JK Sprint to the FCC series.

It was suggested that Chris Poole encourage the juniors to run the UK Cup, particularly the Sprint and Middle disciplines.

Action CP

UK Relay Series

This would consist of the British, JK, Scottish and the Harvester.

It was noted that the Scottish Championships had been moved to the weekend clashing with the Jukola Relay in Finland. SOA are aware of this.

If a race was lost from the UK Relay League, 3 scores from 3 would count.

JWOC Selection Races

It was agreed that these would be at the Future Champions Cup Final.

The FCC Final (middle and long) would be JWOC Selection Races; they would be open races and everyone must pre enter. The FCC finalists would be seeded at the end of the start list. Only FCC finalists will score points. The Saturday race would be in the afternoon, the Sunday starts would be from 9.30, non qualifiers would start first, followed by disqualifications from the Saturday then the remaining runners in reverse order of Saturday's finishing times.

The selectors were considering adding a sprint to the 'JWOC Selection Races' in the future.

Action Junior Selectors

The FCC Final Guidelines are to be amended to achieve Long winning times

of 55 – 60m Women and 65 – 70m for Men with 25m for both Middle races; this is in line with JWOC races. The amended document to be publicised on the BOF website and circulated. It would be useful if the amended document used the existing Guidelines for the BEOC as a template.

It was agreed that athletes only score points in the race they enter e.g. 18's only score points in the 20's race if that is what they enter even if completing the same course.

The 18's and 20's will be scored separately in the FCC Final for the purposes of the FCC Series calculations.

The new document would be published on the BOF website, in Focus and RC5 and circulated to Regional Junior Squad Managers. **Action HP**

Discussion took place on the possibility of 16's and under running the FCC; it was decided that this was beyond the group's remit and would be referred to coaching/rules committee's. In the meantime anyone from these age groups would be eligible to score points. **Action DA**

Senior Home Internationals.

Mark Saunders is coordinating the SHI's on behalf of the WOA; PG to suggest a date to Mark avoiding the World Cup/JEC weekend. **Action PG**

5 Qualifications and Eligibility.

BE Long, Middle and Sprint selection and seeding.

Mark Saunders agreed to continue. See BOF website for guidelines.

JK

Dave Harrison agreed to continue See BOF website for guidelines.

UK Relays League

No problems had been experienced with team declarations. The rules exist to decide ties for the overall winners.

The problem for the commentary of teams not using the declared e card was outlined; this was to be raised at the Major Events Conference. **Action BE**

There was considerable discussion on the issue of disqualified teams continuing to run in the races and potentially influencing the outcome. It was felt changing the rules to enable teams to be withdrawn mid-race carried risks of its own and should not be implemented at this time.

UK Cup

Dave Harrison to be available for seeding advice for all UK Cup races.

2007 UK CUP Final/Special Selection Race.

It was recognised that these races normally use a different start allocation process from the UK Cup guidelines, and so agreeing the mechanism for these races was delegated to the Senior Selectors with the direction that the mechanism should be 'fair'.

It was expected that the details must be published before the UK Cup season starts. **Action DA**

General

Jon Cross agreed to be available to assist with seeding.

It was agreed that athletes only score points in the race they enter e.g. women only score points in the men's race if that is what they enter even if completing the same course.

Elite Advisers are available for events although they had not been formally adopted. It was agreed to be more pro active in offering Dave Peel as an advisor to hosts of the UK Cup races.

Peter to contact clubs involved to offer seeding and advice. **Action PG**

Publicity

Little publicity other than that on Nopesport had resulted from Ian Nixon's offer to help and no brochure had been produced.

It was agreed to contact Nick Barrable, CompassSport Editor, with the view to publicising and reporting on the FCC, UK Cup and UK Relay League.

Action JC

It was agreed that Derek Allison would contact Caroline Povey with the view to reviewing the BOF website competitions page to include links and publicising and reporting on the FCC, UK Cup and UK Relay League.

Action DA

It was hoped that there could be a better end of year prize giving for the UK Cup and UK Relay League. Prizes for the series would be obtained from either entry fees or sponsorship, Caroline Povey to be contacted.

Action DA

Mark Saunders and Ed Nash had done a good job in keeping the websites up to date. It was hoped that they both would continue. **Action JP**

PMN - Both had agreed to continue subsequent to the meeting

7. Plans for 2008 onwards

BOC 2008 was on the Moray Firth in Scotland on 19th April, it was thought that this would be suitable.

It was expected that the British Middle (Saturday) and Sprint (Sunday) would be a double header in WMOA.

BOC 2009 was scheduled for SCOA in March; this may be OK depending on terrain and actual date.

It was expected that the British Middle and Sprint would be a double header in EMOA.

Peter Guillaume is to investigate the possibilities for the WRE's in 2008.

Action PG

There had been an expression of interest from the NW to hold a UK Cup

BOC Sprint in 2009, Peter Guillaume to contact them to discuss options for 2007 (not UK Cup), 2008 or 2009.

Action PG

Any Other Business

Jon Cross reported that Nick Barrable had expressed an interest in promoting a PWT race in the UK; it was suggested he contacts Peter Guillaume.

Action JC

Dave Harrison asked why the BOC had been allowed to use a map which did not conform to IOF standards; it was reported that it should not have.

Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting is planned for June 2007.