

Fixtures Group Minutes

Saturday 27th March 2010 - Birmingham



1. Opening Remarks

The Chairman (PG) welcomed all the meeting and introduced Allan Williams who has taken over from George Chambers and Duncan Archer who has taken over from Barry Young. PG formally recorded the thanks of Fixtures Group for the work completed by George and Barry on Fixtures Group.

PG informed the meeting, in confirmation of an email already circulated that he was standing down as Chairman and Pat Martin was standing down as Fixture Secretary. Following a discussion the Group appointed Mike Cope as Fixtures Chairman and Paul Caban as Fixtures Secretary. In accordance with the Terms of Reference Events Committee ratify the appointment of Mike Cope.

2. Present:	Peter Guillaume (PG)	Chairman
	Pat Martin (PM)	Secretary
	Mike Cope	YHOA
	Richard Sharp	SCOA
	Brian Hughes	WOA
	Paul Caban	SOA
	Alan Williams	WMOA
	John Shucksmith	SWOA
	Philip Gristwood	SEOA
	Tony Biggs	EAOA
	Duncan Archer	NEOA
	Mike Hamilton (MH)	Chief Executive British Orienteering

3. Apologies:	Violet Linton	NIOA
	Ian Whitehead	EMOA
	Richard Tiley	NWOA

4. Declaration of Any other Business

5a. The minutes of the Fixtures Group meeting on 17th October 2009 were agreed to be accurate.

5b. Actions and Matters Arising from the Minutes and Previous Actions not covered elsewhere

Actions

	ACTIONS Fixtures Group Saturday 17th October 2009	Result
7a	Major Events: Agreed that clubs should be asked to enter a contact person, or Major Events can go via the Association Fixture Secretary for club contacts. ACTION: Association Fixture Secretary to advise clubs	Completed
7b	Home Internationals: ACTION: PG to add to appendix of planners in minutes, fixtures events guide and send to BOF to go on the web site.	Completed
7c	<u>2010 ISSUES</u> a. Offer still required for the Peter Palmer Relay Unresolved issues re FCC Final Middle race	See paragraph 7
7c	<u>2011 ISSUES & ACTION:</u> a. Offers required for Harvester b. Offers required for Future Champions Cup Final c. Northern Championships needs a date and confirmation d. NIOA have confirmed that they will host JHI and will send date	See paragraph 7

	once known e. SEOA to confirm that they can host JIRC now that it had moved back to June	
7c	2012 ISSUES & ACTION: a. Offers required for unallocated events	See paragraph 7
7c	2013 ISSUES & ACTION: a. Associations to confirm Area Championships and hosting clubs b. Offers required for British Sprint and Middle Championships c. Offers required for other events	See paragraph 7
8	ACTION: Association Fixture Secretaries to forward L2 events to Pat Martin for period October 2010 to October 2011	Completed
8c	ACTION: Mike Hamilton said he would look at severing the absolute link between Clubs and Associations, however, the "default" club listing will still be those clubs formally belong to each association.	See paragraph 9
8j	ACTION: Any other suggestions for updates to the on line system to be sent to Mike Hamilton and Caroline Povey, but copied to all members of Fixtures Group.	Completed
8k	Event Discounts: ACTION: PG to take to Events Committee to go to the Board.	Completed
10	Discussion on future staging of JK and BOC/BRC ACTION: PG to report back on this discussion to Events Committee	Completed

Matters Arising

6. Items from other Meetings or Groups

Restricted mainly to those issues that influence the scheduling of events

a. Junior Competitions

i. The Yvette Baker Trophy has been reviewed. Fixtures are asked to move towards a common date for all first rounds with 2010 being as near to the first weekend in October as practical and from 2011, the date to be the first weekend in October.

ii. This was discussed at considerable length. There was a lack of interest in this event in some Associations. The Group felt that a fixed date was not practical and suggested that this was an issue to be considered by the Competitions Review.

iii. Junior Competitions Steering Group also requested that the Peter Palmer Relay move back to the second Sunday in September. This was now possible as the Junior Inter Regional Championships had moved back to June.

b. Events Committee

i. The major Events partnership agreement has now been finalised and will be published imminently on the BOF web site. This will apply to the British Sprint, Middle, Long and Nights and the JK from 2011.

ii. Events Committee has discussed the initial on line survey findings in respect of the Competitions Review. There were some issues round the marketing of fixtures and multi day events organised by different clubs. Fixtures Group Group felt that the Event Wrapper for multi day events was a constraint and a better way of linking events together was required. Fixtures Group had not been asked to comment on the Competition Review.

ACTION: Mike Hamilton to arrange for this to be circulated

iii. Concern was raised by Events Committee that in 2013 the JK and BOC/BRC were both in the North and in 2014 the JK and BOC/BRC were both in the South. The Event Managers were tasked

to see if there was a possibility to swap BOC/BRC. Options put forward by the Fixtures Chairman following discussions with the NEOA but more information was requested.

iv. There was some concern that the 2011 BOC/BRC now clashed with the Nordic Championships. The Event Managers were tasked to speak with YHOA to request them to move it from the 7th/8th May to the 14th/15th May 2012.

v. Elite Competitions were looking to have the UK Cup Final and the UK Relay League final in the Autumn.

7. Major Events (Level 1) 2009 to 2013 and Annual Events

The Major and Annual Events list was updated. See Appendix A to the minutes

ISSUES

2010

Peter Palmer Relay: Alan Farrington on behalf of BAOC have offered to host but on date change to 5th September 2010.

2011

Future Champions Cup Final: Will not be held. A late Easter makes this impractical ECG decision.

Harvester: No offers

JHI – NIOA: Email sent to request a date

VHI – SOA: No date yet agreed

Junior Inter Regionals: There is a problem over the hosting region as SEOA have no suitable areas at the end of June. John Carberry on behalf of Junior Competitions who manage the arrangement of the hosting Associations is contacting NWOA to ask if they can host 2011.

2012

It was noted that because of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee that the May Bank Holiday has been moved to 4th June 2012 and that there is an extra Bank Holiday on 5th June 2012.

Northern Champs: Email chaser sent to get date from Richard Tiley

British Night Championships: Offers requested

Peter Palmer: Offers requested

2013

British Sprint & Middle: LEI have made an offer to host the British Sprint Championships. In the first instance they will look for another club within the Association to do the Middle, before a venue in an adjacent Region is sought.

BOC/BRC/JK – Event Managers following up

See paragraph 6 re issues to do with BOC/BRC and the JK dates.

8. Regional Events (Level 2) 2008 to 2011

Level 2 Events for the 12 month future ring fenced period were added to the planner.

9. On Line Fixtures

- a. Mike Hamilton provided a written update to all present. This was a collation of all the feedback received to date. He reported that some minor items had already been fixed.
- b. There were 3 major items to be resolved, multi day events, event series and mandatory fields in the multi screens.
- c. The whole BOF content management system will change in the Summer. These issues will be resolved then or afterwards.

- d. These are big issues because they effect the reports and some testing will be required before live implementation.
- e. The realistic live date is November or December 2010.
- f. This was then discussed, in particular the conflicts between mandatory fields and the number of screens, with a view to reducing the number of screens.

ACTIONS:

Any further issues to be sent to Mike Hamilton.
Mike Hamilton will circulate feedback from the developers to the Group.

10. Fixtures Group Terms of Reference

- a. These have now been published and circulated to all members of the Group. Fixtures Group is no longer required to send a representative to Elite, Junior or Senior Competitions Group meetings.
- b. The document also contained a list of priority tasks. Mike Hamilton asked for feedback on them.

ACTION: All

12. General Discussion

- a. An opportunity for Group members to discuss issues of concern and report back on items of interest.
- b. Future Champions Cup Final: Concern was expressed that following considerable effort by the Association Fixture Secretaries to get clubs to host this event, that an independent decision was made that the event was not taking place without any reference to Fixtures Group, when in fact clubs had been secured to stage this event.
- c. SEOA reported that they have a whole series of Association Championships at Level 2 to increase the profile of these events and secure a better turnout.
- d. Mike Hamilton reported that the Competitions Review suggested that there were about 4,000 orienteers who were regular travellers, about 800 that travel long distances and about 8,000 that don't go much more than 40 miles to an event.

e. Any other business

Mike Hamilton made a presentation to Peter Guillaume and Pat Martin on their retirement and thanked them for all the time and work they had inputted into the work of Fixtures Group

Date of next meetings:

Saturday 16th October 2010 at Tally Ho!

	ACTIONS Fixtures Group Saturday 27th March 2010	Result
6b	Mike Hamilton to arrange for Competitions Review to be circulated to Fixtures	
9	Mike Hamilton to circulate an electronic version of the on line system feedback	Completed 6.5.2010
9	Any further on line issues to be circulated to Mike Hamilton	
10	Mike Hamilton requested feedback on the Fixtures Group terms of reference	