



INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE Report to Board Meeting

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Board Meeting is asked to NOTE:

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Action All

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Minutes of the meeting of
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- 08/13 Present:** Dave Harrison (Chair), Derek Allison (Performance Director), Gareth Candy (Start/Junior Programme Manager), Dave Peel (Lead Coach), Helen Pearce (volunteer), John Rocke (Junior athlete Rep) and Mike Hamilton (Chief Executive).

Dave Harrison started the meeting by congratulating the Gold medal winning relay team and staff. He also expressed thanks to Dave Peel at his final IC meeting for his contribution to the programme over the last 6 years and wished Jenny and himself all the best for the future.

- 08/14 Apologies for Absence.** Hilary Bloor (Secretary), Jon Cross (Volunteer), Ed Nicholas (Board Member) and Helen Winskill (Senior athlete Rep).

- 08/15 Minutes of the Meeting held on May 31st 2008.**

These were accepted as a true record.

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All actions had been completed with the exceptions of the following:

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Mike also reported that the UKS had withdrawn their funding for British representatives at the IOF. The CCPR had been given a grant against which NGB's could claim. A British Orienteering strategy had been submitted to support the current British IOF members. There is funding

allocated to develop an International Events strategy.

08/04 07/06 06/04 05/08 Disaster management plan

Mike reported that this had been drafted. There was a side of A4 to be completed by everyone who leads a group. Behind this are a set of guideline notes which have been worked up. Mike is to circulate these to the Committee.

Action MH

08/04 07/06 British Orienteering General Appeal's procedure

Neil Cameron had agreed to make the appropriate changes. They were expected to be tabled at the October Board meeting and thus be ready for implementation from 1/1/09.

Action MH

08/11 Orienteering Australia, papers to IOF Congress

The proposal was withdrawn prior to being discussed as the IOF Council had agreed that 'they would look at it'.

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Action MH/Board

08/11 Logging of Communication between staff and athletes

Sharepoint software had been identified as being suitable but needed to be customised to make it more useful. Derek Allison and Gareth Candy were charged with establishing the system requirements and trying to identify someone suitable to undertake the developments.

Action DA/GC

08/11 Staff Reports to volunteer IC members

Jon Cross to be reminded that he had agreed to provide a template for the staff to use when reporting to the volunteers.

Action DA/JC

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The Board agreed that Mike Hamilton and Neil Cameron be given authority to continue to progress their current work to reach an agreed position with the groups and bodies concerned. Whilst important, this may take some time to complete. Whilst this was in progress; International Committee should continue to focus its efforts on the foot orienteering programme.

The Board had agreed that Ed Nicholas should be the Board member with responsibility for liaising with the International Committee. The Board had not identified any other volunteers. Mike suggested that the Board would be happy to receive names put forward to them to nominate. Candidates should have an interest in the Elite Programme; the role would involve attending 3 meetings a year, reviewing previous minutes and meeting papers etc. and playing an active email role throughout the year.

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Mike Hamilton reported that Company Law does not allow the 'UKS Good Governance directive' of having an elite athlete on the Board unless they are nominated and voted through the current structure.

With regards the balance of volunteers a staff on the International Committee; the Board expected that the Chairs of Committee's would deal with the issue using the current declaration of interest mechanism.

08/17 2009-2013 Whole Sport Plan

Mike reported that the SE submission had been the recent priority. A document had been developed that emphasised the ways in which the British Orienteering whole sport plan could contribute to the SE Government targets. The 'Grow' section of the plan covered the International Committee's area of responsibility. The focus on the plan was on new interventions rather than the support of the current activities.

Review of the Programme structure and the Way ahead.

Dave Harrison tabled the 'Way ahead' document and a Draft job description for the International Programme Director.

These papers would remain confidential until they had been published or become available on the British Orienteering website.

Implementation Programme and the way ahead.

The action plan had recently been reviewed by Derek, Gareth and Hilary. Dave Harrison, as the originator of the document would review the current state of play.

Action DH

08/18 Programme of Director's Status Report including Funding Report.

There were no questions on the previously circulated written report.

Lead Coach resignation – had been covered in the WOC Report

Funding – there would be an under spend in the World Class Programme; a request to carry the under spend forward to 2009 had been made.

Inaugural – it had been decided to postpone the Inaugural until January when the funding and staffing situation would be known.

8 Senior Squad athletes had had their initial Case Conference for 2008-09 and the remaining 6 were already planned.

Action DA

08/19 Status report on 2008 Senior Programme.

WOC report - paper previously circulated

Hungary fact finding report had been previously circulated to appropriate programme staff. Dave Peel added that the physical and technical demands would be similar to 2008. The long terrain had never previously been used for orienteering.

08/20 Status report on 2008 Start/Junior Programme.

Paper circulated; no issues were raised.

JWOC review; paper previously circulated; no issues were raised.

08/21 Selection Process authority and responsibility

The previously circulated paper was discussed and confirmed as the way forward.

For junior selections; there has to be a clear aspirational message and it must be clear that it is not all about winning races at the age of 15.

It was agreed that there is further work to be done on defining the next level of detail. In particular the structure of the volunteer selector support in the Junior areas of the programme and the 2009 selection policies for the Start and Junior programmes. **Action GC/HP**

Dave Harrison is to write to James Williams (retiring Chair of Junior Selectors) and Richard Barker (incoming Chair of selectors). **Action DH**

08/22 Staff/Athlete Forum & IC athlete representation

It was important that the staff continued to have open meetings with the athletes whenever opportunities arose during camps and competitions.

It was recognised that being an International Committee Representative was never going to be an athlete's priority. Having a representative did however allow the desirability of 'non attributed comment'.

It was agreed that consideration to changing the Terms of Reference for the International Committee to include '5 Volunteers, 2 of which should be athletes' should be made. **Action DH**

It was agreed that it was important that the Committee would still canvas views on specific issues.

08/23 Development Committee Proposal for athletes outside the International Programme.

The previously circulated paper was discussed.

It was recognised that due to resource issues; some people who should be in the World Class Programme are currently outside it. The Proposal circulated includes those people at the moment but the World Class Programme should aspire to take such athletes back into the programme in the future.

Regional and Development Squads should endeavour to feed athletes into the World Class Programme.

Feedback would be provided to EN. **Action DH**

08/24 Any Other Business.

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Prepare a briefing paper for Events Committee on why the International Programme would like this change.

Action GC/DA

Communicate IC position to EC.

Action DH

IC meeting start times

It was agreed to start future meetings one hour earlier at 12 noon.

08/25 Dates of next meeting

December 6th 2008, British Orienteering Office

March 7th 2009, British Orienteering Office

June 6th 2009, British Orienteering Office