



INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE Report to Board Meeting

Meeting of
INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE
Held on 31st May 2008 at British Orienteering Office.

Board Meeting is asked to NOTE:

08/04 British Orienteering to consider hosting JWOC

It was not known if Management Committee had taken any action on the recommendation from the November 2007 IC meeting. The committee would like the Board to discuss the possibility of hosting JWOC in the 2012 – 2020 period.

It should also be noted that Events Scotland are looking to work with SOA to bring International events to Scotland and that FISU are looking to host the World University Championships in the UK.

08/05 Terms of Reference

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08/10 Staff/Athlete Forum

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08/11 Board Representative

It was suggested that EN take on the Board Representative role on the IC and that the Board should find another volunteer to fill his current position on the International Committee. **Action Board**

Minutes of the meeting of
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- 08/01 Present:** Dave Harrison (Chair), Derek Allison (Performance Director), Gareth Candy (Start/Junior Programme Manager), Dave Peel (Lead Coach), Helen Pearce, Jon Cross and Ed Nicholas (Volunteers).
Mike Hamilton (Chief Executive) for items 08/01 – 08/06
Hilary Bloor (Secretary)
- 08/02 Apologies for Absence.** Helen Winskill (Senior athlete Rep), John Rocke (Junior athlete Rep) and Dave Peel (Lead Coach) in Latvia.
- 08/03 Minutes of the Meeting held on Nov 3rd 2007.**
These were accepted as a true record.
- 08/04 Matters arising not included as agenda items.**
All actions had been completed with the exceptions of the following:
07/08 British Orienteering future International Event hosting
The committee felt that in line with the British Orienteering vision the Federation should consider the hosting of a future Junior World Championships as a priority. As a secondary goal the hosting of a World Cup Race in conjunction with a future suitable JK should be considered.
Action Board
- 06/04 05/08 Disaster management plan**
Deadline July 08. Action MH
- 07/06 British Orienteering General Appeal's procedure**
The current British Orienteering General Appeal's procedure does not cover International selection requirements.
Deadline end July Action MH
- 08/05 International Committee Terms of Reference; paper circulated.**
It was reported that the Board had approved the TOR in April 2008.
The new draft tabled had included further minor title changes and some tidying up.

Further amendments were suggested:

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Representatives from the regions. Invites had gone to the regions but no representatives had yet been forthcoming. It was decided to keep sending the minutes/agenda to the chair of the region. **Action DA**

0806 2009-2012 Whole Sport Plan – Papers distributed

The current WSP draft has been written with an emphasis on the Senior programme. A future draft should be developed to include references to the Start and Potential Programmes. The reference to equal numbers of athletes is to be removed. **Deadline end July Action GC**

The Board will undertake a wider consultation before the WSP is submitted to Sport England in September.

The WSP should include medals and process targets. Mike had developed a first draft of process targets but further input is needed. **Action All**

DH had produced a WSP Implementation Programme; some of the deadlines had passed so new deadlines were needed.

Deadline end June Action GC/DH/HB

08/07 Programme of Director's Status Report including Funding Report.

Papers circulated; there were no questions.

08/08 Status report on 2008 Senior Programme.

Paper circulated.

IC suggested that the senior athlete report needed to be a summary of communication rather than a note of the content of the communication.

Ongoing Action DP

08/09 Status report on 2008 Start/Junior Programme.

Paper circulated; there were no questions.

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For the International Committee it was necessary to identify a senior athlete representative who will engage with the IC and the running of the

World Class Programme. A role descriptor was needed prior to approaching possible individual athletes.

Draft proposal needed for end June.

Action DH

08/11 Any Other Business.

Board Representative

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Action Board

Appeal

An appeal on a junior selection decision is being heard on Monday 2nd June. The International appeals procedure will continue to be used until the British Orienteering General Appeals procedure has been updated to satisfy the International requirements.

Selection Committees

There was a discussion on the current different structure of selection committees. The Senior programme has one selector and 3 advisors; the junior programme has 3 selectors with DA able to attend and the responsibility to oversee them both.

It was agreed to review the structures and identify possible alternatives for discussion. DH agreed to produce an initial discussion paper.

Consideration on:

- a) Having the same Junior/Senior selectors
- b) Having the same structure

Action DH – end July

Start / Junior selections

The dates for the announcement of the selections were unclear on the British Orienteering website.

Action GC/HB – end June

Development outside the Squad

Development Committee is to consider the need to improve the performances of athletes who are just outside the Squad. Opportunities should to be made available to all levels of orienteers e.g. SEDS, English Dev Squad, Regional Squads, Masters Squads etc.

Action EN/Development Committee

Orienteering Australia, paper to IOF Congress

The proposal for a bi-annual WOC has been sent to the Board. All IOF papers for IOF Congress will be sent round IC. **Action MH/HB**

Logging of communication between the staff and athletes.

There was a need to have a simple 'easy to use' mechanism for the logging of the case conference reports and the ongoing discussions between the staff and athletes. It was noted that Mike had recently developed a mechanism for Board communication which may be

adaptable for this purpose. DA to enquire. **End June - Action DA**
Nominations for volunteers to oversee particular aspects of the programme.

HP agreed to oversee the Start and Potential Programme.

JC agreed to oversee the Senior Programme.

DH to oversee the work of the Performance Director.

It was also noted that a simple template was needed for professional staff to report on actions and plans to the voluntary members of IC. Jon Cross thought he had something that could be used. **End June - Action JC**

08/12 Dates of next meeting

September 13th 2008 – British Orienteering Office

November 1st 2008 – Inaugural

March 7th 2009 – British Orienteering Office