

Minutes of the Meeting 7th January 2008

Held at 89 Southcliffe Road Carlton Nottingham

Event operation is asked to note

- 08/06 Event Ops to reconsider the question of medals for the Junior Ad-hoc relays.
- 08/09 Event Ops to consider the request for a larger map scale to be used at local events for white and yellow courses.

08/01 Attendance

Susan Marsden,	Chair	SM
Peter Guillame,	Fixtures group	PG
Barry Elkington	Rules group	BE
Hilary Palmer,	Coaching committee,	HP
Blanka Sengerová	EA rep	BS
Richard Barker	Junior selectors rep,	RB
Peter Christopher	BSOA rep ,	PC
Gareth Candy	Start Manager,	GC
Pauline Olivant,	RDO & EM rep	PO
Pauline Olivant	Sec	

Apologies Becky Carlyle, YH
 Nigel Ferrand, WOA
 Linda Thornton, NE
 Ruth Lockley, WM,

Responded Sarah Watkins, NW
 Angela Darley, SE

08/02 Declaration of Interest
 RB, SM, PO, regional squads

08/03 Minutes of meeting held on 4 January 2007
 The minutes of the last meeting were approved

08/04 Matters arising (if not elsewhere on the agenda)
 All actions from the previous meeting were completed except Item 07/04 Good practice guidance on planning courses, as used in the articles in Compass Sport, to be placed on the we-site.

Action BE to arrange for papers to go on the British Orienteering web site.

08/05 Minute e-mail discussions since last meeting
No decisions had taken place.

08/06 Report from Event Ops:

There have been three meetings of Event Ops since our last meeting.

In February I raised the concern we had with the Junior Ad hoc class at the British Relays not receiving medals whereas other Junior Relays did.

The decision not to give medals for ad hoc classes had been endorsed by Management Committee and therefore medals had not been purchased and are not being awarded for these classes. It was suggested that mementoes can be given to all classes but this is at the discretion of the organising region.

I also reported the changes that we made to Yvette Baker Rules last year.

At the November meeting in response to the Fixture's Report I explained the background to a request for the JIRC to be held in September. (see report under JIRC)

Several regions had still expressed a wish that medals be given to the Ad-hoc classes

Action SM to raise at Event Operations again

08/07 Report from JCG secretary

- a) ECG has requested that as a pilot this year there should be a class for M/W 17-20 E at the JK. JCG were asked to determine how the prizes/medals should be awarded.

Action PO to notify JK organisers that the prizes/medals for the M/W17-20 E class should be awarded to the top 3 in the combined class. In addition the JK 18 trophy should be awarded to the highest placed 18 in the class. (It should also be noted that there is no JK M20 trophy as this was an annual trophy, and it is no longer sponsored.)

- b) Selectors would like to see 2 sprints and 2 middle in FCC race schedule, although it was commented that this may not be easy in 2009 as the British Sprint and Middle are after the FCC final, but it should be investigated if there is any possibility of arranging sprint race or middle before any major event on a Sunday that is being used for FCC,

Action PG to note when preparing the schedule for 2009 FCC races.

- c) Concern has been expressed from selectors about 17's having to run the same middle as 21's at FCC races.

d) FCC

- i. ECG meeting agreed that each competitor will count their best scores, up to a maximum of 3. If a race is cancelled or voided the following will apply: best 3 scores from 6 races (if 1 is lost), best 2 from 5 races (if 2 of the 7 are lost).
- ii. The Final - the 15 highest-scoring qualifiers from each of the four classes: M & W 18 and M & W 20 will be eligible to compete in the Final.
- iii. Due to the length of the FCC Day 2 final it was felt inappropriate for M/W16's to run in the FCC Final; they would therefore continue not to be included in the points scoring and they would now not be given 'shadow' scoring as they had in the past.
- iv. If there is a tie in the scoring the UK Cup rules will be used; that is a count back system will be used. This means that the runner with the higher single race score(s) will be placed ahead. In the case of all counting scores being equal, non-counting scores will also be considered.

Action BE to add to guidelines

- v. Concern has been expressed from the Scotland over 3 races in one weekend, i.e. JK if they don't have Good Friday off.
- e) Colour coded and Badge times. One of the requirements of Clubmark is that the club encourages the colour coded and badge schemes. This is often very difficult to do as colour/badge times are not published.

Action Association reps are asked to remind clubs to publish relevant times. PO to arrange for it to be included in a club mailing.

08/08

Review of Junior Events

a Junior Inter Regional Champs.

Following the request from Regional squad coordinators to move the date for JIRC's to avoid exams, investigations have been done to swap the date with Peter Palmer weekend, but this has not proved possible. The date for JIRC's was fully discussed in conjunction with the general congestion of the autumn programme for junior events. It was noted that some juniors may finish the Summer term earlier than others but historical data shows that JIRC's had in the past been held on the first weekend in July. It was agreed that this was the date that should be the used in the future

Action SM to contact NIOA re 2009

b Peter Palmer Relays

- i. Requests had been received for regional teams; this was not felt appropriate for this competition.
- ii. Clarification was required on the awarding of trophies. It was agreed that the general principle would be that the greatest number of different teams should receive trophies/prizes. The trophies should be ranked as follows: 1st Peter Palmer, 2nd Norwich (small clubs) 3rd Joan George (handicapped). It was agreed that the Guidelines should be amended accordingly.

Action BE to update guidelines

- iii. Big and small clubs would remain the same as the arrangements for Compass Sport Cup
- iv. Non competitive teams would now be allowed but at the discretion of the organiser who should liaise with the JCG (sec).

Action BE to update guidelines

c Junior Home International

Nothing to report, although it was noted that the date for 2008 had moved to 20/21 Sept.

d Yvette Baker / Jamie Stevenson Trophy

Yvette Baker

- i. Several proposals that had been received were discussed. Following extensive discussion it was agreed that the Top 10 rule had helped with some of the previous year's problems and it should be given another year to see what affect 2 years use would have in addressing regions concerns, before producing more rules or classes that would complicate the rules further for teams.
- ii. It was agreed that if any team broke the rules then the whole team would be disqualified.

Action BE to add to guidelines

Jamie Stevenson

Nothing to report

e British School Score Champs.

Offers for hosting BSSC had identified a possible problem with unfair distribution of several of the junior competitions, which could affect the long-term sustainability of entries. It was agreed that if the national competition review was fully implemented with North, Midland and Southern Championships then a rotation should be put in place where

each of the regions (North, Midland and South) would host one of BSSC, BSOC and YB each year.

PG to include in fixtures allocations

f British School Orienteering Champs.

The meeting was asked by BSOA to approve the following amendments to the rules.

- i. Home educated children should be allowed to take part in BSOC with the proviso that the entry form must be signed by an authorised member of the education authority who can confirm that the child/children are on their 'roll'
- ii. The Middle/Prep team category requirements are changed to at least 1 scorer from years 5&6 and 1 from years 7&8.

Both were approved.

Action PO to update guidelines.

g British Junior Champs

Nothing to report

h Student Championships and Leagues

Nothing to report.

08/09 Map Scales

Discussion on a request for larger map scales for white/yellow at local events took place. It was agreed that 1:10,000 should be used at level 1&2 events as per British Orienteering appendix H guidelines (this would include BSOC). It was accepted that as a progression from school maps to 10,000 scale it could be helpful if white and yellow course use an appropriate enlarged scale map if the terrain or course merited it. ie if controls are close together and therefore there are overlapping circles or the area is complex, but appendix H guidelines should still be followed.

Action SM to ask Event Operations to note recommendation. BE to include in article for FOCUS.

08/10 Prizes

Covered under review of junior events.

08/11 Any other business

A general discussion took place on the provision of junior competitions and if they meet the needs of the membership. It was felt that the older

elite were catered for with the FCC, and the 'middle' age group at elite level had selection races for summer tours and thence start programme, JIRC's and YB. The Schools side had BSSC, BSOC and YB. The group that may not be well catered for were those in the middle level particularly 16's who are not be well catered for under YB and this is an area that could be looked at in the future.

08/13 Timing of next meeting
Agreed next meeting Jan 2009

Summary of Actions

08/04	BE to arrange for papers to go on the British Orienteering web site
08/07 a	PO to notify JK organisers the decision regarding prizes/medals in the M/W 17-20 E class.
08/07 b	PG to note format of races when fixing FCC 2009 races
08/07 d iv	BE to amend FCC Guidelines
08/07 e	PO to put reminder in club mailing Regional reps. to remind clubs
08/08 a	SM to confirm JIRC 2009 date with NIOA
08/08 b	BE to update Peter Palmer Relay Guidelines
08/08 d	BE to update Yvette Baker Guidelines
08/08 e	PG via fixtures to implement the proposed rotation of events
08/08 f	PO to update BSOC guidelines