

Minutes of the Meeting 26th January 2009

Held at 89 Southcliffe Road Carlton Nottingham

Event operation is asked to note

- 09/06** Event ops to note the request for a review to be carried out by JCG into middle distance/sprint after 2009.
- 09/11** Event ops to note if British Age Class Middle/Sprint races were to become a weekend in the autumn this should be restricted to a half term date.

09/01 Attendance

Susan Marsden	Chair	SM
Peter Guillaume	Fixtures group	PG
Barry Elkington	Rules group	BE
Hilary Palmer	Coaching committee	HP
Richard Barker	Junior selectors rep	RB
Peter Christopher	BSOA rep	PC
Pauline Olivant	RDO & EM rep	PO
Tony Carlyle	YH rep	TC
Ruth Lockley	WM rep	RL
Pauline Olivant	Sec	

Apologies Sarah Watkins NW
 Angela Darley SE
 Linda Thornton NE

09/02 Declaration of Interest

TC, RB, SM, PO, regional squads

09/03 Minutes of meeting held on 7th January 2008

The minutes of the last meeting were approved

09/04 Matters arising (if not elsewhere on the agenda)

No matters arising, actions were all completed.

09/05 Minute e-mail discussions since last meeting

Feedback from JCG members regarding FCC for ECG meeting was covered under 09/07.

09/06 Report from Event Ops:

a) A report was distributed to those present, attached appendix A. Middle/Sprint races. It was agreed to review middle/sprint for M/W14- after 2009 events.

Action SM.

b) HP mentioned that of one of the regional squad coordinators had asked if there could be small inter regional competitions on a local

basis, JCG felt this should be discussed by Regional Squad Co-ordinator first, JCG were concerned about overload of events.

Action SM

09/07

Report from JCG secretary

Following feedback from JCG members the following recommendations were put to ECG.

JK 18-20E

- a) it was felt in general the introduction of elite class had been good, but concern was expressed over less able 17's. ECG was asked to consider reducing distance for long race. ECG felt that those juniors affected should be encouraged to enter the 18L.
- b) it was felt that more publicity to encourage juniors to enter the appropriate course should be given. Points are available on the 18 and 20 L courses and even though these are at a lower rate than on the 18 and 20E courses they can still be an incentive for juniors who do not feel that the E course is suitable.

Action RB to send reminder to squad coordinators.

FCC generally

- a) to keep all disciplines in the series as far as possible. This was reflected in the proposed competitions for 2009 as far as was practicable.
- b) to ensure the final is as spectator friendly as possible. It was agreed information should be added to FCC guidelines to encourage this.
- c) to consider the situation where you can score more points on a poorly attended race and that you can qualify by attending the JK only. This was recognised and accepted but felt the JK was also the hardest round to achieve good scores.

Junior events levy

Several requests have been received for exemption for junior levy for events in 2009. JCG felt that if the event was junior only then no levy would be due. If a few accompanying adults/helpers had a run and their times were not recorded no levy would be expected, but if it was a normal event with a junior competition as part of the event then levy would be due for all competitors. Our preference in the future is that junior only events continue to be levy free, e.g. school competitions.

09/08

Review of Junior Events

a Junior Inter Regional Champs.

A request from regional squad coordinators that the JIRC be hosted around the country in turn was received, history list and proposed hosts from 2010 -2013 were provided, JCG supported this proposal and agreed to send rota to PG

Action PO

b Peter Palmer Relays

A request received from AIRE to be considered as organiser in 4 or 6 years time. AIRE to be notified that they should make a bid through their fixtures rep in the normal way.

Action PO

AIRE brought to the attention of JCG that they would need greater financial support from British Orienteering due to high overnight accommodation costs. AIRE to be notified that they should be apply for grant through the normal British Orienteering channels.

Action PO

c Junior Home International

Nothing further to report

d Yvette Baker / Jamie Stevenson Trophy

Yvette Baker

After some discussion it was agreed that more feedback from clubs was required as to why numbers had dropped off. Several ideas were put forward but we needed to identify the needs of the clubs. It was agreed to set up a small group to review the competition.

Action PO

Jamie Stevenson

Nothing further to report

e British School Score Champs.

Nothing further to report

f British School Orienteering Champs.

- 1) A special needs paper was pre circulated, the proposal was agreed BSOC guidelines to be updated.

Action BE/ PO

- 2) A request to consider moving years 12 & 13 in the whole school category competition to the tertiary competition. After consultation with BSOA it was agreed that the whole question of team trophies should be looked into. BSOA were asked to put together a proposal to be considered by JCG.

Action PO

g British Junior Champs

Nothing to report.

h Student Championships and Leagues

Development Committee has expressed an interest in developing Student Competitions, this was welcomed by JCG.

09/09

Map Scales

A request to consider enlarged map scale for white and yellow courses particularly at BSOC, was again discussed. The meeting felt the situation hadn't changed from last year, so the decision was still the same. The committee agreed they would monitor any changes that resulted from the experiment by the NW.

09/10

Badge times

With the introduction of 18E class, badge times for 18L and 18S required amending.

Action BE.

09/11

Programming of junior events

As part of an overall review of fixtures, several committees have been asked to prioritise annual British Orienteering events under their remit. A review was carried out and it was recognised that March, April and May will be the time of year for the elite junior races in our remit.

There was concern over the number of junior competitions now falling in the autumn. It had been agreed between the Home International team managers and Regional Squad coordinators that JIRC's could return to the last week in June. JCG supported this.

Fixtures provided the rota and fixed date for BSSC, BSOC, YBT final, which were agreed. The meeting felt an alternative date for YBT could be considered.

If British Age Class Middle/Sprint races were to become a weekend in the autumn this should be restricted to a half term date.

09/12 Any other business

A request had been received that any junior competitions where club size is used as a basis of eligibility should be calculated on the eligibility of the membership that would take part, ie M/W10-18 not whole club (10-80). The meeting was informed that research had been done in the past and it was shown that this made very little difference to club size in junior terms.

09/13 Timing of next meeting

Agreed next meeting Jan 2010.

Summary of actions

- 09/06 a) SM to report to Event operations
b) SM to discuss with Regional Squad Coordinator suggestion re small interregional competitions.
- 09/07 RB to send reminder to RSC re FFC
- 09/08 a) PO to send rota to PG
b) PO to reply to AIRE re PP
f) PO/BE to update BSOC rules re special needs.
PO to ask BSOA to put together a proposal re team trophies for BSOC.
- 09/10 BE to amend rules re badge times

Appendix A

Event Committee Report January 2009

Minutes of Feb 2008, June 2008, and Nov 2008 meetings are available on the BOF website.

Whole Sport Plan – There are two targets that JCG should consider when reviewing the competitions for which JCG are responsible. These are increasing participation and increasing member satisfaction. Membership satisfaction is to be measured by surveying a sample of members.

Map Scales – Event Committee agreed that for Classic length events 1 : 10 should be used for the younger juniors (M/W14-) at level 1 and level 2 events. At level 3 the question of scale is a matter for organising clubs.(subsequently definitions of level new 1 and 2 were clarified, the above applies to new level 1 and is recommended for new level 2)

Middle and Sprint Races for younger juniors (M/W14-) – The concerns expressed by members of JCG with regard to the length and essence of Middle distance races has been reflected in the new Rules and Guidelines.

Talent Identification – A calendar of where events should be placed in the year to assist talent identification has been drawn up. Selection races for JWOC and Junior / Start are by necessity in the spring with WJHI in the autumn. It has been agreed by the Junior Home International Committee and by the Regional Squad Co-ordinators that the JIRC will return to the summer. JCG needs to review the other competitions within this framework.