

Trail O Committee

Minutes

Meeting held at the Carr Lane Church Centre, Birmingham

Saturday 23 February 2013 at 10:50



Present

Dick Keighley, Chairman (DK)	WIM, SWOA
Anne Braggins (AB)	WAOC, EAOA
Neil Cameron (NC)	NGOC, Board TrailO liaison Director
Ian Ditchfield (ID)	MV, SEOA
Anne Hickling	GRAMP, SOA
John Kewley (JKew)	MDOC, NWOA
Christine Roberts (CR)	EBOR, YHOA

Apologies

Alan Gartside	LVO, NIOA
Christine Vince (CV)	DEVON, SWOA

T13/1 Chairman's introduction and opening remarks

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for attending. The Chairman advised that Alan Gartside wished to resign from the Committee but had been asked to remain a correspondent member and to continue to work on the TrailO Rules.

T13/2 Attendance and apologies

There were apologies from Alan Gartside and Christine Vince, and from Anne Hickling and John Kewley who would arrive after the start of the meeting.

T13/3 Conflicts of interest declarations

2013 declarations were still outstanding for some members and they were asked to send it to National Office as soon as possible. NC and AB remained Selectors and JKew and ID remained potential GBR TrailO team members.

T13/4 Minutes of previous meeting on 14 July 2012

These were approved.

T13/5 Matters arising (not on agenda)

DK advised that there had not been TrailO at the Caddihoe due to high bracken obscuring the terrain.

JKew joined the meeting.

AB suggested that reminders be placed at future TrailO events when there was a mixture of elite and beginner competitors asking everyone to avoid entering the terrain or holding discussions, especially at decision points. JKew suggested that elite competitors might start in a period before general competitors, who it was recognised might well want to discuss the map and answers. A further alternative was suggested for elite competitors who felt they might be distracted was to wear earphones or earplugs.

T13/6 IOF news and developments

The IOF had decided that classic TrailO would henceforth be termed PrecisionO or PreO, together with TempO as separate disciplines within TrailO. It was noted that there were as yet no WTOC 2015 TrailO hosts. No changes in Paralympic eligibility rules were envisaged before 2014 at the earliest.

AH joined the meeting.

IOF were considering rule changes for timed controls, where the time taken and time penalties for an incorrect answer would only be recorded, without a point also being gained for a correct answer. The Committee were in favour of the proposed changes.

T13/7 UK events 2013-14

JK 2013 in SCOA. DK reported that there had been many problems with the event. DK had found two planners - Philip Cooper and Charles Bromley-Gardner (CBG). TrailO was being offered for days 1 and 2 only. On Day 1, canes into the ground had been allowed eventually despite concerns about underground cables being reached. The area was small and would have JK FootO competitors

walking through the area. Day 2 had had difficulties with access until the end of the shooting season on 31 Jan. CBG had subsequently been posted abroad but would be available until two weeks before the event. DK as controller had still to see any of the courses.

Only entry on the day was envisaged and DK said he would be e-mailing likely known competitors with details. It was agreed that only day 2 would be a ranking event: there would be two courses on each day.

DK reported that Helen Errington had been reminded re medals at the JK.

BTOC 2013 in SEOA. Sun 5 May 2013 (BRC day) at Newlands Corner near Guildford. ID (planner) confirmed that the area had permission (but was not yet written) and a map, although some small updates were required and were in hand. No Controller was yet appointed but it was hoped Simon Greenwood might be available, but he had yet to be asked. Other possible candidates were identified. ID asked what help he might expect on the day with the organisational aspects and a timing team. Pre-entries were being taken via the BOC web site. The event still needed to be registered. Whether there would be two courses or not has still to be confirmed. The elite event would be a ranking event.

Scottish 6-day (Wednesday rest day) and White Rose (Sunday) would have TrailO events this year. AH advised that at the 6-day the plan was to have one course with controls of increasing difficulty, and possibly fewer controls than normal. A wide range of local experience was available together with armchair reviews by experts unable to visit the area. It was agreed that the event be a ranking event (which required at least 15 controls, plus at least one timed control). A very simple TrailO event at the campsite was also being considered.

The position on **ITOC 2013** (date and location) had still to be notified and DK would contact AG for the latest information.

JK 2014. JK 2014 was to be in South Wales. It was likely that the terrain will be suitable for TrailO and DK will try to identify suitable TrailO expertise for the local organisers.

BTOC 2014. Possibly could be held in conjunction with British Sprint Champs at Keele University. DK will pursue this with the organiser.

T13/8 Funding/selection/ranking

Funding. DK had learned from Mike Hamilton that the budget for TrailO for 2013 would be £1,000, reflecting severe pressure on the whole British Orienteering budget. The Committee agreed that although disappointed, they were grateful for even this level of support. AB reported on her research into the likely travel methods, accommodation and costs for WTOC 2013 in Finland. The possibilities for the size of the team were discussed and AB was appointed Team Manager.

Selection. The selection procedure for 2013 needed to be reviewed, agreed and published. ID and JKew withdrew from the meeting. The use of the ITOC 2012 results (where there were eventually no valid timed controls) in the rankings were discussed. After considering the implications, the Committee agreed to use these results even though it meant that the winning competitors would score 100 ranking points. A revised Selection Procedure for 2013 was agreed and NC requested to get it published on the web site as soon as possible.

NC and AB were re-confirmed as selectors for 2013.

ID and JKew rejoined the meeting.

GB FootO team kit would be borrowed for the team if available.

Ranking. NC to produce the latest ranking as soon as possible to facilitate selections and then publish it.

T13/9 Rules and guidelines. A draft paper for major event TrailO organisers had been produced by the Chairman at the request of the E&C Committee & Helen Errington. This was reviewed and various suggestions made. The Chairman agreed to produce and circulate a revised version in the next few weeks.

The Chairman reported that Helen Errington had requested the production of TrailO rules following the same pattern as the new style FootO rules. The appendix of the major events document would perhaps be suitable to meet this request. JKew agreed also to liaise with AG to review AG's work on rules for this purpose.

Guidelines for what was currently called “preO” were required. The Chairman reported that Brian Parker is working on these. Ideas for a new name were required given the new IOF use of pre-O. IntrO was suggested as an interim title, but AH said she needed to keep the name in SOA meanwhile given the stage of development in its use.

T13/10 Committee’s Terms of Reference and name

To ensure that the Terms of Reference were being adhered to, some minor updates to the Committee’s membership had been instituted by the Chairman and were now shown on the web site. In response to a Board request, the Committee identified a new name for the TrailO Committee to propose to the Board for approval.

T13/11 Publicity/Focus

Input for the summer edition of Focus would need to be about JK TrailO and WTOC selections. DK would prepare this input. AH agreed to send to DK the SOA piece on why ID and JKew were involved in and enjoyed TrailO for possible amendment/use, along with notes on TrailO developments in Scotland.

T13/12 Coaching & training resources

CR had reviewed the “Year in a Box” Community-O resource (actually a CD) held by clubs involved in the participation projects. She was still working to learn what format was required if TrailO exercises were to be included.

T13/13 WTOC 2012 legacy

The Chairman reported on the submission made to the Board on use of the modest surplus from WTOC 2012 and the Board’s response.

After a lengthy discussion of the submission and the response, it was agreed that AH would produce a revised draft for review by the Committee and then re-submission to the Board.

T13/14 Any other business

JKew asked whether any former Paralympic class competitors were going to re-apply to IOF to be eligible.

AB suggested there be a national club for people interested in TrailO. This idea would be kept under review, possibly as a contact list who could be sent a regular e-newsletter.

AH suggested the development and maintenance of a good TrailO photo library and DK suggested he might be able to include them in the revised trailo.org web site he planned to work on.

NC asked what the Committee’s views were on TrailO events being leviable, and as with any other British Orienteering event, this was thought to be acceptable.

T13/15 Dates and venues of future meetings and close of meeting

DK suggested the next meeting might be scheduled during the Scottish 6-days when most members would be present. AB requested it be earlier in that week if possible.

DK on behalf of the Committee thanked NC for his contribution to the Committee during his period of membership, which would shortly terminate when he stood down as a British Orienteering director. The Chairman then closed the meeting at 4.00 pm, thanking everyone for their attendance and contributions.

Actions from TrailO Committee 23 February 2013

1. Submit 2013 Conflict of Interest declarations if not yet done (all, 10 Mar)
2. Advise likely competitors of JK 2013 by e-mail (DK, 3 Mar)
3. Arrange registration of BTOC 2013 (ID, 3 Mar)
4. Contact AG re ITOC 2013 (DK, 10 Mar)
5. Publish 2013 selection procedure on web site (NC, 3 Mar)
6. Produce latest TrailO ranking (NC, 10 Mar)
7. Produce revised major event paper (DK, 10 Mar)
8. Advise M Hamilton of suggested TrailO Committee new name (DK, 3 Mar)
9. Collate and submit summer Focus TrailO input (DK, 30 Apr)
10. Produce revised TrailO submission for Committee review (AH, 17 Mar)
11. Confirm location and date of meeting during 6-days (DK, 24 Mar)