

Fixture Group

Minutes of meeting



held on Saturday 17th March 2012
at Tally Ho Conference Centre, Birmingham
commencing at 12.30 pm

1. Chairman's opening comments, welcome and introductions

2. Record of persons present:

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| Mike Cope | Chairman, YHOA |
| Paul Caban | National Fixtures Secretary, SOA |
| Brian Hughes | WOA |
| Duncan Archer | NEOA |
| Allan Williams | WMOA |
| Tony Biggs | EAOA |
| Richard Sansbury | SWOA |
| Philip Gristwood | SEOA |
| Dave Peel | British Orienteering Event Manager |

3. Apologies:

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| Ian Whitehead | EMOA |
| Richard Sharp | SCOA |
| Richard Tiley | NWOA |
| Joe McClure | NIOA |
| Mike Hamilton | British Orienteering Chief Executive |
| Helen Errington | British Orienteering Event Manager |

4. Declaration of any other business. Declarations of interest 2012.

- Declaration of interest forms need to be completed by the group members for 2012. These will be distributed from British Orienteering electronically and should be completed as soon as possible and returned to the office.
- PG declared that he is chair of the English Orienteering Council.

5. Minutes of Fixtures Group meeting held on 16 October 2011

- Accepted
- Actions from meeting:
 - 6: Done, no requirements to supply additional info had been made by Map Group
 - 7: MC: Done
 - 10: Many things done as on planner
 - 11: All: Getting better but still some officials and data missing
 - 12: Done

- 16 MC: A Fixtures Secretary Newsletter had been produced and distributed after the last meeting.

6. Events and Competitions Committee (E&CC):

- MC then DP reported on the current situation

7. National O Series and anything else from Competitions Review.

- There was a general discussion about the new National O Series and a report on the current situation with the draft 2013 schedule of events. It was felt that the new competition should be publicised well in advance so that competitors and officials knew about it and understood it before they started to enter events in 2013.
- Within the general discussion the status and future of the 3 English Area Championships was raised with some questioning their place in the future. Action: DP E&CC to reassess these Championships.
- The group then ran through the details of the schedule for 2013 with agreement on an action for DP. Action: DP to liaise with event organisers directly to discuss details and requirements for their respective events.
- Action: DP to contact SINS, City of London, November Classic about their events
- Action: DP to contact October Odyssey and JOK about the possible inclusion of their events
- It was noted that one of the proposed National O Series events in 2013 was scheduled against a British Relay League race. It was suggested that this would be to the detriment of participation in the Relay League.
- Action: DP to update draft for 2013 in light of this communication for the E&CC meeting on April 21st 2012.
- National O Series 2014: The group ran through the draft schedule for 2014 with the following points of note:
 - British Orienteering had received a strongly worded correspondence from the 2014 Northern Championships organiser questioning the decision to change the date of the event to April 2014. MC had looked into this and found that the event had always been scheduled for that date so there had been no change at National level. Correspondence with the NWOA rep. prior to the meeting showed that it was difficult to establish details of the initial date request. However it was possible to move the event to the desired date of May 4th 2014, which also made it more suitable for inclusion in the National O Series.
 - It was noted that there were no obviously suitable events scheduled for the autumn of 2014. It was noted that there was no organiser for the Sprint & Middle Championships in 2014 which had been pencilled in for autumn of that year. This issue is covered in a later agenda item. Action: DP to draft a request for events to be used for the National O Series which MC would circulate via association reps. Once 2014 becomes clearer, this can be extended to 2015.

- There was a discussion around other competitions that exist presently: Schools Championships, YBT, JIRC etc but there is not clear guidance from the Competitions Review. To be on the safe side, the group decided to continue to schedule these until it received further guidance on them.

8. Compass Sport Cup and Trophy.

- It has been established that this was not a British Orienteering event. The group would continue to schedule fixtures for the event. It was noted that a small group had been set up to oversee the competition.

9. Yvette Baker Trophy

- Rounds are in place for most regions for 2012. From 2013 the final will be held in July so heats will need to be scheduled accordingly.

10. Proposal for rotation for Major Events.

- MC presented his proposal for a new rotation for the major events (all British Champs and the JK) which had been based on responses from associations on their willingness and capability to stage the events. It was accepted as a good starting point but association reps would need further discussions with their associations. Action: MC to develop this further as comments come back.
- It was noted that there was no host for the Sprint & Middle Champs in 2014. AW thought WMOA may be willing but other reps should also ask their own associations. To aid the fixture scheduling process the second weekend in Nov was selected as a provisional date.

11. Planner for A and B events 2012 – 2015..

- The group ran through the schedules for 2012-2015. Detailed actions will go on the planner.
- Action: DP to raise the Midland Championships 2014 at E&CC meeting. Could it be level B?
- The spread of events early in 2015 is not good. One possibility is to stage the Midland Champs the day after the BNC (which has two bids: AIRE and LEI) – maybe WCH could stage the Midlands Champs the day after a LEI BNC. The dates need more consideration as things become clearer.

12. Event officials for level A and B events for 2012

- Association reps were asked to remind event club fix secs. to add all officials and other data to the fixtures database for 2012 A + B events. The difficulties are recognised but the aim should continue to be to get officials in place 12 months in advance.

13. Level A + B events for 2013

- The remaining events for 2013 should be finalised. Any 2014 plans can be added but not confirmed.

14. British Orienteering fixtures database

- Tony Biggs gave an update. There was no work occurring at the moment with more commencing when funding was available.
- Action: TB to collate a list of requests for future work to the data base.
- TB and Caroline Povey were thanked for their work on this.

15. Names of level B + C event that appear in the fixture list

- The group had a discussion on the matter but could not agree with any suggestions. The matter was referred back to British Orienteering National Office to see if they could produce any suggestions.
- Action: PC to contact Caroline Povey.

16. Newsletter for Club Fixture Secretaries.

- Action: MC to produce another newsletter and to send a draft around the group.

17. AOB

- There was no other business.

18. Date of next meeting

- Whilst the future of the group in its present form is uncertain it was felt that it would be beneficial to schedule 2 future meetings: Oct 6th 2012 and March 23rd 2013.