

TrailO Steering Group

Tuesday 8th July 2014

Held at Hotel Monteverde, Lavarone, Trentino, Italy



Attendees: Richard Keighley (RK), Chair & SWOA; Anne Braggins (AB), EAOA; John Kewley (JK), NWOA; Christine Roberts (CR), YHOA; Ian Ditchfield (ID), SEOA

Apologies: Anne Hickling (AH) SOA, Clive Allen (CA) SCOA

1. Chairman's introduction and opening remarks

RK welcomed all the attendees to the meeting, which was held in the team hotel during WTOC 2014, in order to reduce costs to the TrailO budget.

2. Attendance and apologies

Apologies had been received from AH, who was not in Italy, and CA, who was busy with IOF business.

3. Conflicts of interest declaration

All Conflicts of Interest declarations had been returned to British orienteering by 30th June 2014

4. Minutes of previous meeting

Approved

5. Matters arising (not on agenda)

None.

6. IOF news & developments

IOF had asked for comments on the format of the new PreO Relay. It was decided to discuss these at the next meeting, following the experiences of the extended team at the inaugural relays in Lavarone on Saturday July 12th

a. UK events 2014-15

b. JK 2014

The Day 1 PreO event at Swansea University had passed off successfully despite taking place in a busy public park: it was not a Ranking event.

The second PreO event on Day 3 of the JK was held on Merthyr Common, venue of the Day 2 FootO event. This was a Ranking event on an exposed but very technical area. Unfortunately, the terrain had been shrouded in an undulating mist for most of the event, which meant that there were times when flag clusters were not always clearly visible from viewing points. The Organisers had extended the course time allowance to compensate for this. There was a question as to whether the status of the event as a Ranking event should stand because of potential unfairness. After discussion it was decided that it should remain a ranking event, as was the case with the FootO competition.

c. British TrailO Championships 2014

Following the previous Steering Group meeting, RK had ascertained that it would not be possible to combine BTOC2014 with the British Sprint & Middle Distance Championships.

AB had offered to stage BTOC2014 at the scheduled event at Twywell, near Kettering. Anne Straube (OD) had confirmed that the area was of Championship standard and was willing to act as Controller, with AB, assisted by David Coton (WAOC) as Planner/Organiser. The event would have both TempO and PreO elements.

This event had originally been scheduled for September. Unfortunately, the mild spring had led to unexpectedly high undergrowth, which made visibility a problem. Furthermore the mapper had fallen and injured himself and was not yet in a position to complete the mapping. It had been decided to postpone the event until March 2015.

Action 1: AB to liaise with EAOA to ensure that they were content with the re-arrangement.

d. other major 2014 events

There was to be a non-ranking PreO event during the White Rose weekend in Scarborough and it was hoped that there would be a TempO event during the Race the Castles weekend in Edinburgh in October.

e. JK 2015

JK reported that initial planning was proceeding. There would be a TempO event on Day 1 at Lancaster University (with Williamson Park as a fall-back alternative, and at least one other day of PreO on a coastal sand-dune area, which was unfortunately some distance from the FootO areas. Planning/Organising was split between JK and Pete Owens (Dee).

f. BTOC 2015

The 2015 British Long Distance/Relay Championships weekend will be in the Forest of Dean, with the event centre at Speech House. RK is liaising with Dave Urch (BOK), the main BOC 2015 organiser.

Action 2: RK to continue to talk to the 2015 British Long Distance/Relay Championships organisers to identify and secure an appropriate area for BTOC 2015.

g. Other ranking events

Clive Allen is organising the TrailO at the Nordic Orienteering Championships in Denmark in late September 2014 and has invited British Orienteering to send team(s). The Group agreed, given the low number of domestic ranking events, to designate the Nordic Championships as a ranking event in 2014 if there were sufficient British participants, a minimum of six, or even ten was suggested.

It was also hoped to use the 2015 Nordic Championships in Sweden as a Ranking event.

7. Board

Scott Collier had resigned as a Director at the 2014 AGM of British Orienteering, and the new Board had yet to notify the TrailO Steering Group who would become the Director with responsibility for TrailO.

Action 3: RK to ask Mike Hamilton who the new Director would be. (Subsequent to the meeting, the Board decided that David Maliphant would become the Director with oversight of TrailO)

7. Dates and venues of future meetings

The next meeting would be in February or March 2015, date to be advised.

The meeting was adjourned at 7.40, without the full Agenda being completed, but no time was found to complete discussions during the rest of the WTOC 2015 meeting.

Action List

1	AB to liaise with EAOA to ensure that they were content with the re-arrangement of BTOC 2014 at Twywell to March 2015.	AB
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2	RK to continue to talk to the 2015 British Long Distance/Relay Championships organisers to identify and secure an appropriate area for BTOC 2015.	RK
3	RK to ask Mike Hamilton who the new Director would be	RK
4	RK to speak to Clive Allen about providing content for the British TrailO website.	RK
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