

Fixtures Group

Saturday 15th October 2011



Minutes of Meeting

Tally Ho Conference Centre, Birmingham

Meeting commenced at 12:40

1. Chairman's opening comments

Richard Sansbury was welcomed as the new rep. from SWOA. John Shucksmith was thanked for his many years' service on the Group. Richard Tiley indicated his intention to stand down as NWOA rep. before the next Group meeting, and was also pre-emptively thanked for his contributions. It was noted that the agenda deliberately did not allocate timings to items. In the absence of British Orienteering staff, minutes would be taken by the National Fixtures Secretary.

2. Record of persons present

Mike Cope (Chairman & YHOA); Paul Caban (National Fixtures Secretary & SOA); Richard Sansbury (SWOA); Richard Sharp (SCOA); Philip Gristwood (SEOA); Brian Hughes (WOA); Allan Williams (WMOA); Ian Whitehead (EMOA); Tony Biggs (EAOA); Richard Tiley (NWOA)

3. Apologies

Duncan Archer (NEOA); Joe McClure (NIOA); Mike Hamilton, Dave Peel, Helen Errington (all British Orienteering)

4. Declaration of any other business

None recorded

5. Minutes of Fixtures Group meeting held on March 26th 2011-10-29

The minutes were accepted with no amendments.

The following actions and matters arising were noted:

6i&ii – confirmed;

9i&ii – confirmed and completed;

12 – completed;

14 – ongoing (MH)

17 – on agenda

19i – ongoing

19ii – no action yet (DP)

22 – meeting date confirmed for March 17th 2012

6. Items from other meetings

MC updated the group on relevant matters from Events Committee and other Groups. Particularly relevant to Fixtures Group were plans for the Masters Cup and the UKCup, and the updated registration system for maps.

Action – MC - Map Group was requested to ensure that demands made to Club fixtures secretaries when completing registrations were realistic and achievable.

7. Competitions Review

MH update was noted. MC went through a few points on the latest version.
Action – MC A few comments should be passed on from Fixtures Group

8. Committee Structure

The Governance Review, and its impact on committee structures was noted. The Group had already submitted its formal response.

9. Association and club conference items

The Conference was occurring at the same time as the Fixtures Group meeting. The Group wished to put on record that it would be very dismayed to see a mandatory charge associated with registering events and activities.

10. Planner for A and listed B events 2012 – 2015

Progress was made in filling in some of the blanks, both in terms of dates for already allocated events, and for host clubs for unallocated events.

The following changes were explicitly noted:

VHIs are likely to be in June 2012 (NIOA);

An offer to host the Harvester 2012 had been received from BAOC;

British Night Champs 2013 would be in mid-February;

The FCC/UKCup Final would likely be in SEOA;

Following a recent change of date, the Tio Mila now clashes with BOC/BRC 2013;

EAOB could host the Midland Champs only with the event at Level B.

Requests from DP to consider amending some items in the rota due to the successful bid for WOC2015 would be taken back to Associations, and their implications considered at the next meeting.

PG provided a copy for all of details about the Home Internationals.

Action – for some AFS as per details on the planner.

11. Registering level A and B events for 2012

Action – All Major officials for all events should now be in place twelve months before an event.

12. Level A and B events for 2013

Action – All Information for level B events for the first half of 2013 was agreed.

Already registered events were upgraded; new events would be registered, and then upgraded on request.

13. Rotations and a strategy for scheduling major events from 2014 onwards

A new process for bidding for Major Events not already under rotation has been introduced; Clubs complete a form, to be available from BOF web site, and submit to Major Events Committee. It was noted that the existing rotations for applicable Major Events may need to be recast in the light of item 10.

14. Assessment of level B events

The area/terrain assessment sheet was noted as not being mandatory.

15. Use of the new fixtures database

TB has worked with Caroline Povey (CP) and the developers over the recent upgrade to the fixtures registration process. Although there are still a number of small bugs to be eliminated, the Group was unanimous in its approval of the changes, noting specifically that our priority listing of requests had been all actioned.

16. Newsletter of Club Fixtures Secretaries

*Action – Chair_*Information from this meeting, and particularly any outstanding Major Event requests, would be written up, to be circulated by BOF Office to all registered CFSs.

17. Any other business

None

18. Date and timing of next meetings

The date for the next-but-one meeting was agreed to be Saturday October 6th 2012.