

IOA AGM Minutes, Castletownbere, 3rd May 2008

Attendance sheet is in appendix, 49 people plus chairman were at the meeting.

Apologies received from Harold White.

Officer reports and IOA Annual Awards

The meeting was opened by Marcus Geoghegan, Chairman of IOA. The minutes of last year's AGM were accepted.

The first of the IOA annual awards, the **Silva Award**, was presented to Brian Power of Setanta.

The **Chairperson's report** was presented. [insert link to report]

The **High Performance report** was presented by Brendan O'Brien. [insert link to report]

The **Treasurer's report** was presented by John Casey (last year's treasurer), in addition he encouraged Orienteers to come onto the committee. [insert link to report]

As there is no IOA Secretary there was **no Secretaries report**.

As there is no Development officer there is **no Development report**.

Ruth Lynam presented the **report on Junior activities**. [insert link to report] Because of the large number of juniors now in the squad there is a need to Regionalise some junior activities, this will require more people to be involved. Peter Kernan of AJAX asked if one of the attractions in the Junior Squad was the large gatherings, Ruth confirmed that this would be in addition to National Coaching.

Fergal Buckley presented the **Fixtures report**. In addition to the circulated report he encouraged clubs to register events early as this gave a good impression of the sport. Also, the question of What is an Irish Championship was addressed, and whether such a question was to be answered by IOA Executive or by the AGM.

Mary Healy (GEN) recommended the better marketing of Multiday events internationally, this would allow foreign Orienteers to plan their holidays in Ireland around such events. She suggested a brochure with details of Irish Multiday events could be circulated by Irish Orienteers attending international events. Marcus Geoghegan suggested the use of 'World of O' calendar.

Fergal Reid presented the **Communications Secretary report**. He apologised for not having it available on web beforehand. During the year he worked on the Irish Examiner Sports Calender but without success. He found it tricky to develop a relationship with newspapers and suggested this may be more successfully done locally. He also worked with David, Finn and Ondrej on the film, and supported their efforts.

He launched the photo competition and encouraged participation. During the year there was some TV coverage and newspaper coverage of Orienteering. He suggested that the film 'An Orienteering Adventure' should be shown to other outdoor enthusiasts. He recommends that Irish elites abroad could contribute to a blog. Overall he felt that the promotion of Orienteering is very disjointed. In the past a National Orienteering day has been used but he felt it was not successful. He pointed out that being on the IOA committee gives an idea of the amount of work being done by the committee as a whole.

Andrew Cox asked if clubs should send their promotional efforts to the IOA Communications officer. Yes. Mary Healy said she has a copy of the TV coverage for her schools orienteering if anyone requires it.

The second of the IOA awards, the **Silva Trophy**, was presented to Andrew Cox of WATO.

The **Coaching Officer's report** was given by Ed Niland. [insert link], in addition to the published report he also announced who would take up places at the O'Ring Academy in Sweden, Danny O'Hare of Cork O and Fergal Buckley of Kerry O.

Mapping report was presented by Marcus Geoghegan. [insert link].

Brian Hollinshead asked what were the number of hours that club members spent in mapping ? It was suggested that this discussion continue in the bar afterwards.

A number of questions were asked from the floor, as follows;

What does registration of a map mean, answer; ownership

Should you map before or after registrations, answer; register first, then map

Do you need an OS permit for every map ? answer; only if you use OS materials in the mapping of an area

Motions:

There were three motions as follows;

(1)Ed Niland's - I Propose to change the name of the Coaching Officer to Director of Orienteering Education on the Executive of the IOA to better reflect the full remit of the post and to change the Orienteering Training Boards name to the Orienteering Education Committee for the same reason. [insert link]

(2) Mary O'Connell's - I propose to replace the wording in item 11.3 "The members present at a General Meeting" with "The IOA Executive" and to delete item 11.5 of the constitution. [insert link]

(3) Marcus Geoghegan's - *The Irish orienteering Association presents three annual awards. These awards are of equal status and reflect the Irish orienteering community's recognition of an individual's contribution to the sport.*

Silva Trophy: for the development of orienteering – achieving something that will grow the sport. Some examples are: a new map; a new technology; bringing orienteering to a new part of the country; introducing a new group to the sport; revitalising a neglected area of the sport; enhancing the social aspects of the sport.

Mactire Trophy: for achievement in orienteering competition by a member of an IOA affiliated club in the previous calendar year, in any age category, in any orienteering discipline, anywhere.

Silva Award: – for the administration of orienteering at a local or national level, or for involvement in the staging of a major event.

Eligibility:

- *Once five years have passed a person is again eligible to win an award that they have won before*
- *Serving IOA committee members cannot receive the Silva Trophy or Silva Award, but they can receive the Mactire Trophy.*

[insert link]

All 3 motions were passed.

Election of Officers:

Chairman: One year left in Marcus Geoghegan's term. He is nominated by Brian Hollinshead and seconded by Fiona O'Brien.

Secretary: no one in position at present. No nominations.

Treasurer: Incumbent Mary O'Connell was proposed by Fergal Reid and seconded by Jean O'Neill.

Development Officer: Vacant at present. Andrew Cox was nominated by Neil Dobbs and seconded by Don Short.

High Performance: The incumbent Brendan O'Brien was nominated by Fergal Buckley and seconded by Mary O'Connell.

Junior Representative: Ruth Lynam currently holds the position and is willing to stay on in the job, she was nominated by Fiach O'Rourke and seconded by Colm Hill.

Director of Education: Position currently held by Ed Niland. Ed is willing to stay on in this position and was nominated by Brendan O'Brien and seconded by Don Short.

Technical Director: Position currently held by Harold White, Harold is willing to stay on in the job, he was nominated by Brian Hollinshead and seconded by Fergal Reid.

Fixtures Secretary: the position is currently held by Fergal Buckley and he is willing to stay on. He was nominated by Andrew Cox and seconded by Fergal Reid.

Communications Secretary: The current holder Fergal Reid, is unable to remain in this job. He was thanked for his contributions. Niall McAlinden was nominated by Fergal Reid and seconded by Colm Hill.

Mapping officer: The position is currently held by Marcus Geoghegan. He was nominated by Mary Healy and seconded by Brian Power.

The third and last of the IOA awards was presented. **The Matire award** was made to Mary Healy of GEN.

AOB:

Schools Orienteering – John Casey is chairing a temporary committee to look at Schools Orienteering.

Fiona O'Brien pointed out that Orienteering is now on the syllabus for Junior Cycle PE and this presents an opportunity to grow the numbers in Orienteering significantly.

Ed has made contact with the head of the JCPE in Castlebar.

Andrew Cox spoke about the need to also have a Transition year programme.

Ed would like to have a teacher on the committee.

Taking kids from Schools Orienteering to club membership can be a challenge. Fergal Reid mentioned that orienteering in schools can be done badly.

Brendan O'Brien spoke about the upcoming adventure race. See www.anturasmor.com for more details.

Chairman's Report to the 2008 IOA AGM Castletownbere, May 3rd 2008

Orienteering in Ireland is healthy and getting healthier. As a part of our insurance renewal process Aine Joyce recently analysed the past year's participation figures – there were approximately 12,000 runs at 120 events, of which 53% were made by the 1,200 IOA affiliated club members. The other 47% were done by club orienteers from elsewhere, schools' events and inter-firm leagues. This is a fantastic number and I hope the clubs can see that the number of non-club orienteers who participate means that there is huge potential to grow membership numbers.

At last year's AGM I singled out the Junior Squad as an area of outstanding achievement and this year is no different. Please join me in thanking all of the people who work with the juniors – without you we would not have such a successful, vibrant group of enthusiastic youngsters. I strongly encourage every Irish Orienteer to help our junior squad whenever you find an opportunity, and congratulations to the squad members themselves on their excellent achievements in competition during 2007/2008.

Schools' orienteering has been very active during the past year, especially in Cork, the Southeast and Leinster – this is due to the efforts of a small number of dedicated orienteers who give their personal time to introduce young people to the sport. However our schools orienteering structures are weak and we need to address our safety and child protection responsibilities in a systematic manner. The IOA is currently asking those involved in schools' orienteering to get together to plan a shared future for the sport for the very young. It is hoped that the discussions and decisions made by this forum will chart the future of Schools Orienteering for many years to come.

Irish Orienteering is very grateful to the Irish Sports Council for the financial support that we receive from the Irish Government. It is often a perception within orienteering that this is a pot of money that can be used in whatever way we deem fit, but this is not true. Sports Council funding is ring-fenced such that it must be spent in specific areas, the largest of which is coaching. Ed Niland has developed an excellent coaching structure for Irish Orienteering and it is now up to the clubs to implement this.

Military Orienteering continues to regain its strength thanks to a few dedicated individuals, including Commandant Pat Farrelly who has developed close links with the British Army Orienteering Club and has arranged a number of valuable places for Irish Orienteers on their training courses.

Irish Orienteering is very grateful to Martin Flynn for his ongoing work on our website, orienteering.ie; for the development of the event management software, Orienteering Ór; and for his remarkable work on integrating RouteGadget into on-the-day results printouts. Ór continues to develop and any club not yet using Ór for event management and orienteering.ie for results publication is strongly encouraged to do so for all events next year. This is especially important as Stuart Scott of DUO has developed *IOLeague*, an automated league scoring system on orienteering.ie which has already been used for a number of leagues in Leinster and Munster. We are grateful to Stuart for the work he has put into this – it is an excellent example of how technology can reduce the administrative burden.

Orienteering.ie is the glue that holds our small community together. During the past year John McCullough's TIO magazine has gone on-line and become a blog – it's colourful pictures and excellent articles are a superb enhancement to orienteering.ie. However it cannot survive without articles and photos and everyone should contribute in some way.

Aine Joyce has collected information about past IOC individual and relay champions and has published this on orienteering.ie - she would welcome any snippets of information that could enhance this.

Following on from 2007's Rescue Emergency Care courses, the IOA announced a grant scheme for clubs to develop their first-aid kits, although to-date none have availed of this.

It is planned to run a "Computers in Orienteering" seminar in September 2008 – details via the eGroup.

The transition into two SportIdent kits, southern and northern, has gone well and we are grateful to Fachtna Healy (CorkO) and Brian Power (Setanta) for their efficient management of these kits. A number of clubs are building their own kits and two clubs have applied for Government grants to purchase SportIdent equipment. Electronic timing is now the norm, not the exception.

In 2011 the largest orienteering event ever staged on this island, the JK, will be staged by our colleagues in the Northern Ireland Orienteering Association. I am sure that they would be grateful for any help that an individual or club might have to offer, but maybe orienteering in the republic should assist in a more coordinated manner? If you have any thoughts and would like to volunteer to organise something then please step forward.

In 2006 and 2007 we ran social events on Inishbofin Island and in Kilcrohane and we are continuing this tradition with orienteering training sessions at the 2008 AGM. As well as being informative these sessions are an attempt to increase the social aspects of our sport. Please attend – it is a once-off opportunity that won't be repeated.

Last year we welcomed a new club in the north-west, Sligo. This year also sees a new club in the south-west being formed by Ed Niland – Boru Orienteering. Irish orienteers are encouraged to support all events run by these clubs.

I would like to thank my colleagues on the IOA Executive Committee for the tireless work that they do on behalf of Irish Orienteering, and I would also like to thank the many other Orienteers who quietly make a huge contribution to the administration of the sport. The IOA Executive committee now has 11 positions, 7 of which are filled by Leinster clubs, 2 by Munster clubs, with 2 vacant. A number of the biggest clubs in the country have no representative at all on the IOA committee.

In January 2008 the IOA appointed a part-time paid assistant, Aine Joyce of GEN, to cope with the administrative burden on the voluntary IOA committee, especially Treasurer and Juniors. This system is working extremely well and all of the IOA committee are delighted with Aine's pleasant, efficient and reliable manner.

After many years of service, John Casey of Ajax stepped down as IOA Treasurer and we welcome Mary O'Connell of 3ROC who has taken over the role. John will continue to assist Mary with the preparation of the IOA annual accounts. Please join me in thanking John Casey for the excellent work that he has done over the years - in a quiet and supremely efficient manner he has looked after our financial affairs and managed our relationship with the Sports' Council. Make a point of thanking him the next time you meet him - we all appreciate what he has done.

Clubs are reminded that it is their responsibility to implement the IOA's Child Protection, Anti-Discrimination, Land Access and Anti-Doping policies, all of which are published on orienteering.ie. We are grateful to Bernard Creedon and Barbara Foley-Fisher who continue their work as the IOA's Medical Officer and Child Protection Officer.

The post of IOA Development Officer has been vacant for many years now and no club has put someone forward to fill this position. This is unhealthy for our sport as a very serious area of concern is Coillte's clear-felling policy which is largely due to the simultaneous maturation of many plantations that were developed in the 1960s. Clubs are encouraged to develop close ties with Coillte and the OPW in their local areas. A confrontational attitude will not help our cause - an excellent example of how to work positively with Coillte and other semi-state agencies is the work that is being done by Philip Brennan of Setanta as the IOA's representative to the *Dublin Mountains Initiative*. We also welcome David Dare of Setanta who has taken on the job of representing the IOA to the *Irish Forest Certification Initiative*. The environmental organisation *Leave No Trace* is a very active in Ireland, but nobody has yet stepped forward to represent Irish Orienteering to this organisation since Moira O'Sullivan stepped down during the year – we are grateful to Moira for the work she has done.

I would like to remind Orienteers not to claim, either explicitly or implicitly, that they represent Irish Orienteering when they are dealing with any other organisation. You are free to make your representations as an individual or as a representative of your club, but if you want to lobby on behalf of Irish Orienteering please join the committee or ask to be nominated as an official representative by the committee.

During the past year I have tried to find someone to arrange new IOC trophies that will reflect the dedication, skill and training that it takes to become a champion. To-date I have not succeeded, but there are a couple of possibilities being pursued. If you would like to help then please contact me.

In light of the legislative framework that governs sporting bodies, insurance requirements, and our child-protection responsibilities, the IOA plans to do a constitutional review during 2008/2009 which will probably lead to constitutional changes and a tightening of the club affiliation and event registration procedures.

Next year I believe the whole Irish Orienteering community needs to focus on continuing to build its junior squad, regularising the position of schools' orienteering within the IOA, taking advantage of the many local and national grant and support opportunities that are available, finding positive ways to work with Coillte and other landowning bodies, and helping clubs to meet their child protection responsibilities.

And finally 2008/2009 will be my final year on the IOA executive committee – chairmen are constitutionally limited to a three-year “tour of duty”. Even if they were not, six years on the committee and three years as chairman is a long enough time to spend in one job before allowing somebody else to make their contribution.

Marcus Geoghegan, IOA Chairman, *chairperson at orienteering.ie*



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High Performance Orienteering Report IOA AGM 4th May 2008

1. WOC 2008:

WOC 2008 will be held in Olomouc, Czech Republic from 10th to 20th July, www.woc2008.cz

2. WOC 2008 Selection Policy

The WOC selection policy for 2008 is attached in as an appendix to this report.

3. World Cup 2008

Selection for world cup races will be on known form over the past year and at world ranking events. The 2008 Wrold Cup schedule of events is attached in the Appendix

4. Mountain Bike Orienteering World Championships

Our senior MTB Orienteering squad competed at the World championships in Czech Republic from 5-12 August 2007.

Our best result was achieved by John Houlihan who finished 22nd in the Elite A final (over 16 places ahead of the top UK athlete)

The 2008 MTBO World Championships will be held in Poland, from 24 – 31st of August, 2008. Once again Ireland will hope to have a number of competitors taking part.

5. Trail Orienteering World Championships

In 2007 Alan Gartside achieved an fantastic performance, with a 3rd place podium finish at the European Trail Orienteering Championships in Carcans, France 10-13 July 2007.

The World trail orienteering championships will be held in conjunction with WOC, in Olomouc, Czech Republic from 12-16 July 2008.

The European Trail Orienteering Championships are being held in Ventspils, Latvia from 25-29 May 2008.

6. SHI 2007

The SHI was held This years Senior Home International is being held in South Wales on the weekend of October 20th and 21st . As usual the NIOA co-ordinated and selected teams.



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7. World Champs 2007

The World Orienteering Championships 2007 were held in the Ukraine from Aug 17 - 25.
The following athletes were selected to represent Ireland at WOC 2007.

Men

Andrew Quinn
Neil Dobbs
Shane Lynch
Darren Burke

Women

Maeve O'Grady

Brendan O'Brien

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WOC and World Cup 2008 Selection Policy

The Irish Team selection policy for the world Orienteering Championships 2008 to be held in **Olomouc, Czech Republic** from **10th to 20th July**, is as follows;

www.woc2008.cz

1. Number of Competitors:

Men: A minimum of 5 men will be selected, with a maximum of 6 being selected.

Women: Up to 3 women will be selected.

2. Selection Races:

The selection for WOC 2008 will be based upon performances at the following races.

a. Irish Orienteering Championships 2008.

Men:

There will be three [3] automatic places available for men based upon the results during these races. The selection will be as follows;

- First man in the Medium distance is automatically selected.
- First man in the classic is automatically selected.
- Best man with combined results of both the classic and medium races is automatically selected.

Women:

There will be two [2] automatic places available for women based upon the results of these races.

- First woman in the Medium distance is automatically selected.
- First woman in the classic is automatically selected.

b. The following races will be considered;

The performances at the following races will be considered when completing the makeup of the mens and womens team for WOC 2008. None of these races are mandatory, but to be considered for selection athletes must have competed in at least 2 races of the list below.

- Spring Cup 2008, Denmark, 28-30 March 2008, www.springcup.dk
- JK 2008, UK 20-24 March 2008. www.jk2008.org.uk
- World Cup Events from 2007 will be considered.
- Any other World Ranking event in 2008 will be considered.

3. Selection:

Selection will be made before end of May 2008 to allow competitors adequate time to prepare and train in the relevant terrain etc.

In the event of there being a number of competitors in contention for the final selection places a head to head race will be held with the first past the post being selected.

This is likely to be during the Shamrock O-Ringen in June, but will be finalised over the coming months.



4. World Cup Selection:

Selection for world cup races will be on known form over the past year at world ranking events.

The 2008 World Cup races are as follows;

Event	Date	Type	Venue
1	26/05/08	Sprint distance	Ventspils, Latvia European Orienteering Championships Bulletin 2.doc (1.49 MB) SEA: Rimas Jovaisas LTU (www.eoc2008.lv)
2	28/05/08	Long distance	
3	31/05/08	Middle distance	
4	20/06/08	Middle Distance	Siggerud, Norway Norsk O-Festival Bulletin 1-2.pdf (572.72 kB) SEA: Finn Blom Christensen DEN (www.o-festivalen.com)
5	21/06/08	Long Distance	
6	13/07/08	Sprint Distance	Olomouc, Czech Republic World Orienteering Championships Bulletin 2 SEA: Unni Strand Karlsen NOR (www.woc2008.cz)
7	17/07/08	Middle Distance	
8	19/07/08	Long Distance	
9	22/07/08	Sprint Distance	Dalarna, Sweden O-Ringen SEA: Sören Jonsson (www.oringen.se)
10	23/07/08	Long Distance (mass-start)	
11	24/07/08	Middle Distance	
12	04/10/08	Middle Distance	SwissCup www.postfinancesprint.ch SEA: Karl Johan Clemmensen DEN
13	05/10/08	Sprint Distance	

If anybody is interested in competing in one or more of these races please let me know.

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AGM 2008

Treasurers Report

Income and Expenditure Account

Overall the IOA has a deficit for 2007 of €3,145 (surplus of €4,092 for 2006). The fall in the surplus to a deficit is due to a fall in event registration fees, an increase spend on junior orienteering and significant investment in our SI capability.

Income

The main source of the IOA income remains the Irish Sports Council Grant. The past grants from the ISC have been as follows:

	2008 €'000	2007 €'000	2006 €'000	2005 €'000
IOA Grant	52.8	46	46	45
Total Grant to NGB's	11,915	9,181	7,625	6,290

Although there has been little increase in 2007 there was an effective increase of €6,000 as the carding scheme is no longer included in the amount allocated. The IOA still recognises excellence but the amount distributed under the IOA scheme is less than under the old carding scheme – this is a function of differing priorities and fewer athletes meeting the minimum standards.

The e-Card rental and sale stream has nearly dried up as more and more competitors now have their own cards and as the clubs take over this activity.

The event registration fees fell in 2007, after an excellent 2006, to more normal levels (2005 €4,736). These fees are accounted for on a cash basis so when it gets accounted for depends on how efficient clubs are at registering events.

There was no TIO income for 2007 and 2006 as the exec decided to cover in full the costs of TIO printing and there are now fewer printing runs as the format moves more online.

The income from high performance and juniors represents the contributions that the senior and juniors make towards international competitions these amounts should be viewed along with the appropriate item in 'Expenses'. For example

	2006 Seniors	2006 Juniors	2007 Seniors	2007 Juniors
Income to IOA	€0	€4,398	€0	€11,700
Payments by IOA	€9,379	€15,909	€8,764	€26,686
Net funding provided by IOA	€9,379	€11,511	€8,764	€14,986

In 2007 the Irish teams were funded to a total of €23,750, this is in comparison to €20,890 for 2006. The main reason for the increase is the extra funding allocated to the junior teams and the increased activity that followed as a result.

Coaching income has increased in 2007 (in 2006 there were no coaching courses run). The figure is made up of amounts received in respect of contributions from participants on first aid courses and controller courses.

Expenses

Many of the items under expenses have already been addressed above (Carding Scheme, High Performance, TIO, Juniors).

Communication Costs include the cost of the website, infoline, photo competition prizes, promotional film and PO Box. The main source of the increase is due to the photo competition and film costs.

The depreciation expense is the writing off of the new SI units that were purchased in 2005 and the additional equipment purchased in 2007. The IOA now has SI equipment that cost over €12,000, this cost is spread over 3 years – just over €4,000 per annum.

The cost of coaching has increased due to the additional courses offered. In addition certain individual were funded to attend the Oringen Clinics and a BAOC controllers & organisers course. The net cost of coaching activities in 2007 (less the income) was €4,566.

2007 was another strong year for mapping activities as the IOA continued to support clubs in their efforts to map new and existing areas.

Insurance costs have increase slightly in 2007. In 2007 the IOA took out officers and directors insurance for the first time – this protects those involved in responsible positions from being sued personally as a result of loss caused by a their negligence. The market for public liability insurance has become much more competitive in recent years (+ is attracting more media attention) hence premiums have been coming down/ static.

In 2007 a scheme was set up to split the SI equipment into 2 (Leinster and Munster kits). As part of the process clubs were given a grant to increase their own SI capability - €400 per club was allocated to give clubs a start in acquiring the basics for running an SI competition.

Other admin costs are self explanatory

Balance Sheet

The cash position of the IOA remains strong. A deficit of €3,145 has translated into a decrease in cash balances of nearly €7,000. The reason for the difference is two fold.

- Additional amounts were spent on SI equipment, the cost of which will be spread over a number of years Income and Expenditure Accounts.
- Also the amounts outstanding from Debtors and owed to Creditors increased by nearly €5,000 – this income in the income statement that were not received at year end.

All of the amounts owing at year end have been paid and all amounts due to the IOA at year end have been collected.

Fixed assets are represented by the new SI units that were purchased during the year and the existing units previously purchased.

The IOA has now a capital surplus of nearly €56,000 which is the enduring legacy of many years of fiscal prudence in the management of the associations affairs.

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Income and Expenditure Account 31/12/2007

Income		2006€	2006€	2007€	2007€
Irish Sports Council					
Grant	Note 1	46,183		46,200	
Carding Scheme	Note 2	<u>0</u>	46,183	<u>0</u>	46,200
Clubs					
Affiliation	Note 3	2,570		2,760	
Event Registration	Note 4	7,129		4,387	
Rental of e-cards		<u>1,229</u>	10,928	<u>120</u>	7,267
TIO	Note 5		0		0
Other income					
High Performance	Note 6	0		0	
Juniors	Note 7	4,398		11,700	
Bank Interest		0		0	
Coaching		0		2,090	
Sundry		<u>0</u>	4,398	<u>0</u>	13,790
Total Income			61,509		67,257

Expenses

Carding Scheme	Note 2	8,750	0
High Performance	Note 6	9,379	8,764
TIO	Note 5	810	0
Depreciation		3,035	4,048
Juniors - training, JWOC, JHI	Note 7	15,909	26,686
Coaching		40	6,656
Mapping	Note 11	8,700	9,625
SI equipment (Grants to Clubs)		186	4,400
Insurance		3,927	4,480
IOF Affiliation		1,900	1,201
Dublin Mountains Initiative			500
IOC Subsidy		500	0
Misc		85	105
Sligo O Development Grant		0	500

WRE Subsidy	500	0
Admin		
Communication Costs	379	2,150
Audit Fee	703	752
Secretary's Honorarium	2,400	0
Bank Fees	39	41
Expenses (postage, travel, meetings)	175	494
	3,696	3,437
Total Expenses	57,417	70,402

Excess Income over Expenditure	4,092	-3,145
(Total Income less Total Expenses)		

Signed on behalf of the IOA executive:
John Casey Marcus Geoghegan 4/5/08

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Balance Sheet 31/12/2007

Assets		2006€	2007€
Non Current Assets			
Equipment		3036	2132
Current Assets			
Cash		75,727	69,010
Debtors	Note 8	2,505	9,495
		78,232	78,505
Total Assets		81,268	80,637
Liabilities			
Non Current Liabilities			
Sundry Creditors	Note 9	22,361	24,875
Total Assets less Liabilities		58,907	55,762
Equity/Represented By			
Balance @ 1/1/XX		54,815	58,907

Surplus for year	4,092	-3,145
	<u>58,907</u>	<u>55,762</u>

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Cash Position of Association @ 31/12/07

Current Account	2006€	2007€
Current Account @ start of year	47,957	75,727
Cash Received	61,693	60,567
Transfer from Deposit Account	16,935	0
Cash Payments	50,858	67,284
Current Account @ end of year	<u>75,727</u>	<u>69,010</u>

Deposit Account

Deposit Account @ start of year	16,932	0
Interest for period	3	0
Transferred to Current Account	-16,935	0
Deposit Account @ end of year	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Cash Balance at start of year	<u>64,889</u>	<u>75,727</u>
Total Cash Balance at end of year	<u>75,727</u>	<u>69,010</u>

Signed on behalf of the IOA executive:
John Casey Marcus Geoghegan 4/5/08

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Notes To Accounts

1: Sports Council Grant

The amount from ISC represents €46,182 which was the association's full grant allocation for 2006.
The grant allocation for 2007 is €46,200.

2: Carding Scheme

The carding system is no longer in operation

Grants are now distributed from the IOA's general resources and are included in the High Performance Budget (see note 6)

3 Affiliation Fees

The following is a list of the affiliated clubs

BOC	CNOC	Kerry O	DUO
3ROC	Cork O	Midland Navigators	UCDO
AITOC	Fingal	Setanta	DFO
Ajax	Galway Orienteers	UCC OC	Sligo OC
BVOC	GEN	Wat O	

Affiliation fees ranged from €65 for new clubs to €200 for the larger clubs

4: Event Registration

The following amounts were received in 2007

	2007	2006
Leinster	1,040	2,924
Munster	2,575	3,875
Conaught	772	330
Total	<u>4,387</u>	<u>7,129</u>

Amounts Paid per club	2007	2006
3ROC	355	440
Ajax	140	270
BOC	820	1540
CNOC	0	560
Cork O	775	1250
Fingal	35	655
WEGO	535	330
GEN	175	210
Kerry	315	315
Sligo	237	0
Setanta	335	335
UCD	0	35
Wat OC	665	660
UCC	0	110
Leinster O Council	0	419
	<u>4387</u>	<u>7129</u>

5: TIO

The IOA has an arrangement with the TIO whereby the IOA covers the printing cost of the TIO and in turn is reimbursed by the TIO. For 2006 & 2007 the Exec took the decision not to seek reimbursement of these costs and to cover the full cost of printing the TIO

Note 6 - High Performance - Costs of Competition

	Grants	WOC	Gear	Total
Amounts Received by IOA	0	0	0	-
Amounts Paid by IOA				
Entries, Accomodation, Grants etc	2,300	4,360	2,104	8,764
Funding Provided	2,300	4,360	2,104	8,764

In 2007 the IOA started its own grant scheme - to replace the Carding System that was administered by the Sports Council directly. The cost of the grants come from IOA resources. Recipients were

	2007
Andrew Quin	1,000
Neil Dobbs	500
Nicholas Simonin	500
Niamh O Boyle	300
	<u>2,300</u>

Note 7 - Juniors - Costs of Competitons

	Training 1	Spring Cup	JK	EYOC	JWOC	Goteborg	Scotland	Training 2	JHI	JEC	Gear	Fund Raising	Misc	Total
Amounts Received by IOA	335	809			1,888	1,560	3,043	598		175	218	3,074	0	11,700
Amounts Paid by IOA														
Entries, Accomodation & Expense	459	1,528	420	1,083	7,786	3,614	5,440	891	152	1,623	2,944	691	55	26,686
Funding Provided	124	719	420	1,083	5,898	2,054	2,397	293	152	1,448	2,726	-2,383	55	14,986

The general method of aiding junior competitors is that juniors pay a significant amount of their costs (travel, accomodation food) and get reimbursed some of those costs depending on the amount of funds that are available at the end of the year and the relative cost of the various competitions

Note 8: Debtors

Amounts due to IOA at 31/12/XX

	2007	2006
Juniors	8775	2505
Affiliation	720	
	<u>9,495</u>	<u>2,505</u>

All amounts due have been received

Note 9: Creditors

Amounts owed by the IOA at 31/12/XX

	2007	2006
Audit Fee	750	700
Juniors	13,044	13,828
Mapping	8,000	3,970
Coaching	848	40
Secretary Hon	-	1,600
SI Equipment	412	-
Meeting Expenses	186	-
Junior Grants	-	2,080
Communication Costs	1,635	143
	<u>24,875</u>	<u>22,361</u>

Note 10: Equipment

The IOA purchased a number of upgraded SI units during the year. These are being depreciated on a straight line basis over 3 years with zero residual

Cost	2007	2006
At start of year	9106	9106
Additions	3144	0
At end of year	<u>12250</u>	<u>9106</u>

Accumulated Depreciation

At start of year	6070	3035
Charge for year	4048	3035
At end of year	<u>10118</u>	<u>6070</u>

Net Book Value

At start of year	<u>3036</u>	<u>6071</u>
At end of year	<u>2132</u>	<u>3036</u>

Note 11: Mapping

	2007	2006
Diapositives	-	3,150
Mapping Grants		
Wat O	400	875
Setanta	-	375
Fingal	-	470
Galway O	960	750
Ajax	900	625
3ROC	-	625
BOC	1,640	1,630
UCD	-	200
DFO	800	-
CNOC	400	-
GEN	400	-
Cork O	2,425	-
Kerry O	1,700	-
Total	<u>9,625</u>	<u>8,700</u>

Irish Orienteering Association AGM 2008

Junior Representative Orienteering

Report 2007 - 08

Overview

There were some excellent Junior results in the last year. Outstanding was Nick Simonin's 4th place in the JWOC Middle Distance Qualification. At the JHI Ruairí Short won M18 & Aine McCann was 3rd W14. Aine was 9th in D15-16 at the Danish Spring Cup. Laurence Quinn was 4th M14 in the JK Sprint, and at the JK Relays Alex Simonin, Alan Lane & Padraig Mulry won the Ad Hoc class. But aside from these obvious results, many other juniors are showing steady improvement and climbing up the results listings.

The numbers involved in the Squad continue to increase, 60 juniors were active with the squad in the last year. 33 juniors attended one training weekend and it has become necessary to limit numbers on these weekends. This makes it easier to focus on varying age-groups and abilities, but multiplies the workload.

International Representative Competitions 2007

Junior World Orienteering Championships (JWOC), Dubbo, Australia, 7-13 July
M20 Colm Hill, Seamus O'Boyle, Fiach O'Rourke, Ruairí Short, Nick Simonin.

W20 Ciara Largey.

Junior European Cup (JEC), Aveyron, France, 12-14 Oct

M20 Seamus O'Boyle, Fiach O'Rourke.

W20 Ciara Largey

M18 Ruairi Short, Nick Simonin.

European Youth Orienteering Championships (EYOC), Eger, Hungary, 22-24 June.

M18 Niall Ewen, Alan Lane, Cian O'Boyle.

M16 Kevin O'Boyle

Junior Home International (JHI), Newcastle, Co. Down, 29-30 Sep.

23 competitors, one short of a full team, including 14 IOA Juniors

W18 Erika Jones, Gemma Malanaphy FermO, Hannah Maxwell LVO, Katarina Stefkova LVO.

W16 Laura Cox WatO, Darina Fyffe FermO, Fiona Hill CNOC.

W14 Rachel Barrett Fin, Siomha Callanan BOC, Aine McCann LVO, Andrea Stefkova LVO.

M18 Niall Ewen Ajax, Cian O'Boyle CNOC, Ruairí Short CNOC, Nicolas Simonin BOC.

M16 Sean Knight LVO, Padraig Mulry MCBS, Kevin O'Boyle CNOC, Conor Short CNOC.

M14 Eoin McCullough 3ROC, Jack Millar LVO, Alex Simonin BOC, Mark Stephens LVO.

Training 2007 - 2008

Training is organised on a joint basis with Greg McCann and the NIOA junior squad.

28 July – 2 Aug (6 juniors) Ruth Lynam & David Healy - Training in Goteborg, Sweden, in preparation for JWOC 2008

1 – 2 Sep (33 juniors) Ruth Lynam - Training & Time Trials, Scarr & Dublin

10 – 11 Nov (20 juniors) Greg McCann - Slievenagore & Meelmore, 16s upwards.

24 Nov (25 juniors) Greg McCann - Crossmurrin

16 – 17 Feb (24 juniors) Darren Burke & Ailbhe Creedon – Inchigeelagh area

8 – 9 Mar (23 juniors) Ruth Lynam - Training & Time Trials, Dublin, Mullaghreelan, Castletown

Squad Tours 2007-2008

5-11 Aug 2007 Scottish 6-day. 16 juniors on the tour, many others travelled separately.

21-24 March 2008 JK England. 18 juniors with squad, 18 squad members independantly.

25-30 March 2008 Training in Goteborg followed by Spring Cup Denmark. 9 juniors.

Other Activities

Selectors

The current Junior Squad selectors are Ruth Lynam CNOC, Greg McCann LVO, Mary Healy GEN.

Fundraising

Sprint Series in Leinster in Jan, Feb, Mar 2008 (planners R Short, C Hill, C Short) raised €1280.

Plans

International Competitions:

JWOC: 29 June-6 July Goteborg Sweden.

JEC: 30 Aug–1 Sep, Belgium; JHI: 20-21 Sep, England; EYOC: 9-12 Oct, Switzerland.

Squad tours to Swedish O-Ringen in July, and French 6-day in August.

Autumn training to include Training/Time Trial weekend late Aug/early September, & Training early November

Many many thanks yet again to Darren Burke, Ailbhe Creedon, David Healy, Niamh O’Boyle for ongoing commitment to Junior coaching. Thanks also to many others including Eileen Hill, Ciara Largey, Olive Simonin, Mary Healy and the juniors’ parents; and most vitally Greg McCann NIOA Junior Squad Manager.

Ruth Lynam

29 April 2008



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Fixtures Secretary's Report IOA AGM 3rd May 2008

The new full season-based registration system last year, where the majority of events for the whole season (1st September – 31st August) have to be registered by a cut-off date before the beginning of the season, continues to perform very well. It simplifies management of the schedule, minimising clashing events, and provides a largely complete calendar well in advance, a necessity for the effective promotion of our sport.

Last year, most clubs registered their events promptly following the compiling of the respective regional calendars. Unfortunately, a minority of clubs continue to be unacceptably slow in registering their assigned events and this will have to be dealt with this year.

The Leinster calendar for next season having been already compiled, I will be expecting all Leinster event registration to be in to me by May 31st. Munster clubs will have 28 days following the compilation of the Munster calendar to have their events registered.

As you are well aware, due to scheduling difficulties, last year's IOC was held over 2 days, comprising long and middle distance events. I would like to take this opportunity to thank WatO for stepping in and organising a very successful Irish Relay Championships in JFK Park last October Bank Holiday Weekend. The IOA reaffirms its commitment to the relays as an integral part of the IOC weekend and the awarding of the hosting of any IOC weekend under its jurisdiction will continue to include the requirement to stage the relays, along with the long and middle distance events.

On the wider context of what event formats we should designate as annual Irish Championships, and the requirements in terms of quality standards, etc., that the hosting clubs would have to meet, the IOA Executive intend to tighten up on this shortly with a clear, unambiguous written policy. On that basis, all future Irish Championships events will have to be firstly authorised and commissioned by the Executive before a club can register its hosting of any such event.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind clubs that event organisation is one of the primary functions of our clubs and I believe that the club affiliation fee structure should be restructured to reward the clubs that take that responsibility seriously. Therefore, I would hope that the membership present will support the motion on club affiliation on the agenda that would allow the IOA Executive to do just that.

Finally, I would like to extend my thanks to CorkO for taking on the enormous task of hosting this year's IOC weekend and look forward to next year's IOC in Donegal!

Fergal Buckley,
IOA Fixtures Secretary

<http://orienteering.ie/fixtures>

Irish Orienteering Association Annual General Meeting

Coaching Officers Report 2008

This is my second report as Coaching officer and I will briefly outline the main areas where work has taken place. Below is a condensed list of items which have been progressed during the year which should be of interest. They fall into two discrete areas, Coaching & Instructor related work.

The Start Coaching Course is ready to be rolled out at present, with the Personal Orienteering Coach should be ready in the Autumn. The Start Coaching course has not been run to date due to the lack of a response from Clubs when asked about organising Training (Only two Clubs responded, GEN & Cork O).

As I stated at the last AGM I require help from others to keep momentum behind some of the projects as I can only progress one at a time. As you can see below I want and need to establish an Orienteering Education committee to share the load between all the interested parties, so that all projects can be progressed simultaneously and to make sure they have a voice in the future developments.

Ok, here are only the Major projects which have been progressed during the year:

New Orienteering Coaching Structure:

Start Coaching (Introduction to Orienteering Coaching):

This course has been agreed with NCTC and is ready to delivered. Resources are ready with more being designed for printing within the Orienteering manual later in the year.

Personal Orienteering Coach (Level One) & Orienteering Club Coach (Level Two):

This is being progressed, but still requires resources to be sourced and tailored to our needs. I have been in contact British Orienteering to purchase their new materials they are producing, which is still on going six months later. I have both the New Zealand and the Australian Manuals if anyone would like a copy. New resources are being developed and sent for drawing in preparation for Rollout of course in the autumn.

I will have a detailed outline and syllabus back up on the coaching Wiki in the next few weeks for all of the above Coaching Levels as well as Level 3 – Provincial Orienteering Coach. You will see that the courses will be far and above anything run by any other close by orienteering federations and negate the need to travel to other jurisdictions, civilian or military!

Coaching Manual:

The First ever Irish Orienteering Manual will be published later this year and will be available to be purchased at that time. It will contain all necessary skills required to Orienteer to a good National standard. This is a product from the work done in developing resources for the Coaching & Instructor courses. If this is successful, the Education committee may follow up with specialist manuals for MTBO, Trail O, Adventure Racers etc and other areas of interest to keep us leading the way in Orienteering Education.

AGM 2007 Motion: Setting Up of a Coaching Commission by the IOF;

This has been submitted and will be debated at this year General Assembly during the World Orienteering Championships. The outcome will be communicated when received back from the Assembly. I hope that they will see the sense in supporting the Motion!

Status of Coaches from previous Coaching Scheme;

A few months ago on the e-group I made a throw away comment that we have no Certified Coaches at present which a number of people tried to tell me was incorrect.

I would like to state categorically that all Coaching certificates issued by the IOA are now out of date, as they required to be renewed within three years of Issue. This was a condition of the old Scheme, which has been altered in the new Coaching Structure. All coaches who have been certified in the past will be assimilated at the lower level to the level they had under the old Scheme. I will be run accelerated courses at level 1 & 2 if demand is sufficient.

Long Term Orienteer Development plan:

The Long Term Orienteer Development plan will be published in partnership with the National Coaching & Training Centre/Coaching Ireland and the Irish Sports Council later in the year. This 40 page, substantial piece of research will form the basis of what we will be in our Coaching awards. Each Club will be sent a copy for your records as will any other interested parties.

New Tutors:

Two to Three Tutors are required to adequately cover the country and replace retired Tutors. The Course will run over 5 weekends starting in October 2008. The course will be paid for by the IOA with daily expenses covered with a modest sum! After finishing the course you will be in charge of delivery of Coaching & Instructor courses across Ireland. This is why I need a number of personnel so that each Province has at least one Tutor. Tutors will not be expected to do this work for free. A financial agreement will be made between the Director of Orienteering Education on behalf of the IOA and the Tutor. The form of the contract will be agreed with executive first!

For those who have been trained through other systems, have experience in delivering course there is an assimilation workshop being run on the weekend of the 24-25th May. If you are interested in this, please make contact with me ASAP.

New Orienteering Instructors Structure: Meeting the needs of Industry;

The need for having a separate structure for Instructors after talking to individuals within the industry became apparent as everyone of them felt that the old Scheme was not meeting their needs on a number of areas. Last year I contacted MCI regarding developing a new common training course, this work has now been overtaken by Adventure sports framework moving faster than anticipated. My main concern is that MCI do not respect our jurisdiction regarding navigation & orienteering in Ireland and develop their own independent syllabus.

This has become even more apparent to me after initiating the Adventure Instructor Training Survey.

Adventure Sports Framework:

In December a Draft framework was drawn up and the comments were requested from each Adventure Sport NGB (MCI, IOA, Sailing, Surfing, Canoeing, Caving, Diving, Mountain Biking). At present meetings are being held monthly to agree the stages of the instructors progressions through the framework and a time frame for piloting the framework. Out of this a few things are required to be produced by the IOA so that we can be ready to pilot the new

Instructor awards:

- Instructor Competencies at each level;
- Proficiency Awards: Grading of Participants;
- Irish Step system: Setting our skills for proficiency Awards;
- Grading of Terrain;

This substantial piece of work is being progressed so that we can pilot these courses with the other NGB's later in the year. There is a huge demand for a quality Orienteering & Land Navigation Instructor course from both employers and employees looking at ways of developing their centres and careers.

These awards will be aimed directly at the needs of Professionals in the Adventure/Activity Industry. Outdoor Education Centre's and other land Navigation Course providers will be targeted and will be rolled out after the successful piloting of the awards as part of the Adventure Sport Instructor Training Accreditation Framework This will not begin until the second half of 2008 at the earliest. Four Main Stages are:

Orienteering Instructor:

Lead groups in small enclosed Areas (Public & Private);
Technical Skills up to TD2, (Daylight Only); (4-8 Hour Course).

Advanced Orienteering Instructor:

Lead groups in Forested Areas (Local & Remote);
Technical Skills up to TD4, (Night O in Parkland & Forested Areas) (1 Day Course).

Senior Orienteering Instructor:

Lead groups in Open Mountain Areas;
Technical Skills up to TD5+, (Night O in Open Mountain);
They will be allowed to Tutor & Assess Instructors under guidance of a Master Instructor; (4-6 Days Course).

Master Orienteering Instructor:

All the above, Plus, being IOA Licensed, Orienteering Instructor Trainer; They will be allowed to Tutor & Assess all grades of Orienteering Instructors without guidance with the IOA as Quality Assurance of the providers.

Within the Framework there is also the possibility of having Specialist Instructors.

Instructor & Advanced Instructor stages will also be aimed at **Primary & Secondary Teachers** to support them with syllabus rollout. It is our intention to Run courses in partnership with other Adventure NGB's and the JCPE support services to minimise the overlap in Navigation Training & generic course content of Adventure Sport Professionals. Discussions have already begun with industry and the JCPE support service based in Castlebar and will be progressed with their help and input.

This is an on going project in conjunction with the Framework meetings will soon progress to becoming a group of individuals being brought together in the very near future to produce a full an in-depth list of skills and competencies required at each level.

AAAS (Adventure Sport standard authority) is to finally come into existence when the ISC act is amended to allow for subsidiaries (Along with IIS (Institute of Sport)& CI (Coaching Ireland). I believe this will happen later in the year.

Adventure Instructor Training Survey;

During the early part of 2008 I decided to gather information from Outdoor Adventure Industry Companies regarding the Orienteering Activity they are carrying out with or without qualified IOA Instructors. Results will be released later in the year and used to target training at Centres which are doing a lot of development work for us. From the returned forms received so far, most centres average 5,000 Orienteering participants each and every year. There are over 300 Outdoor Adventure Activity centres out there, so there is a lot more Orienteering going on than we think. And I haven't made contact with the Scouts or the Guides yet! Sample survey form is on the Coaching Wiki.

Name Changes:

Coaching Officer to Director of Orienteering Education;

I proposed a motion to change the name of the Coaching Officer position on the Executive to better reflect the scope and size of work involved within this position. Working with Adventure Industry Instructors, Teachers as well as orienteering Coaches requires the widening of the remit officially to better reflect the work being carried out within this position.

Orienteering Training Board to Orienteering Education committee;

Again to better reflect the work which needs to be carried out, I will be seeking to re-establish the Orienteering Training Board as the Orienteering Education committee with positions representing Coaches, Instructors, Teachers (Primary &/or Secondary) and Tutors to better reflect the new structures and to ensure the rollout of the new courses in a timely manner. If you have an interest in doing a little bit of work to help the development of the sport, please make yourself known to me!

Next Year:

While I would like to continue for another year, if re-elected, that will be my last year on the Executive (Masters to finish, new club to get off the ground!)

My main aim for the year is to consolidate and finish the work I have started over the last two years so that the next person following will be able to put their stamp on the position without any clean up first!

I will continue to Tutor on behalf of the new Director of Orienteering Education and support the Education committee in any way I can to achieve a good transfer

A lot of Money and energy will be invested in Orienteering Education this year, be it Resources, Research or Staff, to produce the best & most comprehensive Orienteering Education structure that we can, but it needs to be supported by Orienteers, Clubs & other interested parties to make it truly work and bare fruit.

Lastly, since we do not have development Officer, one small Mini Development project for someone to take on would be to coordinate the Mapping of Small Areas – VEC Outdoor Education Centres and small parks around the country. The Local Sports Partnerships and some schools have financial resources available to them to produce maps. I would like this to be made a priority by someone to help in the rollout of Instructor & Coaching Awards and will be of immense benefit in developing our sport in areas we do not have a presence in at the moment.

Sorry for the length of the report!

Ed Niland

Ajax OC

(From 1/6/08: BORU Orienteers)

Any documents which I have mentioned are available on the Coaching Wiki or by contacting me directly at coaching@orienteering.ie

PS: This year, any emails that I feel are “unhelpful” to me or to the work I am doing will be published on the e-group and if deemed appropriate by the Executive, the sender will not be welcome at any future events or courses I have authority over.

I have no problem getting constructive criticism, but I do & I will take exception to the type of emails that I have gotten in the past.

If you feel that strongly about something, do something about it.

Mapping Officer's report to the 2008 IOA AGM
Castletownbere, May 3rd 2008

*Irish Orienteers owe a huge debt of gratitude to those unsung heroes who have put time and energy into producing new and updated maps.
Without them our sport dies.*

2007/2008 has been a steady year for the completion of Irish Orienteering maps – a number of new league and school maps have been produced and one new championship area has been introduced. At the 2007 AGM nobody stepped forward to take on the job of IOA mapping officer and the IOA Chairman agreed to continue in this role for another year. The clubs are strongly encouraged to find someone to take on this role as a matter of urgency.

2007 IOA Mapping Grant Allocations (see mapping.orienteering.ie for full details)

(Budget: €8,000) (9 Clubs Applied)

IOC 2009	€960
Photogrammetry/Basemap	€4,800
School/Campus	€1,200
Printing	€840
Printers	€100
OCAD	€100
Total claimed:	€8,000

2008 Mapping Grant Scheme: Budget is €8,000 – the 2008 grant scheme is left up to the incoming mapping officer.

mapping.orienteering.ie: The mapping section of [orienteering.ie](http://mapping.orienteering.ie) has been continuously updated during the past year. All suggestions for improvement are welcome, no matter how small.

Waterproof maps: Some research was done during the year on options for waterproof map printing and the results were published on Irish Orienteering eGroup. Some samples are still available.

Trinity College Map Archive: Brian Hollinshead of 3ROC is running a very successful project to collect a map set for inclusion in TCD's national map archive – we are very grateful to him for the time that he has put into this very valuable project, full details of which are published on the Irish Orienteering eGroup.

IOA Map Survey: The IOA map survey, based on original work by Gerry Brady in the 1990s, has been updated. Please notify the Mapping Officer of any errors. This survey is the closest that the IOA has to a map register. Since taking on the job of IOA mapping officer in 2003 I have been unable to locate any official IOA map register – it seems to have disappeared sometime during the 1990s.

Map Registrations (since last AGM)

Carrigshouk	Wicklow	Ajax
Ballydavid	Glen of Aherlow	CorkO
Coolacullig (Coachford) wood	Cork	BOC
Dromina Wood	Caterford	BOC
Castleblagh Wood	Ballyhooley	BOC
Kilworth Forest	Kilworth	BOC
Rahin Wood	Edenderry	DFO
Sliabh Ward	Ballisodare Co. Sligo	SligO
Hill of Tara	Meath	Fingal
Trim castle	Meath	Fingal
Dalgan park	Meath	Fingal
Balrath wood	Meath	Fingal
Littlewood	Meath	Fingal

Map Data: At last year's AGM I highlighted how often our “partial” maps omit vital information such as scale, north arrow, contour interval, map name, names of the survey team, OSI license information and usually they do not assert copyright. This is bad practice; competitors are not given vital information, the mappers are not given credit for their work and legal ownership is not clear. Clubs are encouraged to layout their maps such that an information box containing the map's data can be easily included in a partial map print.

Next Year: I recommend that the following areas be addressed by the incoming IOA mapping officer:

1. We need to centralise and publish all available information about best practice in map printing so that clubs can benefit from each other's experiences.
2. We need to run a technical OCAD and *computers in mapping* course to encourage best practice in using technology for map creation.

With a number of very notable exceptions the days of club-produced championship maps are dying – mapping is now a commercial activity. We need to find ways to pay appropriate rates for professional mapping services if we are to continue to compete on the high-quality maps that we have come to expect from our mappers.

Marcus Geoghegan, IOA Mapping Officer
mapping.orienteering.ie

May 3rd, 2008

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Report of Controller of Technical Standards

When I took on this job at last year's AGM, I undertook to review the Competition Rules and Guidelines from Spring of this year. This I have started with a review and revision of the rules and guidelines for relay events, that I hope will be approved and published shortly.

What is clear is that the existing Rules and Guidelines badly need to be brought up to date to cover new forms of orienteering, the now common use of electronic timing, and more modern practices in event organization. To assist in the further revision of the rules and guidelines, I would like to set up a Technical Standards Sub-Committee and I will be writing to the Chairmen of the regional Associations asking them to nominate representatives. I would also be interested in hearing from anyone who has an interest in this topic.

Harold White

26 April 2008

Subject: Admin Assistant Report
From: osec@orienteering.ie
Date: Mon, 23 Jun 2008 10:56:51 +0100
To: IOA Committee <committee@orienteering.ie>

All,

Since it is the season for reports I thought I should put some words on paper about the job of Admin Assistant.

I started at the beginning of January 08.

Early on it was busy catching up and setting things up.

The type of work I have done can be divided into 2 categories. (1) everyday tasks (2) projects

Everyday tasks:

responding to emails, sending emails, putting up info on egroups
lodging cheques
Club affiliation

Projects:

Setting up new mailing address.
Updating club email addresses
Info for report to IOF
Past Irish Champions for Classic, Middle and Relays (there are still some gaps to be filled in)

AGM (accomadation, Tero & Ondrej, Equipment, Information on o.ie,)
Updating info after AGM (Champions, Minutes, Awards, contact info,)
Insurance (gathering data, emails, club requests,
Old IOA documents (throwing out and keeping documents)
Distributing Child Protection reports and Literature to clubs.
Travel information for Junior trips (flights, accomadation and car hire)
Trophy Information (ongoing)
Contact Information for Clubs and Committee

time involved:

On average over the first few months I have spent about 1 to 1.5 hours each working day doing IOA work.

There is a lot of variation from week to week, it was especially busy before AGM and in Jan and Feb. June has been very quiet.

The summer may also be a good time if any of you has large projects you want me to help with.

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Irish Orienteering Association Annual General Meeting

Motion at the to Change an Executive Officer's Title

Motion:

I Propose to change the name of the Coaching Officer to Director of Orienteering Education on the Executive of the IOA to better reflect the full remit of the post and to change the Orienteering Training Boards name to the Orienteering Education Committee for the same reason.

Proposed:

Ed Niland (Ajax OC)

I propose to change the name of the Coaching Officer position on the Executive to better reflect the scope and size of work involved within this position. Working with Adventure Industry Instructors, Teachers as well as orienteering Coaches requires the widening of the remit officially to better reflect the work being carried out within this position.

I will be seeking to re-establish the Orienteering Training Board as the Orienteering Education committee with positions representing Coaches, Instructors, Teachers (Primary &/or Secondary) and Tutors to better reflect the new structures and to ensure the rollout of the new courses in a timely manner.

Article 7.3 would now read as:

“7.3 The Executive Officers of the Association shall consist of:

- (1) Chairperson,**
- (2) Honorary Secretary,**
- (3) Honorary Treasurer,**
- (4) Mapping Registrar,**
- (5) Fixtures Secretary and Environmental Officer,**
- (6) Controller of Technical Standards,**
- (7) Director of High Performance Orienteering,**
- (8) Junior Representative Orienteering and National Children's Officer,**
- (9) Public Relations Officer**
- (10) Director of Orienteering Education,**
- (11) Development Officer.”**

Article 9.5 would now read as:

“9.5 Irish Orienteering Education Committee (IOEC). The Director Orienteering Education shall chair this board, and he shall also appoint its members. All IOEC decisions are subject to approval of the Executive Committee.”

The sharing of work is vital if forward momentum is to be sustained.
Please see my Annual Report for more information regarding this point.

Irish Orienteering Association Annual General Meeting

Motion at the AGM to Change the Process of Modifying Affiliation Fees

Motion:

I propose to replace the wording in item 11.3 “The members present at a General Meeting” with “The IOA Executive” and to delete item 11.5 of the constitution.

Proposed:

Mary O’Connell

Treasurer IOA

I propose to change the current situation where the members present at the AGM decide if there is to be a change in the affiliation fees to a situation whereby the Executive decide the level of affiliation fees to be levied according to the current and expected requirements of the organisation.

Currently the members, who are present at the AGM, determine whether the affiliation fees are to be changed. Any change to the fees requires an amendment to the constitution. It is proposed that the Executive, which is composed of ordinary club members, will determine the level of fees in the future in accordance with the current and expected needs of the organisation.

Article 11.3 would now read:

“The IOA Executive shall have the power to revise annual affiliation fees for clubs. Different fees may be payable according to the following classifications of club – Open, Closed, Specialist, Non-Specialist, (and permutations thereof).”

Article 11.5 currently reads as follows

“The scale of annual club affiliation fees to the IOA shall be as follows.

- (1) For closed orienteering clubs the affiliation fee shall be the lesser of €130 or €2 per member.
- (2) For orienteering clubs other than closed clubs with up to 50 members the affiliation fee shall be €130.
- (3) The club affiliation fee for clubs other than closed clubs with over 50 members shall be €130 plus €2 for the 51st and every subsequent member.
- (4) The affiliation fee for new clubs shall be €65 for each of the first three years of the club’s existence.

It is proposed to delete article 11.5 to enable the IOA Executive to set the annual affiliation fees and modify them from time to time as required.

A motion from the IOA chairman to the Annual General Meeting of the Irish Orienteering Association, 2008, that proposes the following new rules for the annual awards:

The Irish orienteering Association presents three annual awards. These awards are of equal status and reflect the Irish orienteering community's recognition of an individual's contribution to the sport.

Silva Trophy: for the development of orienteering – achieving something that will grow the sport. Some examples are: a new map; a new technology; bringing orienteering to a new part of the country; introducing a new group to the sport; revitalising a neglected area of the sport; enhancing the social aspects of the sport.

Mactire Trophy: for achievement in orienteering competition by a member of an IOA affiliated club in the previous calendar year, in any age category, in any orienteering discipline, anywhere.

Silva Award: – for the administration of orienteering at a local or national level, or for involvement in the staging of a major event.

Eligibility:

- Once five years have passed a person is again eligible to win an award that they have won before
- Serving IOA committee members cannot receive the Silva Trophy or Silva Award, but they can receive the Mactire Trophy.

Nominations:

- must be from an IOA affiliated club or a member of an IOA affiliated club and they do not need to be seconded
- must contain a short description of why the nominee should receive the award - typically this will be two or three sentences.
- should indicate if the person was nominated unsuccessfully in a previous year
- must clearly state which of the three awards the nomination is for
- must be submitted by the closing date
- should be for an individual – group nominations are discouraged
- will be published on orienteering.ie in advance of the award ceremony
- cannot be from a current Judge or from a current member of the IOA Executive committee

Judges:

- the previous year's award winners will form a committee with three equal votes and will select the winners of this year's three awards
- if committee members are unavailable then the IOA chairman will nominate alternative members
- the judges' decision is final
- if the judges feel that a nominee has been put forward for an incorrect category then they can re-assign the nomination to any other category
- group awards are discouraged – the judges should strive to select individual winners
- if there are no nominations, or if the Judges feel that the nominees are not of the required standard, then an award may not be given.

Awards:

- will be publicised on orienteering.ie and elsewhere
- should be given out at the AGM of the IOA, unless there is a good logistical reason for choosing another occasion
- will be kept safe by the winners and returned to the IOA administrative assistant in good time for the next award ceremony.

Silva Trophy:

"This award should be presented to a person who has contributed in a most deserving manner to the development of orienteering in the country."

Nominees:

Andrew Cox (WATO)

John Casey (AJAX)

The winner for the Silva Trophy for 2007 is Andrew Cox

Nomination by Peter Kernan (AJAX)

I would like to nominate Andrew Cox of WatO for the Silva trophy in recognition of the outstanding work that he has done over many years to promote and develop Schools Orienteering in the southeast and nationally. His tireless commitment will undoubtedly lead to a new generation of orienteers and a healthy future for the sport.

Nomination by Hugh Dobbs, Chairman, WATO

As an individual orienteer he is very active at local events and frequently travels within Ireland and abroad to compete.

He has been active in the development of orienteering locally:

- * as PRO for WATO, he has achieved increasing coverage in local newspapers and produced the WATO website

www.iol.ie/~newtownw/wato (currently there are technical difficulties with updating this) and more recently has started a blog at

www.waterfordorienteers.blogspot.com (strictly speaking, this may perhaps be 2008 rather than 2007, but it reflects his ongoing commitment to developing new communication modes)

- * he has planned and/or controlled numerous events including local events, SouthEast League events and Irish events such as the Relays in Kennedy Park

- * he has revised and updated maps, including those for Carrickbyrne, Portlaw/Tower Hill and Portlaw/Kilbunny

- * he has been instrumental in the introduction of SI electronic equipment in WATO, first on a trial scale and then on a scale sufficient to run local or regional events.

He has been especially active in the promotion of schools orienteering:

- * he has produced orienteering maps of Newtown School, Waterford and of St Angela's School, Waterford

- * he has run training sessions in both these schools

- * he has run training sessions for primary schools in the Waterford area

- * he has planned, controlled and/or managed local, regional and Irish events for primary and secondary schools.

Silva Award:

"This is intended for a person who has made an outstanding contribution to orienteering mainly in a background type capacity, i.e. someone who is not an elite orienteer or has not been a member of the Executive or Regional committees."

Nominees:

Fachna Healy – CORKO
Eoin Dunne 3ROC
Finn van Gelderen, Ondrej Pijak & David Healy - GEN
Brian Power - SETANTA
Pat Healy - CNOC

The winner of the Silva Award for 2007 is Brian Power

Nomination by Terry Lawless

Brian is our mapping officer in Setanta and has nurtured the skill of map making for others in the club. He has always been available for advice and will gladly give demonstrations and walk the ground for surveying and explain the finer points of map interpretation.

Brian is our main competition organiser and has tirelessly organised LL events over the last 7 years that I know him, he was one of the driving forces behind the recent Leinster Championship and did a lot of networking to organise the map.

He is also one of the original members of Setanta and has been active for the last 25 years competitively as well as on a committee level, he has kept the ship afloat during the darkest of days when numbers were low and there was talk of disbandment!

He has also taken over the role of Minding and administrating the Si card system, making sure all is shared out and kept in order.

Mactire Trophy:

"This trophy is presented to a person who has made an outstanding contribution to orienteering during the previous year in any of the following:

- a) Achievement in Competition.*
- b) Mapping, planning, controlling or organising an event.*
- c) Administration.*

d) Other activities which the IOA may consider meritable"

Nominees:

Ruiri Short -CNOC

Mary Healy - GEN

Nick Simonin - BOC

Raymond and Teresa Finlay - FERMO

The winner of the Mactire Trophy for 2007 is Mary Healy

Nomination by GEN Committee

Mary did very good work in the last year to promote orienteering in Leinster: Firstly by attending a demanding week long planners course in the UK and secondly for her outstanding work with Leinster Schools Orienteering in 2007. This was a huge personal commitment from her while maintaining the highest standards. It was all done with good humour and a desire that the children also enjoy the events. And planning and organising schools championships. These events also received TV publicity. The GEN committee highly recommends Mary for the Mactire Award.

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CLUB

1	Fergal Buckley	Kerry O.
2	Brian O'Shaughnessy	3ROE.
3	Ruth Lyman	CNOC
4	Mary O'Connell	3ROC
5	Jane O'Brien	Kerry O.
6	Matt McAlinden	DUO
7	Colm Hill	CNOC/AFO
8	STUART SCOTT	UCPO
9	Sergio Neri	8FT
10	Andrew Quin	3ROC
11	Mark Doble	Walt O
12	Conor Short	CNOC
13	Fiach O'Rourke	Fingal
14	Hannah Maxwell	LVO
15	Colm Moran	3ROC
16	OLIVE Simonin	BOC.
17	Nick Simonin	BOC
18	Andrew Cox	WATO
19	John Casey	AAAX
20	KEVIN O'RIORDAN	SETANTA.
21	Sharon Lucy	BOC
22	Deirdre O'Neill	Fingal
23	PAT RYAN	FINGAL
24	Pete Resnan	ATAX
25	Sean O'Neill	Fingal
26	Giles O'Connell	LVO.
27	Stephen Knight	LVO
28	Gordon Stephens	LVO
29	Lorraine Counihan.	Schools.

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CLUB

30	Brenda Hynes.	GEN
31	Jonathan Quinn	GEN
32	DAVID QUINN	GEN
33	PAT HENRY	CNOC
34	Kathryn Valley	finch.
35	C. B. Colleen Robinson	SET
36	Sam Bassett	SET
37	Alan Loughlin	CNOC
38	Laurence Quinn	GEN
39	David Healy	GEN
40	Con Dunne	PROC
41	Rory Costello	Henry O
42	Sarah H. Muir	FIN
43	Mary Healy	GEN
44	FINN VAN Gelderen	GEN
45	Andrew Butterfield	GEN
46	TED LUCKY	FIRM O
47	ED NILAND	ASAX. OC
48	Brendan O'Brien	KO
49	Aine Sajo	