



Irish Orienteering Association



Minutes of Meeting for the IOA Annual General Meeting

Date: Sunday 13th April 2003
Time: 4:00 PM
Location: Woodland Court Hotel, south of Bray

1. Attendance:

- David Healy (GEN), Ger Power (3ROC), Jean Mullen (3ROC), Brendan O'Brien (AJAX), Ruth Lynam (CNO), John McCulloch (3ROC), Fergal Buckley (KerryO), Mick Kellitt (GEN), Ted Lucey (CGO), Sharon Lucey (BOC), Andrew O'Mullane (GEN), Aonghus O'Cleirigh (AJAX), Dave Weston (Setanta), Mary Healy (GEN), John Casey (WATO), Frank Ryan (WEGO), Michael Phung (NUIGO).

2. Apologies:

- Paul Dunne (WEGO), Jean O'Neill (Fingal), Vera Murtagh, Ailbhe Creedon.

3. Minutes of previous AGM: Passed without comment.

4. Matters arising from the minutes of the previous AGM:

- Michael Phung was seconded to the post of Honorary Secretary soon after the 2002 Annual General Meeting.
- Mick Kellitt was seconded to the post of Coaching Officer after Christmas 2002.

5. Chairman's Address: Presented at the meeting.

6. Hon. Secretaries Report: Presented at the meeting.

- Following a point from the floor about the need for more effective communication to the clubs, it is pointed out that the clubs have to ensure their working channels of communication are made known to the Honorary Secretary, and to point out alternative communication channels from time to time when necessary, especially if existing methods do not seem satisfactory.

7. Hon Treasurers Report: Presented at the meeting.

8. Fixtures Secretary Report: Presented at the meeting.

- Following a request from the floor for the need to co-ordinate fixtures scheduling such that stipulated national team qualifying events be arranged to avoid clashing with international events, the point is duly noted by the Fixtures Secretary.

9. Mapping Officer's Report: Presented at the meeting.

- Following a question from the floor, it is clarified that the new mapping scheme of providing one A3 colour printer to each regional association has not been communicated beyond the IOA Executive.
- Following a question from the floor, it is also clarified that the Mapping Grant is a lump sum which the IOA receives from the Irish Sports Council, which is then distributed amongst the mapping applications which are made within the stipulated time period the grant is applied to. As such, there is no fixed amount to be awarded to each club for mapping.

10. High Performance Officer's Report: Presented at the meeting.

- Following a question from the floor, it was mentioned that the Senior National Squad has a separate website that contains relevant information concerning the Senior National Squad, including the prospective orienteers

who would be considered in the running to make the Senior National Squad, and whose performance would be evaluated objectively according to the stipulated requirements of the selection process. The list in place would be reviewed after the World Championships this summer, and once updated would be communicated to via the YahooGroups email address.

11. Junior Affairs Officer's Report: Presented at the meeting.

- Following a question from the floor, the recent good experience of the Junior National Squad at the Spring Cup was recounted. The Spring Cup is an international event that draws not only national squads but also local clubs, thus creating a lower key, mixed competition, with less stress, but no let up on standards. Based on this year's performance, it is likely that the Junior National Squad would be participating in next year's Spring Cup again.
- A commendation was given to the Junior Affairs Officer for the good work done with the Junior Squad. This was also noted by a comment from the floor on the fact that the juniors are progressing and eventually "graduating" to become serious contenders for the Senior National Squad.
- Following a question from the floor, it was pointed out that the approach taken with the juniors on a whole is to get as many interested participants to try out for the Junior National Squad. No pre-selection is made, since the main aim is to try and get as many to join as possible. (A possible reason could be that orienteering is a minority sport). The budget is not of the main concern – rather it is the potential sportsperson that such an exercise could uncover. The other objective of the approach taken with the juniors is to create a social bond between these budding sportspersons, who would otherwise not have known many other young orienteers like themselves where they are (this is due to the fact that the juniors from which the Junior National Squad is drawn from comes from various parts of the country).
- It is also pointed out that there is a lack of basic training amongst the interested participants who are called out to try for the Junior National Squad. This points to a lack of training provided at the provincial and clubs level, from which these young people would have had made their first contact with orienteering. The Junior Affairs Officer proposes to negotiate with the regional associations' junior development officers to hold one or two annual junior training camps in their own region..

12. Development Officer's Report: No report given.

13. Technical Officer's Report: Presented at the meeting.

- Following a question from the floor, it is pointed out that Coillte has been involved in top-level executive meetings with the Technical Officer, with great potential for orienteering clubs to profit from it, if they abide by the existing conditions set out by Coillte, such as respect for designated out-of-bounds area, and also getting feedback on strategic forest management surveys at local and regional levels.

14. Coaching Officer's Report: Verbally presented at the meeting.

A loose transcript is as follows:

- Stewart Caithness (FERMO) and O'Donoghue have been awarded with a total grant of €1000 (€500 per person) to help with the costs of attending the Swedish Clinics that are run in conjunction with the Swedish-O-Ringen event.
- Details of a tutor development course offered by the National Coaching and Training Council (NCTC) commencing in July 2003 until end of 2004 shows that a commitment in terms of 6 weekends would be required. (A tutor would be recognised by the NCTC to be eligible to train coaches, whereas a coach would only be recognised by the NCTC to be eligible to train sportspersons. There are no paper qualification barriers against applications to join the tutor development course offered by the NCTC – experience with a sport would be much lauded).
- An article by Pat Farrelly published in the TIO has been noted as the seminal idea that will lead the Coaching Officer's approach towards coaching at club levels. There are a number of NCTC accredited coaches who will be contacted and approached, with a general view to enlist them to help out on an organised fashion with basic skills training. These skills would be packaged into a series of modules open to all interested, with no restrictions on repetition.
- Following the verbal report, a point raised from the floor for requests with help with coaching at club level was duly noted by the Coaching Officer as one of the possible capacities that the above approached coaches could fill.
- Another point raised from the floor was the idea of a combined clubs coaching day where the costs (administrative and otherwise) would be shared amongst a few clubs, and would rely on a group of coaches, to provide training for club members.

- A final point raised from the floor was the idea of a coaching clinic to be held before an event, such that those interested could come earlier to be coached, before implementing the skills and techniques taught in the actual event.

15. Public Relations Officer's Report: Presented at the meeting.

- A point was raised from the floor about the lack of the promised information pack that was to be made available for the National Orienteering Day activities held by the clubs, which was met with the admission of failure by the part of executives other than the Public Relations Officer to prepare such an information pack, despite numerous attempts. The Public Relations Officer was not involved in the preparations and publicity related to the promised information packs.
- Following a question raised from the floor, fixtures listing and other information from the IOA (for example, with regards to matters relating to clubs and regional associations) would be channelled to the TIO as well as any other relevant channels (either mailed out to clubs as indicated in their contact addresses or via the YahooGroups email address). Where relevant, such information is to be notated with a remark to indicate that it is intended for wide circulation via publication in the TIO.
- Following a point made about current attempts to disseminate information by mailing printed fixtures list to clubs, as well as leaving copies at events for pick-up by orienteers present, it is pointed out that the club and their respective secretaries have an important job in disseminating information received in due course, to their ordinary members. The advances of electronic means such as email and websites indicates the increasing need to adopt and use such mediums of communication, in order to reduce the time spent voluntarily on such matters. (The present number of about 140 people using the YahooGroups email address does not truly reflect the full range of people who need to be informed about events and information, especially at periods near to major events where there might be last-minute changes – this is where the electronic medium is useful in conveying large amounts of information within short periods effectively).
- Do note that fixtures and listings publication remain the domain of the Fixtures Secretary and the individual club's internal communication channels – the Public Relations Officer in this case is not involved with any of the above actions or ideas related to disseminating information on fixtures, as those produced by the Fixtures Secretary on a regular basis. The Public Relations Officer was concerned with the promotion of the sport externally, and undertakes measures as and when thought necessary to facilitate this objective. As such, the above comments from the floor have not been directed towards the work done by the Public Relations Officer, which might have been focussed more on internal information channels between the clubs and the IOA, and within the clubs from their appointed contact persons to their individual members.

16. No Motions were processed.

17. Election of Officers:

The following positions were returned unopposed, and some left vacant.

Position	Elected Officers
Chairman	- Vacant
Honorary Secretary	Michael Phung
Honorary Treasurer	John Casey
Coaching Officer	Mick Kellitt
Mapping Officer	Dave Weston
Fixtures and Environment Secretary	Fergal Buckley
Technical Standards Officer	- Vacant
High Performance Officer	Brendan O'Brien
Public Relations Officer	Paul Dunne
Development Officer	- Vacant
Junior Affairs Officer	Mary Healy
Child Protection Officer	Barbara Foley-Fisher

18. Appointment of Auditors:

The services of Bryan and Walters are retained for another year.

19. Announcement of Awards:

- The Mactire Award, for the year 2002, is awarded to Ruth Lynam (CNOC). The Silva Trophy, for the year 2002, is awarded to Bob Pinker (CorkO). The Silva Award, for the year 2002, is awarded to Nora Lalor

(GEN). The Silva Trophy has been passed to Ted Lucey on behalf of the IOA to convey it to Bob Pinker. The updated list, and explanation of the awards, can be found at the end.

- Third Level Coaching Badges were also presented for coaches who have been recently certified for this qualification by the National Coaching and Training Council. The following are their names: Aonghus O'Cleirigh, Brendan Cryan, Colm Rothery, Damien Cashin, Frank Ryan, Mick Kellitt, Toni O'Donovan, Colm O'Halloran, Justin May, Deirdre Ryan, Paul Dunne, and Ailbhe Creedon.

20. AOB

- Commendations were given to Frank Ryan for the good work done as a chairman for the past three years, and for his overall commitment to the IOA, including his office as Coaching Officer for the five years prior to taking the office of Chairman.
- An observation was raised from the floor that the number of people attending the Annual General Meeting was in decline, and it was pointed out that the clubs have a responsibility to be involved with the activities of the IOA. In this respect, participation by individuals is seen to be as important as sharing of information from the executives of the IOA.
- Following a point raised up about the difficulties faced by recently formed clubs when trying to bring proof of insurance coverage as provided by affiliation to the IOA, a list of affiliated clubs would be appended to the cover notes sent to each club after the renewal of the insurance coverage, as a method of immediate identification, whereas the list of affiliated clubs would be provided to the insurance company, to ensure that each affiliated club can be acknowledged by the insurance company when queried.
- From the floor there was an observation about an annual ecumenical service for the gift of sport held in Dublin, and the suggestion that a representative of the IOA attend the service will be pursued.
- From the executives, it is noted that the Federation of Irish Sports will be holding their Annual General Meeting soon on Saturday, the 26th of April, which will be preceded by a forum, and a representative of the IOA Executive, Brendan O'Brien, will be present.
- From the floor, a suggestion about acquiring a pool of O-suits for use by National Squad members was agreed to, with the effect that the IOA liaises with Silva to get substantial sponsorship for the pool of National Squad O-suits, and then these subsidised O-suits would be bought by those who make the National Squad. The difficulty of maintaining a perpetual National Squad O-suit is complicated by the fact that Silva's sponsorship is substantial (effectively covering 2/3 of the costs), whereby Silva then dictates to a certain degree the type of designs which they want on the O-suits. Furthermore, there are no volunteers who would like to get involved with the logistics of keeping, maintaining and transporting the O-suits (about 30 plus, with about 8 or so variations) to the various National Squad members as and when needed.
- From the floor, a question about the criteria for the Map of the Year award had drawn forward the need to re-evaluate the award, as previously the intention of the award was to encourage neatly drawn maps, which it has succeeded by and large, but now other objectives might possible come into play, such as accuracy of the maps. It will be considered further by the Mapping Officer.

IOA Annual Awards List - as of the 2003 IOA AGM

Silva Trophy

To a person who has contributed in a most deserving manner to the development of Orienteering in the country.

Silva Trophy Previous Winners:

1981
1982
1983
1984 Pat Healy - CNOC
1985
1986 Sean Cotter - CorkO
1987
1988
1989 Brian Corbett - CorkO
1990 John McCullough/Bernard Creedon
1991 Liam O'Brien/Mary Curran - CorkO
1992 John Walsh - PXN
1993 Brian Hollinshead - 3ROC
1994 Marcus Pinker - CorkO

1995 Eileen Loughman - CNOC
1996 Colin Dunlop - 3ROC
1997 Noel Donagh - MidNav
1998 Ted Lucey - BOC
1999 Ken Griffin
2000 Faith White - SET
2001 Julie Cleary and Ronan Cleary - 3ROC
2002 Bob Pinker - CorkO

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 four capacities:

- a) Achievement in Competition
- b) Mapping, planning, controlling or organising an event.
- c) Administration.
- d) Other activities which the IOA may consider meritable.

Mactire Trophy Previous Winners:

1981 Catherine Murtagh
1982 John McCullough - 3ROC
1983 Frank Ryan - PXN
1984 Faith White - Set
1985 Nuala Creagh - 3ROC
1986 Aonghus O'Cleirigh - AJAX
1987 Padraig Higgins - PXN
1988 Sean Cotter - CorkO
1989
1990
1991 Frank Cunnane - CorkO
1992 Bernard Creedon - CorkO
1993 Pat Flanagan
1994 Trina Cleary - 3ROC
1995 Richard Kavanagh/Miriam NiChoitir - CorkO
1996 Una Creagh -
1997 Kevin O'Dwyer - CorkO
1998 Marcus Pinker - CorkO
1999 Justin May - 3ROC
2000 Rosarie Kiernan - GEN
2001 John Feehan - AJAX
2002 Ruth Lynam - CNOC

Silva Award

This trophy is presented to a person who has made an outstanding contribution to Orienteering during the previous year mainly in a backroom type capacity, i.e. not a prominent elite orienteer, not a member of national or regional committees.

Silva Award Previous Winners:

1996 Robert O'Connor - CorkO
1997 John McCullough - 3ROC
1998 Margaret Creedon - CorkO
1999 Martin Flynn - AJAX
2000 Lindie Naughton - 3ROC
2001
2002 Nora Lalor - GEN



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High Performance Orienteering Report IOA AGM 13th April 2003

1. Appointments:

WOC 2003 Team Manager and Coach appointed

1.1. Team Manager: Brendan O'Brien

1.2. Team Coach: John Casey

2. Senior Teams Selected

Senior orienteering teams were selected and entered for the following international competitions during 2002.

2.1. World Cup Races

- Round 1 – Belgium, 2nd – 3rd June.
 - Team: John Feehan, Andrew Quinn, Neil Dobbs
 - Team: Faye Pinker, Fionne Austin
- Round 2 – Switzerland, 7th – 9th June.
 - Team: John Feehan, Andrew Quinn, Neil Dobbs
 - Team: Faye Pinker, Fionne Austin
- Round 3 – Norway, 30th June – 3rd July.
 - No Team was selected
- Round 4 – Sweden, 5th – 7th July.
 - No Team was selected
- FINAL ROUND - Brno, Czech Republic, 1st - 5th October.
 - Team: Colm Rothery, Marcus Pinker, Alan Barry, & Darren Burke

2.2. European Orienteering Championships 2002 - Hungary, 23 – 30 September

- Team: Colm Rothery, Marcus Pinker, Alan Barry, & Darren Burke

2.3. Mountain Bike Orienteering World Championships

For the first time an Irish team competed in the MTBO World Championships in 2002.

MTBO World Champs 2002 – France, 2nd – 7th July

- Team: John Casey, Justing May, Ian Rochford, Martin Flynn, Seanan O'Boyle, Paul Mahon.
- Team: Nina Phillips, Mary O'Connell.

3. World Champs 2003

3.1. Selection Criteria

The Selection criteria have been defined for WOC 2003, and the selection races are underway with the Irish Orienteering Championships being the final race and mandatory for all seeking selection.

3.2. Selectors

There will be 3 selectors covering both men and women's teams for WOC 2003. Three of these selectors are agreed to date, [Team Manager, Team Coach, & Una May].

3.3. Support deals

As with previous years, Silva have agreed to continue supporting the national squad in preparation for the world champs. Full details of this will be available over the coming weeks.

Compass Point UK have agreed to re-constitute a discount for members of the senior squad, this has been between 10 and 20 % in the past, for ALL gear/equipment that they sell, and full details will be available over the coming weeks.

4. SHI 2002

A decision was taken by the NIOA and the IOA not to enter a team in the SHI for 2002. The reason behind this has been the general lack of interest by elite orienteers in putting themselves forward for SHI team selection this year and over the past number of years.

This position is under review and it is likely that a team will be selected and for the SHI 2003.

5. Senior Squad

A formal Senior Squad has been finalised, and has been published. This squad will be reviewed and revised following the WOC 2003.

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Income and Expenditure Account 31/12/2002

Income		2002 €	2002 €	2001 €
Irish Sports Council				
Grant	Note 1	29,348		30,486
Carding Scheme	Note 2	<u>12,654</u>	42,002	<u>11,047</u>
Clubs				
Affiliation	Note 3	3,556		3,645
Levies	Note 4	2,642		1,779
Event Registration	Note 4	326		457
Rental of e-cards		<u>316</u>	6,840	<u>401</u>
TIO	Note 5		2,220	
Other income				
High Performance	Note 6	6,617		1,873
Juniors	Note 7	10,231		1,995
Bank Interest		77		193
Coaching		<u>820</u>	17,745	<u>1,450</u>
Total Income			<u>68,807</u>	
Expenses				
Carding Scheme	Note 2		12,654	
High Performance	Note 6		9,861	
TIO	Note 5		2,713	
Public Relations, Printing and Advertising			1,112	
Juniors - training, JWOC, JHI	Note 7		14,874	5,982
Juniors O-suits				<u>1,524</u>
Coaching			4,181	
Mapping			2,685	
SI equipment			228	
Insurance			6,188	
IOF Affiliation			1,718	
Strategic Plan			-	
World Ranking Event			800	
Schools & Development			1,225	
Admin				
Internet and Web Site Costs		325		488
Audit Fee		600		550
IOF Congress - Delegate Subsidy		-		-
Secretary's Honorarium		1,900		2,867
Bank Fees		43		86
Expenses (postage, travel, meetings)		1,730		1,235
Sundry		-	4,598	204
Total Expenses			<u>62,837</u>	

Excess Income over Expenditure	<u>5,970</u>
(Total Income less Total Expenses)	

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Balance Sheet 31/12/2002

Assets	2002 €	2001 €
Cash	33,667	34,208
Debtors	9,324	651
	<u>42,991</u>	<u>34,859</u>
Liabilities		
Sundry Creditors	6,756	4,594
	<u>36,235</u>	<u>30,265</u>
Represented By		
Balance @ 1/1/01	30,265	27,304
Surplus for year	5,970	2,961
	<u>36,235</u>	<u>30,265</u>

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Cash Position of Association @ 31/12/01

Current Account	2002 €	2001 €
Current Account @ start of year	17,487	13,671
Cash Received	63,632	63,354
Cash Payments	<u>64,250</u>	<u>59,538</u>
Current Account @ end of year	<u>16,869</u>	<u>17,487</u>
Deposit Account		
Deposit Account @ start of year	16,721	16,528
Interest for period	<u>77</u>	<u>193</u>
Deposit Account @ end of year	<u>16,798</u>	<u>16,721</u>
Total Cash Balance at start of year	<u>34,208</u>	<u>30,199</u>
Total Cash Balance at end of year	<u>33,667</u>	<u>34,208</u>

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Notes To Accounts

1: Sports Council Grant

The amount from ISC represents €29348 which was the association's full grant allocation for 2002

The grant allocation for 2003 is €34,050

2: Carding Scheme

The IOA receives money from the Irish Sports Council which it distributes to the carded athletes.

The IOA has no discretion on the disbursement of these amounts. Our carded athletes for 2002 were

John Feehan, Colm Rothery, Marcus Pinker, Aislinn Austin, Niamh O'Boyle and Sarah Browne.

There are no carded athletes for 2003

3 Affiliation Fees

The following is a list of the affiliated clubs

3 ROC	CORK O	KERRY O	THOMOND O
AITOC	DFO	LEE O	UCCO
AJAX	DUO	NUIG	UCDO
BOC	FINGAL O	SET O	WEGO
BVOC	GEN	SLIGO O	WATO
CNOC	GMIT	MIDLANDS NAVIGATORS	
CIT OC	CG O		

4: Levies and Event Registration

The following amounts were received in 2001

	Levies	Event Reg
Leinster OA	1,596	169
Munster OA (excl BOC)	918	84
BOC	0	64
Conaught OA	128	9
Total	2,642	326

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. The difference represents the subvention paid to the TIO and amounts paid for space in the magazine for IOA announcements.

Note 6 - High Performance - Costs of Competition

	MTBO	W Cup1	W Cup 2	Total
Amounts Received by IOA	2,420	2,389	1,808	6,617
Amounts Paid by IOA				
Grants Paid by IOA to Competitors	800	1,500	252	2,552
Entries, Accomodation etc	2,479	2,480	2,351	7,310
	<u>3,279</u>	<u>3,980</u>	<u>2,603</u>	<u>9,862</u>
Shortfall	<u>859</u>	<u>1,591</u>	<u>795</u>	<u>3,245</u>
Budget Allocated				4,900
Remaining Budget - Carried Forward to 2003				<u><u>1,655</u></u>

Note 7 - Juniors - Costs of Competitions

	Junior Training	JWOC	JHI	JEC
Amounts Received by IOA	170	3,351	3,593	525

IOA Accounts 2002 2003

Amounts Paid by IOA				
Entries, Accomodation etc	796	4,716	3,830	1,407
Grants Paid to Competitors	-	1,020	2,295	810
	<u>796</u>	<u>5,736</u>	<u>6,125</u>	<u>2,217</u>

Shortfall	<u>626</u>	<u>2,385</u>	<u>2,532</u>	<u>1,692</u>
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Sponsorship

Budget Allocated

Remaining Budget - Carried Forward to 2003

Note 8: Amounts Outstanding

Amounts due to IOA at 31/12/02	
ISC 25% of 2002 grant	7,337
TIO	1,112
Carding Scheme	875
	<u>9,324</u>

Note 9: Euro Conversion

Rate used was 0.787564

2001 €

41,533

6,283

2,833

5,511

56,159

11,047

9,228

1,652

1,535

7,505

4,308

3,635

1,594

5,109

1,713

441

5,430

53,198

2,961

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Total
7,638

10,749
4,125
14,874

7,236

2,592

4,644

4,900

256



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Chairman's Address Annual General Meeting 2003

I am delighted to welcome you to this year's AGM, my last as chairman as I must step down having spent 3 years in this position. The year has been a successful one with a lot of work been done by the different members of the executive as you will see from their individual reports. Since the restructuring of the association there is not the same need for as many meetings as in the past and with the advent of email communication between the executive has improved greatly.

As regards the strategic plan, progress is ongoing and a lot of the objectives set 3 years ago have been achieved. A progress report has been circulated which you can study at your leisure. As part of the plan to increase membership and improve the profile of the sport Sunday 7th September has been designated National Orienteering Day this year. As you are aware the strategic plan was to run for a period of 3 years so everyone will have a chance later this year to make an input into a review which is due at the end of the year.

Some of the things I want to highlight that happened over the last year are, an MTBO Irish Team competed for the first time in a World MTBO Championships, we also had competitors competing in Ski-O and the first Irish Trail-O Championship was run in 2002. A very successful GPS mapping course was run in November 2002 as a follow up to the mapping course ran in 2001. In order to continue to provide an excellent system of event management, a controller's course was run in February with all places taken up on the course.

I want to congratulate all our competitors who did so well in competitions over the last year both at home and abroad. A special congratulation to our Level 3 coaches who recently received accreditation from the National Coaching and Training Centre. Congratulations also to the award winners who will be announced later.

I want to thank all club officers, event organizers, mappers, and planners, controllers and coaches who contributed to the sport in the past year. Without their voluntary contributions the sport could not exist. On your behalf I wish to thank all the landowners, Coillte and their foresters, for allowing us access to their properties over the last year. IOA met with Coillte officials during the year with regards to continued access and we are looking forward to greater co-operation with them in the future.

Finally, I want to express my thanks to the members of the executive who worked with me during the last three year, on your behalf and for the benefit of orienteering.

Frank Ryan
Chairman Irish Orienteering Association

Date 13th April 2003



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Mapping Officer Report 2002 – 2003

Mapping grants have been paid to clubs for 2002/2003 as set out in previous correspondence sent to clubs. Final print run has not been completed yet, and when this is done, any surplus money will be allocated to all recipient clubs as a top up grant.

GPS mapping course successfully held.

Letter sent to each regional association asking for a list of proposed areas and organising clubs for forthcoming championships, with a view to targeting funding as required. No response received.

I propose a change in the allocation of map funding for next year. Photogrammetry will still be funded, mainly for championship areas, but survey costs and print runs will not. Money has been allocated for the purchase of colour printers (one per association). It is envisaged that clubs will update their maps before events and print same, hopefully with overprinted courses, and then make colour copies as required. Many clubs are doing this already as the standard of these maps has greatly improved, and it means that clubs will not get stuck with out of date map stockpiles due to felling, etc.

Dave Weston
Mapping Officer Irish Orienteering Association



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Promotions Officer Report 2002 - 2003

Orienteers,

I achieved my objective of increasing awareness of Orienteering in the media, with articles in Walking World, Evening Herald and Fairplay. I remain with Fairplay, a link has been established between our respective websites. I was invited to submit a film on Orienteering for Sports Monthly Television. This film is completed and ready for submission.

I confirmed, by questionnaire, that the main method of recruiting Orienteers is through family and friends, we can readily expand recruitment. I examined the statistics for the website.

I do not subscribe to irish-orienteering@yahoogroups.com. I find this medium slightly irritating if not mildly amusing.

I remain in the position of Promotions Officer. I retain meticulous records of all contacts I have receipts for a number of articles submitted to National newspapers and never published. I promoted the Shamrock-O-Ringen in Nyhester Dagens and Svenska Dagbladet and in the Orienteering websites of Sweden, Denmark and Norway. I attended this event when there was no mention in the local newspapers. Scandinavian countries represent our largest growth market in terms of tourists and at present rapidly expanding, clearly a minimum of promotion should help. Suomi/Finland website will be contacted.

I recommend National Orienteering Day, 7th September 2003, be held in city parks, readily accessible and children can join in the fun.

I am of the conviction that an organisation is only as good as the personnel who volunteer to administer same. Annual rotation of officers is beneficial to the sport. A contest for each post ensures new ideas for the Association.

I propose an open approach in Orienteering media; I shall examine this matter further by researching the opinions of Orienteers in future surveys.

Paul Dunne
PRO Irish Orienteering Association (Retd)



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Fixtures Report 2002-2003

During 2002 there were 165 IOA registered events, compared with 124 in 2001, the year of Foot & Mouth Disease, and 128 in 2000. There were 7 events registered as C2 (championship standard). The Irish Trail-O Championships were hosted by NIOA.

For 2003 to the end of July there are 97 events on the calendar, 71 in Munster, 25 in Leinster, 1 in Connaught. 7 of these events are not yet registered. There are also 2 training events/courses.

NIOA are hosting the Irish Championships and Relays, and also for the 2nd year the Irish Trail-O Championships. As yet there is no date for the Munster Championships, and no organiser for the Irish Night-O Championships.

National Orienteering Day 2003 will be Sunday, 7th September.

Major dates for 2004 are under discussion.

The rotation for the Irish Championships is: 2004 Munster, 2005 Connaught, 2006 Leinster.

There are more details of the above events in the accompanying tables.

The calendar has been published in spring and autumn and sent to clubs and some other contacts and organisations such as the Scouts and Outdoor Education Centres.

The Orienteering Info-Line lapsed and had to be set up using a new number – 1890 923490. I have been updating it weekly along with the website fixtures list and a message to the e-group.

Day 2 of the Shamrock-O-Ringen 2002 was a World Ranking Event. There will be no WRE in Ireland this year; applications for 2004 should be in by 31 May 2003.

IOA and NIOA have agreed to share responsibility for the Home International competitions, both in the hosting of events and in the selection and management of teams. Details including a rota are to be settled, but IOA will host the Veteran Home International in 2004.

Ruth Lynam
Fixtures Secretary Irish Orienteering Association

2nd April 2003



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Table 1: Events 2002

	Total	Connaught	Leinster	Munster	NI
Registered	165	5	36	123	1
MTBO	1		1		
C2 (championship std)	7	1	3	3	
Closed	13	1		12	
Night	20		3	17	
Evening	39		7	32	
Other	85	3	22	59	1
Courses/Training	4				
Unregistered	16	1	6	9	0
Closed Unregistered	5			5	

Table 2: Championships etc. Held In 2002

Date	Event	Club	Venue
2 Mar	Irish Night OC	Setanta	Mullaghmeen, Co. Westmeath
16-18 Mar	Ballyhoura 3-Day	BOC	Kilfinane, Co. Limerick
7 Apr	Connaught OC	WEGO	Knockbarron, Co. Offaly
21 Apr	Leinster OC	GEN	Mall Hill, Co. Wicklow
5 May	Irish Trail OC	NIOA	Benone, Co. Derry
11 May	Irish OC	CNOC	Scarr, Co. Wicklow
12 May	Irish Relay OC	3ROC	Phoenix Park, Dublin
25 May	Shamrock O-Ringen	CorkO	Rathgaskig, Co. Cork
26 May	Shamrock O-Ringen (WRE)	CorkO	Crohane Mt., Co. Cork
13 Oct	Munster OC	BOC	Parkmountain Wood, Co. Cork
9 Nov	Munster Relay OC	BOC	Knockaun Wood, Co. Waterford
10 Nov	TIO Trophy	BOC	Knockaun Wood, Co. Waterford

Table 3: Events Of Note: 2003

Date	Event	Club	Venue
15-17 Mar	Ballyhoura 3-Day	BOC	Tallow area, Co. Cork/Waterford
16 Mar	Munster Night OC	BOC	Monaloo Wood, Co. Cork
23 Mar	Connaught OC	WEGO	Derrycrag, Co. Galway
13 Apr	Leinster OC	Ajax	Oldboleys, Co. Wicklow
4 May	Irish OC	LVO	Silent Valley, Co. Down
4 May	Irish Trail OC	LVO	Silent Valley, Co. Down
5 May	Irish Relay OC	LVO	Castleward, Co. Down
30 May–1 June	Shamrock O-Ringen	CorkO	Rathgaskig/Shrone/Cobduff, Co. Cork
tba	TIO Trophy	CROC	
tba	Munster OC		
tba	Irish Night OC		



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Honorary Secretary's Report 2002 - 2003

The roles of the secretary are varied, and have an element of the unpredictable at times. This list is only a snapshot, where generally the regular roles undertaken so far are:

- To field enquiries where possible, and to direct enquiries to others where necessary.
- To channel information from national and international bodies as and when addressed to the sport of orienteering.
- To maintain information in the Association, such as minutes of meetings for Executive meetings, and also for the Annual General Meeting of the Association.

The more unpredictable and perhaps more specific examples are related to enquiries from organisations and individuals with varied requests for specific information, assistance, nominations to governing bodies, and also the odd question about fixtures in the coming weeks in a particular locale.

The period of 2002 to 2003 has been a relatively quiet one, with only a handful of telephone enquiries (less than ten, where half are from affiliated club members). To which I must add that Ruth Lynam has been very generous in helping to restart the Info-Line telephone number, a job usually specific to the secretary. The origins of the calls I've received have not been identified if they had used the Info-Line number to obtain my number, or if they had used the orienteering.ie website to look up the contact information.

The low number of telephone enquiries could have partly been due to the fact that physically, as the Honorary Secretary, I am in Galway, rather than somewhere in the greater Dublin area. This is in comparison with previous secretarial periods (according to word-of-mouth accounts, I must add). I believe one significant contributing factor is the remarkable voluntary job done by the Fixtures Officer Ruth Lynam in tandem with Martin Flynn, who has been maintaining the Irish Orienteering website with up-to-date information on fixtures complete with relevant contact information. Use of the irish-orienteering@yahoogroups.com email address would also have been instrumental in updating all online orienteers about weekly fixtures. I understand that the fixtures list service has been expanded to include a facility for WAP-enabled browsing, for those technically inclined. Details are available from orienteering.ie

The Internet proves itself to be an indispensable tool, with the use of the irish-orienteering@yahoogroups.com email address to reach many orienteers quickly, as well as to search for information with regards to enquiries, and finding contact information for some orienteers or other relevant persons. To the seasoned Internet user, search engines such as Google can be used as a very effective search tool, and hence seemingly invasive.

Nevertheless, the Internet also proves to be a double-edged sword, as emails with attachments fill up the email account quota all too quickly, and an archive needs to be maintained for the threads of communication still in progress or of use, or attachments that are relevant and need to be stored. In the age of increased sensitivity about computer viruses and email attachments, one of the more repetitious tasks of the secretary is to open relevant attachments sent by other

organisations and individuals, and to paste them as plain text into emails to send to the irish-orienteeing@yahoo.com email address.

It is also necessary to point out that there is a need to balance the use of the Internet with the use of postage mail. Therefore, it is important to maintain public club contact information, and sometimes this is done with more forthrightness by the clubs themselves, which is very much appreciated. It is not possible to know the effectiveness of the contact information if there is no feedback – nothing can be assumed, and the contact information continues to be used, rightly or wrongly, until feedback or other instructions from the clubs are received.

It has to be said that some clubs are more progressive with their electronic mail arrangements, where they have “perpetual” email addresses that belong to nobody personally. Though Martin Flynn has made available such “perpetual” email addresses to the Executives of the Association, I have not broached the matter with the outgoing Executives, but instead mention it here as a point that the new incoming Executives to consider and to implement as they see fit.

One of the more interesting aspects of the secretary is to organise some aspects of the Annual General Meeting. This should include preparing a timeline of events that are regulated by the constitution of the association, such that affiliated clubs get enough notice of the AGM. It also entails organising the awards and trophies to be given away.

Since the implementation of the new Executive structure in line with the Strategic Plan 2000 – 2003, activity within the Association has been increasingly insulated to each executive, which highlights the need for the secretary to be present and attentive where possible when the Executives meet. On the one hand, the secretary operates on a need-to-know basis. On the other hand, there is a lot of implied or implicit information or knowledge required by the secretary. “When in doubt, float the question around” is a good motto for a new secretary or any person faced with such a situation.

The efficacy of carrying out the secretarial activities resembled an act of faith at times, but it was an enriching and rewarding experience. I would like to thank all those involved with the Association and their various clubs for their co-operation and patience, especially those who have taken public offices where they belong.

Michael Phung
Honorary Secretary Irish Orienteering Association



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Annual Report of Controller of Technical Standards 2003

1. Organised an Event Controllers Course in March 2003: 1 instructor and 18 participants. Cost to IOA: €1296.92
2. Published sample club constitution incorporating Sports Council recommendations on Ethics and Good Practice in Childrens Sports.
3. Posted Technical Bulletins (IOA TechBriefings) to the IOA egroup as required.
4. Prepared and published IOA Event Controllers list for 2003: 74 certified controllers and 19 orienteers with Controllers course completed and in process of fulfilling all certification requirements.
5. Participated in meeting with Coillte on co-operation between that organisation and the IOA.

Aonghus O'Cleirigh
Controller of Technical Standards Irish Orienteering Association

JUNIOR AFFAIRS OFFICER'S REPORT - APRIL 2003

INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS

1. JWOC July 02 Alicante, Spain. 6 competitors.
2. JEC Oct 02 Maaseik, Belgium. 5 competitors.
3. SPRING CUP Mar 03 Hillerod, Denmark. 4 competitors

4. JHI Oct 02 Tummel Bridge, Scotland. 17 IOA competitors.
 Niamh O'Boyle was presented with our annual
 Trophy for Best Irish Performance at JHI.

JUNIOR SQUAD TOUR 2002

Lakelands 5-Day Aug 02 Cumbria, England. 9 juniors

TRAINING WEEKENDS

- Nov 02 Waterford
- Mar 03 Ballyhoura 3-Day

IRISH JUNIORS COACH

Earlier this year, Ed Niland (Ajax) was appointed as Irish Juniors Coach. His first assignment was the March training weekend, held in conjunction with the Ballyhoura 3-Day, which went very well. 14 juniors participated.

CARDED ATHLETES

- Aislinn Austin (CorkO/EBOR)
- Niamh O'Boyle (CNOC/DUO)
- Sarah Browne (LOC)

Niamh and Sarah have fulfilled the criteria and reapplied for junior carding in 2003.

BAGPACKING

1. Nov 02 Dublin
2. Dec 02 Cork
3. Jan 03 Dublin

Junior Squad Hoodies have been ordered for all the junior squad members, funded by the bagpacking, and we are awaiting delivery.

SPONSORSHIP

AIB, Credit Card Services, donated 500 euro, as sponsorship, which was used for JWOC. Team gearbags were bought and the balance was divided amongst the competitors, to allay the high cost of accommodation.

FUNDING

Each junior who competed in an international event last year received funding of 135 euro for each event they travelled to. This was a combination of 50 euro IOA + 85 euro bagpacking money. The Junior Squad Tour was also subsidised from the bagpacking money, through food vouchers, food supplies and teeshirts for the juniors, plus team leader expenses.

- Mary Healy, Junior Affairs Officer, IOA. -