

MINUTES OF IOA MEETING, MONDAY 11TH NOVEMBER 2013

Attendees:

Sarah Ní Ruairc (Treasurer),
Mary O'Connell (Chairperson),
Chris Slattery (Mapping Registrar),
Harold White (Technical Standards),
Darren Burke (High Performance),
Fergal Buckley (Fixtures Secretary),
Finn van Gelderen (Communications Officer),

Minute Secretary: Aine Joyce

Apologies:

Mike Long (Junior Representative),
Andrew Cox (Development Officer),
Ed Niland (Orienteering Education).

Agenda

1. Minutes of last meeting,
2. Matters arising from previous minutes (brief)
3. Officer Updates
11. AOB

The Minutes of the 16th Sept 2013 meeting were circulated by email. They were approved by the meeting.

Matters arising

There were no matters arising

Report of the Controller of Technical Standards

The new Competition Registration Rules were circulated by email before the meeting.

The use of the term 'event' over 'competition' was queried. The draft rules will be modified to clarify this situation.

It was noted that in some situations a Map Registration number would not be available for all event registration, for example, when the mapped area is less than 0.5sq km.

Once this modification is made the new rules can be approved by email.

There are currently 11 participants for the Controllers course.

Work is continuing on the consolidation of rules document.

Treasurer's Report:

A large deficit is not expecting this year. A change of 'signee' for cheques is currently underway.

Communications Officer Report.

The '10 elements' and 'schools' videos are finished. Official launch of 10 elements in January 2014.

Ed Niland is working on a draft of the accompanying hand-out. This will be in Pdf or /and booklet form.

Facebook, now has 400+ likes

There are ongoing small revisions of the website as needed.

A new forum to be launched on Wednesday. This is necessary because of a change in Yahoo Groups. It is expected that there will be some 'teething' issues.

Also working on a Sponsorship deal for the senior squad.

High Performance:

WOC2014 - currently getting views from the squad on selection policy,

Ski O might be put on Winter Olympics list for 2022.

Mapping Registrar's Report

The constructing of the new map register is in progress.

There will also be a 'kml' file that will show all the Maps on Google Earth.

The Irish Forestry Service has a list of forestry blocks. We will apply for a list of theses 'blocks'.

WEGO has submitted an application for a grant to help with the Lidar mapping costs of the recent IOC. It was agreed that WEGO have limited opportunities to use this area for other events. The agreed amount was €500.

First aid course

The initial interest level was low, so one instructor was cancelled. One instructor remains.

Chairperson's Report

There may be an online Events/Competition Registration in the future.

There was a recent meeting with Coillte, to discuss the centralising of licencing and the costs of such. Coillte expressed their thanks to Frank Ryan for all his work.

Irish Sports Council Grant submission: The application was submitted on time.

“Orienteering Here Today - All Welcome” banners for each club are being distributed by Aine Joyce.

Meet and greet in south Dublin, Mary O’Connell attended on behalf of orienteering.

Thanks to Brian Power for his years on the Committee.

Close of meeting 20.58

Actions

1. Thank you email to Frank Ryan
2. Mapping Grant to WEGO
3. Redrafting of Competition registration document
- 4.

Appendices:

1. Junior report
2. Competition Registration Rules

Junior Officer Report circulated before the meeting

A summary of recent activities:

EYOC just over, 8 athletes 4 boys and 4 girls, results modest, best results in sprint for both girls and boys, Niall Mc Carthy high 20's. Two teams finished relay. Girls 21 / 27. Overall standard (especially of Scandinavians) tremendous and great experience for our guys.

Training in Knockree in Dublin in November

3 16's going to UK squad session in Hawkshead

Working on selection races etc for 2014

For 2014

Keep going as best we can!

Big issue is to get younger ones in..we have only a few M/W14's;

Cant lose sight of M/W16's to that end badly need some qualified coaches to help

Better link between schools and juniors? Can sessions be organised to teach basics before people pass on to Jun Sq? (I don't feel this is a Jun Sq job)

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PROPOSED APPENDIX D

(Introduced 2013)

REGISTRATION OF COMPETITIONS

A.D.1 General

All competitions organised by an IOA affiliated club must be registered with the IOA in accordance with Rule R2.2. The only exceptions will be club and squad training events where no entry fees are being charged, no results are published, and in the case of the former are limited to the members of the club.

One of the purposes of the registration process is the establishment of a properly structured fixture list for national, regional, and club competitions for the annual season starting on 1 August in each year.

To provide a complete record of orienteering competitions, clubs are required to publish the results in the results section of the IOA website.

The contents of this Appendix should be read in the context of Rule R2.2 Registration of Competitions

A.D.2 Registration

Competitions shall be registered with the IOA Fixtures Secretary using the Competition Registration Form that is available at <http://orienteering.ie/fixtures>, and should be sent by post to the address of the Fixtures Secretary available on the fixtures section of the website.

The schedule of fees is published on the fixtures section of the website together with payment instructions.

To assist in the establishment of national, regional and club fixture lists, applications for the registration of C3 and C4 competitions for the annual season starting on 1 August may be made from 1 June in that calendar year.

Provided the Competition Registration Form is completed correctly, the correct notice period is given, the competition complies with the Rules relating to the proximity of competitions, and the Club holds the IOA mapping and usage rights to the competition area, or have obtained the permission from the club that does, the competition shall be approved by the Fixtures Secretary and added to the Fixtures List on the website.

The Fixtures Secretary has the discretion to accept applications that do not conform to the notice Rules although late registrations will be liable for Late Registration Surcharges.

A.D.3 Appeals

If an application for the registration of a competition is rejected by the Fixtures Secretary the club will be notified within 14 days of its receipt and the reasons for this. The club may appeal this decision with the IOA Executive Committee.

A.D.4 Results

The results of all registered competitions shall be published on the results section of the IOA website and can be uploaded by following the instructions at www.orienteering.ie/result

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Proposed Rule R2.2 Registration of Competitions (Amended 2013)

(Replaces Rule 3.3, Registration of competitions, and preparation of fixture lists in the 2002 version of the Rules)

R2.2.1 All orienteering competitions to be organised by an IOA affiliated club shall be registered with the Association, in accordance with the procedures set out in Appendix D Registration of Competitions.

R2.2.2 The IOA Fixtures Secretary shall be responsible for the registration of competitions, and the preparation and publication of the IOA Fixtures List. It shall list all competitions registered by IOA affiliated clubs.

R2.2.3 The period of notice for registering competitions prior to their intended date shall be:-

Category C1 and C2 (Major international and championship competitions) – 24 months

Category C3 (Regional league competitions) – from 1 June to 30 June for the annual season starting on 1 August in that calendar year

Category C4 (Club events) – 28 days

To assist in the establishment of national, regional and club fixture lists, applications for the registration of C3 and C4 competitions for the annual season starting on 1 August may be made from 1 June in that calendar year.

The Fixtures Secretary has the discretion to accept applications that do not conform to these notice Rules although late registrations will be liable for Late Registration Surcharges.

R2.2.4 A competition shall be accepted by the IOA when its registration has been approved by the Fixtures Secretary, and published in the Fixtures List on the IOA website. Approval shall be given on receipt of a completed Competition Registration Form from an IOA affiliated club, and the payment of the required registration fee. It will be subject to Rule R2.2.5 relating to the proximity of competitions, and the club providing their Map Registration Number, or a letter of confirmation from the club that has registered the map with the IOA agreeing to its use by the organising club. Applications with no Map Registration Number shall be rejected.

R2.2.5 No open C4 (Club) competition shall be registered for the same date and time where its location is within 20k of another C4 competition; or within 100k of a C3 (regional league) competition unless in the former case it is mutually agreed by the clubs wishing to stage competitions within a shorter distance, or in the latter case it is agreed by the appropriate Provincial Council.

R2.2.6 No competitions shall be registered for the same days as the individual foot-O Irish Championship competitions unless agreed by the IOA Fixtures Secretary.

R2.2.7 No events shall be registered in a Province on the day of the individual foot-O Provincial Championships, or in Munster on the days of the Shamrock O-Ringen or in Connacht on the days of the Irish Three Day unless agreed in writing by the Regional Council.

R2.2.8 The Irish Championship competitions shall rotate around the four Provinces of Ireland, while the Provincial Championships shall rotate among the IOA affiliated clubs in each Province.

R2.2.9 No competitions shall be registered on any area where a category C1 or C2 competition is due to be held within the 24 month period immediately preceding the C1 or C2 competition date.

R2.2.10 Competition registration fees shall be fixed from time to time by the Executive Committee and displayed on the IOA website.

R2.2.11 If the registration of a competition is rejected, the club making the application has the right to appeal this decision with the IOA Executive Committee.

R2.2.12 Club training events, where no entry fees are charged, no results published, and is restricted to club members only, shall not be registered with the IOA.

R2.2.13 Squad (National or Regional) training events may be registered with the IOA.

R2.2.14 All competitions shall be planned and organised to the standards set out in the Guidelines to the Rules.