

MINUTES OF IOA MEETING, SATURDAY 15TH APRIL 2015

Attendees:

Mary O'Connell (Chairperson),
Eoin Browne (Director of Orienteering Education)
Darren Burke (High Performance)
Fergal Buckley (Fixtures Secretary),
Sarah Ní Ruairc (Treasurer),
Andrew Cox (Development Officer),
Mike Long (Junior Representative),
Aine Joyce (Minute Secretary)

Apologies:

Harold White (Technical Standards),
Finn van Gelderen (Communications Officer),

Agenda

1. Minutes of previous meeting
2. Matters arising
3. Officer Reports
4. AGM
 - a. Final Decision on Spirit of O award
5. Decisions/Issues arisen since previous meeting
6. AOB

	Actions
The meeting began at 20.01	
The Minutes of the 25 th Mar 2015 meeting were circulated by email. They were approved by the meeting. They will be placed on the website.	AJ
<u>MATTERS ARISING</u>	
There were no matters arising.	
<u>OFFICER UPDATES</u>	
Juniors - Mike Long: Training is finished for the season, the task is now to select teams for JWOC, EYOC, JHI etc. Funding is needed from NI for NI juniors. Need resolution before IOC, as number to be selected depends on funding. This issue is also applicable to senior team.	ML
<Fergal joined>	
AGM: Written reports are needed by next Wednesday from all officers. Aine will place them on website. All committee members present indicated that they are willing to stand again. There are two motions for amendments to the constitution. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Add vice chairperson position 2. Amalgamate positions of fixtures secretary and hon secretary 	ALL AJ MOC

<p>No change to the term of the Chairperson will be proposed at this stage.</p> <p>The Agenda will be placed on forum, facebook, email clubs and website</p>	<p>AJ</p>
<p>IOA Awards:</p> <p>There will be two Spirit of Orienteering awards this year.</p> <p>There will be 5 Performance Excellence Awards.</p> <p>The criteria for this award will be updated to include a 1st, 2nd or 3rd place in the World Masters competition.</p> <p>Also look back at previous achievements in the competition.</p> <p>Call for club nominations for Mac Tire.</p> <p>Call to return trophies</p> <p>Orienteering Stats – to be supplied to the Chairperson in time for the AGM</p>	<p>AJ</p> <p>AJ</p> <p>AJ</p> <p>AJ</p> <p>AJ</p>
<p>Andrew Cox - Development: At the National Schools Orienteering Championships in Castlecomer, most competitors are from Munster, there is little representation from the Leinster area.</p>	
<p>Treasurer – Sarah Ní Ruairc: The treasurer will generate budget for all officers with a budget, this will be communicated by email.</p>	<p>SNR</p>

<p>Darren Burke – High Performance. The work and training of the HP squad will continue after Irish champs.</p>	
<p>Eoin Browne – Coaching: A pilot coaching course with 12 candidates was held recently. There will be a meeting next week with Coaching Ireland to discuss the next steps.</p> <p>Eoin is now approved tutor with Coaching Ireland.</p>	
<p>Fergal Buckley – Fixtures: No club has expressed an interest in holding the Middle distance Irish Championships.</p>	
<p><u>AOB</u></p>	
<p>The Chairperson read the report by the Communications Officer into the minutes (see appendix below)</p> <p>Concern was expressed at the proposed sale of Newcastle Forest in Ballymahon to Centre Parcs for development as a Holiday resort. This was the venue for an orienteering event in October 2010. The chairperson will write to Coillte to express our concerns.</p> <p>Since this is the last committee meeting of the Chairperson, Mary O'Connell, she thanked the committee for their work over the last 3 years.</p>	<p>MOC to formulate</p>
<p>Meeting finished at approximately 20.51</p>	

Appendix:

As you know I'm unable to make the meeting. Here's a short report none the less.

- Since the face to face meeting I've been trying to arrange a meeting with Martin and Fergal to advance the in-line registration system, but it's still to happen.
- I was contacted via Twitter about remains left at Red Abbey in Cork and suggest that I put it on the forum to investigate and gently remind members that the IOA is signed up to "Leave no Trace"
- The TIO has moved on-line to a new blog on wordpress which Martin and I have polled to the IOA site so it appears on it. As part of a refresh of the site I plan to put the TIO on the front of the site in some dead space that was pointed out by Ian Murphy. (NB this dead space only appears on web browsers and not mobile devices). In addition to this Gavan Doherty spent the time to suggest a lot of changes to the FAQ section, some of which I will implement over the coming weeks.
- The Facebook page now has 816 followers and increases daily. When it hits 1000 I can start the process of attracting a sponsor for the senior squad as previously mentioned.

Finn