

MINUTES OF IOA TELE-MEETING, THURSDAY 15TH DECEMBER 2016

Attendees:

	In attendance	Apologies
Paul O'Sullivan-Hourihan (Chairperson)	x	
Fergal Buckley (Fixtures & Hon. Secretary) ,	x	
Sarah Ní Ruairc (Treasurer),		x
Andrew Cox (Development Officer),	x	
Stuart Scott (Mapping Registrar),	x	
Mike Long (Junior Representative)	x	
Darren Burke (High Performance),		x
Eoin Browne (Director of Orienteering Education)	x	
Finn van Gelderen (Communications Officer),	x	
Harold White (Technical Standards)	x	
Aine Joyce (Minute Secretary)	x	

Agenda for Next Meeting

Date: 15th of Dec 2016

1. Minutes of Meeting on 13th Nov

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/0B3KCa1Aq4oageWE5MXFhZDBtaE0>

2. Matters arising

3. BRIEF reports by officers

4. Recording of decisions made by email

5. Junior Travel Insurance - decision for next year renewal

6. Governance

7. BOC/CSOA letters

8. IOA Rebranding

9. COE Document

10. A.O.B.

	Actions
The Minutes of last meeting were accepted and will be placed on the website	AJ
Matters arising <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Letters received from Orienteering Clubs were discussed. An invitation was issued to the parties to meet and discuss in person. This meeting has a preliminary date in January. — Some suggestions were made about map registration applications and a requirement that all clubs should have a constitution and AGM . Fergal and Stuart will have a look at the rules and regulations with respect to this issue. Stuart will look at the Map Registration Form. 	POSH, FVG SS, FB
Recording of decisions made by email <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — None to be recorded 	
Harold <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — asked that Hugh Cashel be confirmed as a IOA Certified Controller. This was agreed. — A meeting is being arranged with WEGO regarding IOC 2017 	HW POSH, HW
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Eoin/ Coaching — An instructor training course has been delivered. — Two Tutors/Instructors Developers have completed a training course, 	

<p>Mick Farrell and Terry Lawless. They still have to be certified by Coaching Ireland.</p>	
<p>DAF:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — AJ and EB meeting the following week. — A School in Dun Laoghaire will run the pilot course. — Graphic Design was discussed. — Finn offered to take pictures of kids orienteering in a school grounds. — BOF have agreed in principle to make training materials available to IOA, with acknowledgement of the materials source. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — The content of the Education section of the website was discussed. FVG and EB to discuss further. 	<p>FVG, EB</p>
<p>Mike / Junior</p> <p>A course for younger kids was run in Massey's Estate last month and a Junior Training Weekend took place in Wicklow last weekend</p>	
<p>Mapping/Stuart Scott</p> <p>Letters with lists of Maps Registered will be sent out by the end of the year.</p> <p>Fergal: talk to MF re fixtures database having a map registration field</p> <p>Stuart: AJ has list of Coillte sites</p>	<p>SS</p> <p>FB</p> <p>AJ</p>
<p>Fergal</p> <p>Trying gentle persuasion on clubs to get them to put there dates up earlier.</p> <p>There was a discussion about Leinster Fixtures. Fergal will meet with representatives of Leinster clubs after a Dublin By Night event to discuss Fixtures.</p>	<p>FB</p>

<p>Development/Andrew Cox</p> <p>Looking at a different venue for the Irish School Championships.</p>	
<p>Travel Insurance for next year.</p> <p>To be discussed in more detail later.</p>	
<p>Governance</p> <p>No one was available to attend the recent Governance meeting. FB and Governance subcommittee will meet to discuss Governance in detail in January. The subcommittee consists of IOA Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer plus FVG and SS.</p>	FB
<p>IOA Rebranding</p> <p>Decided against proceeding with this.</p>	
<p>Code of Ethics Document:</p> <p>It was agreed that the junior squad should have a Children's Officer and Designated Liaison Officer.</p> <p>The Committee agreed that a Designated Liaison Person should be available on the phone for Orienteering Events.</p> <p>These decisions will be written into the COE document.</p>	AJ
<p>AOB</p> <p>Finn- An organisation running Orienteering events has made contact regarding affiliation . It was agreed that Finn would speak to them before deciding if affiliation is an appropriate route.</p> <p>On line Event registration: MF isn't available until after IOC 2017</p>	FVG

<p>POSH: Gender quota: IOA committee to submit suggestions/proposals to AJ</p> <p>Irish Martial Arts Assoc: POSH will meet with them to discuss further.</p> <p>There is no selection policy yet for WOC.</p>	<p>ALL</p> <p>POSH</p>
<p>Meeting end 22.09</p>	

Appendix:

TO: IOA Committee

FROM: Harold White Controller of Technical Standards

RE: Irish Orienteering Championships

DATE: 22 August 2016

I have had a number of conversations with the Chairman following this year's championship weekend and as they are our premier events we are of the view that they should be of the highest possible standard in terms of course planning and organisation. However for at least the last two years there have been some shortcomings against the expected high standards in terms of organisation, planning, and/or controlling, and we feel that the issues should be discussed by the Committee and measures implemented if necessary.

The principle issues are:-

1 Is the staging of a three or four event championship weekend too much of a task for most if not all clubs? If so, then should the weekend fixtures be staged by two or more clubs, or should the events be split to two events on two separate weekends?

2 Should the Organisers and Planners be formally approved by the Committee as competent to stage the championship events, based on their previous experience?

3 Should the Controllers be formally approved by the Committee, or appointed by and be answerable directly to the Committee?

The recent process has been for the organising club to advise me as Controller of Technical Standards of the primary officials. It is a condition of the Subvention scheme that the Controllers should be IOA Certified Event Controllers or BOF Controllers from the NIOA clubs, but with our relatively small number of registered and active Controllers, in many cases the proposed Controllers have not been registered, and permission has been sought for the approval of non-registered ones. In the case of IOC 2016 none of the Controllers were registered although the Long Distance Controller is registered in Finland. In previous cases where approval has been sought for the appointment of non-registered Controllers, it has been given on the basis of the person's previous experience.

In addition the Rules (R5.4) state that the Controller of a C2 Championship event shall normally come from a different club to that of the Organiser and Planner, and that they should preferably come from a different region to that of the Organiser and Planner. With Championship events in some of the more remote parts of Munster and Connacht, the organising clubs have sought and been given permission to use club members, or those closely associated with them, as Controllers in view of the likely heavy travel and accommodation costs in using an external Controller. However the experience of using in-house Controllers has resulted in some cases in them being too close to the organising team that has not allowed them to take a more objective view with resulting slippages.

It is my view that for the Irish Championship events, the Controllers should be appointed by the Committee and their expenses paid by the IOA. This would leave them totally independent from the organising club. To

cover their likely costs I would suggest that part of the current level of Subvention payment (£2000) be reserved for that.

In re-drafting the Rules I would suggest dropping the requirement that the Controller should 'preferably' come from outside the region. In view of the likely travelling distances involved I do not think it is a realistic option in most cases.

As stated earlier we have a limited pool of about 30 Certified Event Controllers. The requirement to become registered is that a person should have completed a Controller's Course and shown competency in organising, planning, and controlling. Many people have completed courses and have event experience, and I wonder should we have a form of amnesty to boost the numbers.

To give guidance in the planning of Championship courses, Brian Bullen who was the co-planner at WOC 2016 in Scotland will be making a presentation on the topic at the Major Events Conference on 8 October in Portlaoise.

Harold White

Controller of Technical Standards