

MINUTES OF IOA MEETING, SATURDAY 22ND FEBRUARY 2014

Venue: Bewleys Newlands Cross, Dublin

Attendees:

Sarah Ní Ruairc (Treasurer),

Mary O'Connell (Chairperson),

Harold White (Technical Standards),

Fergal Buckley (Fixtures Secretary),

Finn van Gelderen (Communications Officer),

Mike Long (Junior Representative),

Andrew Cox (Development Officer),

Minute Secretary: Aine Joyce

Apologies:

Darren Burke (High Performance),

Chris Slattery (Mapping Registrar),

Ed Niland (Orienteering Education).

Agenda

1. Minutes of last meeting,
2. Matters arising from previous minutes (brief)
3. Officer Updates
4. Schools/Juniors/Development
5. AOB

The Chairperson welcomed all to the meeting.

The Minutes of the 30th Jan 2014 meeting were circulated by email. They were approved by the meeting.

MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising

TREASURERS REPORT

The ISC grant has been received. All committee members were asked to submit any outstanding receipts/payments from 2013 to allow the 2013 accounts to be completed.

It is expected in 2014 that there will be no deficit.

FIXTURES SECRETARY REPORT

There are some fixture overlaps being dealt with at the moment.

JUNIOR REPORT

There are two training sessions organised, one in Killarney in Feb and another in the Phoenix park in March. The Irish Junior Squad will attend the JK at Easter as a group rather than individual club members. Relay teams have been entered.

DEVELOPMENT OFFICERS REPORT

A instructors training course was completed in Lismore yesterday.

COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER REPORT

Working on the pdf's for the "10 Elements"

Andrew Cox offered to proof read

Photo session have been completed with the Senior Squad

There was an enquiry from a PR company for the cost of sponsoring an Orienteering event, Finn will get in touch with them.

TECHNICAL CONTROLLERS REPORT

Version 14 of the Rules document is complete, it is on the website.

Further discussion of the new Mapping Rules will take place once the new Map ID numbers are available.

Old 2002 rules and amendment documents will be archived on the web

There is a budget for subvention of 3000.

Computers in Orienteering course is planned for the coming year. This could be a 1-2 day event possibly in Knockree Hostel in Enniskerry.

A similar course specifically for Schools Events is also seen as beneficial.

Munster Orienteering Association: Ongoing

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Coillte discussion are ongoing.

The Chairperson and Administrative Assistant met recently with John Tracey CEO of ISC – discussed Coillte situation, CUSAI and participation numbers

HIGH PERFORMANCE REPORT

As Darren was unable to attend, he submitted a report on email. This is in the appendix.

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND SCHOOLS/JUNIORS

A number of issues were raised concerning

1. Small number of Schools Orienteers transferring to Club Orienteering
2. Difficulty of getting Juniors for national training
3. Limited number of Juniors in M/W14 class
4. The necessity of increasing numbers in Orienteering

A number of committee members felt that the above issues could be improved through a co-ordinated regional development programme.

A meeting to discuss this was suggested for the Leinster Championships

(AC, Ed, MOC, FVG, ML to attend)

The Agenda would include

1. Regional Development of Junior & Adult training
2. Develop migration path from schools events to IOA fixtures
3. Instructors' Courses
4. Coaching/Training Admin

An email from the IOA development and Junior Officer will be drafted and sent to affiliated clubs and the forum. This will request Regional councils to nominate a regional Development Officer to work with the IOA development and Junior Officers to co-ordinate regular local training for Juniors and others. Schools orienteering participants will be invited to these events.

High Performance

Brief Summary of Current Activity

Notes for Face-to-face meeting of IOA Committee, February 22nd 2014

1. Training Weekend organised by CNOC
On the weekend of February 8/9th a training weekend was held in Wicklow. This event was well attended. CNOC generously donated the proceeds of the Night Event in Hollywood to the Squad. These were used to cover the costs of the weekend.
2. European Orienteering Championships 2014, Portugal
Entry fees have recently being paid. A team of 6/7 men will travel along with 2/3 women.
3. World Orienteering Championships
Entry has gone in. Accommodation is booked. Selection races will take place in Italy at the end of May, beginning of June, as per the selection policy.
4. World Trail Orienteering Championships
Got an email from Alan Gartside regarding this at the end of January. I think there is interest in sending a team to this. If a team does go I will have to re-examine my budget to take account of this competition. Alan Gartside will be looking after the team and there will be a selection policy.
5. World University Orienteering Championships
A team leader has come forward but they will have to go through the application process to be ratified by Student Sport Ireland.
6. Race the Castles 2014 (<http://www.racethecastles.com/>)
This event is taking place in October in Scotland. It will incorporate WOC2015 training camp and SHI 2014. Looks like a good event. Permission has been received to run in Balmorral.

Darren Burke
Director of High Performance Orienteering



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