

MINUTES OF IOA TELE-MEETING, MONDAY 5TH AUGUST 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:

1. Minutes from last meeting on 9th June
<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/0B3KCa1Aq4oageWE5MXFhZDBtaE0>
2. Matters arising
3. BRIEF reports by officers including expenditure plans for Q3 & Q4
4. Recording of decisions made by email
5. European Week of Sport, 10th to 18th Sept
 - update from Fergal
 - update from AJ on Phoenix Pk
6. Travel insurance for 2017
7. Child Protection Policy and Procedures,
8. AGM of Schools Group
9. Issues raised by BOC re: map and event registration
10. Irish Championships - HW (see email sent by HW)
11. HMCA - FVG (see email sent by FVG)
12. Face to Face meeting attendance
13. A.O.B.

	Actions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Item 10 deferred until face to face as Finn is unavailable — Face to face attendance: Eoin – maybe, Finn – yes, Stuart – no, ML – no, Andrew – unknown. If not enough of the committee are available then cancel Face to Face. 	AJ
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — No matters arising from previous minutes, 9th June accepted. — AJ to put minutes on the website 	AJ
<p>Recording of decisions made by email</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Insurance cover taken out for Junior and Senior squad trips. Cost is €1100 per squad. — <Andrew joined> — Decided to increase junior funding by €5650 and senior squad by €4000 to the end of the year. — Look for unspent budgets in other areas to fund deficit. — Online event registration budget will be used to fund this deficit. This target will be targeted for completion in 2017 with a budget assigned. 	
<p>Coaching/Eoin:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — June: did week long training course with army. — Tutor training course in Autumn. Expect 3 applicants. Participants will pay half each. — No news on dormant account funding — Budget: surplus of €1300. To be adjusted after discussion with Sarah and Eoin. To be used to offset Juniors and Seniors. 	Eoin, Sarah

<p>Development/Andrew:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Development will need €1000 until the end of year to cover POC's and brochure, leaving €1400 available 	
<p>Technical/Harold:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Subvention to be paid for IOC to WATO and possibly Leinster 3 day. — Major events conference is committed to but could put Safety Day off until next year. 	
<p>Mapping/Stuart:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Nothing planned for the next while, so mapping budget is available. 	
<p>Fixtures/Fergal:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — no budget to start with 	
<p>Euro week of sport:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — There are a number of events being run by clubs. — There is an event in Phoenix park as part of SARI launch of the European Week of Sport. 	
<p>Travel insurance for 2017:</p> <p>Comments were requested from Juniors and Seniors. The benefits are unclear at this stage. It was decided to include it in the budget for next year.</p>	Sarah

<p>Child protection:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Policy to be rewritten by BFF, AJ and WF — Letter to update database to be sent to clubs by post and email. 	<p>AJ</p>
<p>AGM of schools group/Andrew:</p> <p>Minutes will be available next week – put on agenda for next meeting</p>	<p>AJ</p>
<p>Map and Event registration issue:</p> <p>A communication was received from BOC about an event registered by another club, CSOA , using a venue that is registered to BOC on the IOA Map Register. There was a detailed general discussion about this issue.</p> <p>After checking the map register and checking the IOA rules it was decided that the Fixtures list would be adjusted to show “TBC” for the venue but the date would be maintained and a letter would be written to CSOA about the registration of the event and the map.</p> <p>Further discussion to take place next week on a teleconference involving Harold, Paul, Andrew, Stuart and Fergal.</p>	<p>Fergal</p> <p>AJ</p> <p>Paul</p> <p>Paul</p>
<p>Irish Championship Standards:</p> <p>A document was sent to the committee from HW on this issue, see appendix.</p> <p>The key question is should the IOA take on responsibility of appointing controllers ? There was some agreement but it was decided that further input and discussion is needed. Each member of the committee is asked to respond to Harolds’s email by 17th September. This feedback will be used as</p>	<p>All committee members</p>

<p>guidance for further discussion on this issue at the Major Events Conference next month. AJ to send email reminder to committee.</p> <p><Harold and mike leave></p>	<p>AJ</p>
<p>AOB:</p> <p>Face to face attendance: AJ to poll committee re: attendance at face to face meeting at Kilcoran on 13th Nov.</p> <p>Meeting ended at 21.50</p>	<p>AJ</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