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17th SEPTEMBER 2007, 20:00

Present:

Marcus Geoghegan

John Casey

Ed Niland

Fergal Reid

Harold White

Brendan O'Brien

Ruth Lynam

Fergal Buckley

Action items highlighted in red.

1. Correspondence received

Dublin mountains initiative

Invoice received from dublin mountains initiative for 500euro.

No objections to payment.

Marcus will forward invoice to John for payment.

John will ensure invoice paid.

Asthma exemption

Asthma medication drug testing exemption requested for 2 athletes

Marcus to forward relevant documentation to medical and to the athletes.

NGB grant

Note that NGB core grant combined with women in sport grant. It was noted that IOA currently

doesn't apply for women in sport grant, so no effect.

2. Reports from individual officers

Executive Chairperson's Report

Summer quiet as out of orienteering season.

Barbara Foley Fisher agreed to continue on as child protection officer.

Mapping Registrar's Report

Dept of arts tourism grant has taken up time.

Big increase in amount of request for maps coming in.

Mapping officer has forwarded to relevant clubs – unknown if clubs responding.

Director of Junior Orienteering's Report

Very busy summer

4 juniors at eyoc in Hungary, led by Darren Burke

6 competitors at jwoc in Australia

- good results including Nick Simonin's 4th in middle qualification

Fantastic training week in Sweden in preparation for jwoc next year, David Healy & Ruth led.

19 juniors on squad tour to Scottish 6 day, leaders Don Short, Eileen Hill, Ruth

35 juniors at recent training weekend, lots of help including Greg McCann, Ailbhe Creedon, Marella Fyffe, many parents.

Full team for junior home international coming up at end of September

5 going to junior European cup at end October

- seamus had great run at army relay champs in Croatia

Noted that finding coaches is hard, suitable orienteers to teach the juniors. Hoping that coaching scheme coming on line will help.

Lots of people helped with this over the summer.

- david healy helped in sweden

- Don+eileen hill and ruth in scotland

- loads of people at the training weekend, greg and ailbhe and all the parents

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Director of High Performance Orienteering's Report

Results of recent competitions

World champs Ukraine - team of 5, reasonable results

In MTBO John Hoolihan finished 20th, great result

In trail o - Alan Gartside had great results, medal

SHI coming up next couple of months, have team as well

Marcus noted that the info about great successes doesn't get out there enough. Need to encourage athletes to report and raise profile.

Brendan noted communication through e-groups happens.

Marcus noted perhaps we need to make better effort to get this on website.

Communications officer to look into this

Honorary Treasurer's Report

Sent out request to get affiliation fees in

Received all documents from Ruth, just needs to get cheques out to take care of that.

O-ring clinic, had agreed to pay entry conditional on feedback or coaching from attendees.

Ed and Fergal B and Marcus still have some cheques+claims to forward to treasurer for processing.

Communications Officer's Report

Nothing particular to note.

Coaching and Training Officer's Report

Intro to coaching, orienteering coaching foundation pilot course scheduled to launch in October/November

Still on course for getting level 1 fully run out by Jan/Feb next year

NCTC still changing over to coaching Ireland

Of the four IOA Trained Tutors only one is willing to continue.

NCTC says course has to be run by recognised tutor

They'll let Ed tutor for orienteering, and others on a case by case basis depending on original sport etc.

Talking to Setanta, following Setanta's recent coaching courses - lots of hillrunners coming, AR may be a driver.

BOF have allocated places on level 3 & 4 courses on lake district in october, Ed and Ruth going.
More places may come available - will publicise.

Fixtures Secretary's Report

Nothing particular to note.

Marcus wondered what happened with automatic application system

FergalB said needs to get in touch with martin flynn about that, will give update by e-mail

Marcus said might want to put a little pressure on some clubs to get their events in for registration earlier, FergalB should send a query to the e-Groups.

Controller of Technical Standards' Report

Need to discuss relay's handicap system later in the meeting.

3. IOA Administrative assistant

So far Aine Joyce in GEN is enthusiastic about position.

Need to advertise position and get range of candidates.

Action Item:

Marcus to produce job spec. Already spec for sec + treasurer, need unified spec.

Ed said he'd help produce job spec, Marcus needs to send Ed these things.

Ruth said could do with help booking accomadation, travel, for the juniors, so going to add that to job spec.

Ruth will write a definition of what the admin assistant would need to do , and send them to Ed who will merge them into job spec.

4. Organiser & Planner Training

Organiser and planner training - separate from orienteering training

Ran controllers course last year

Mary has done good course in UK

Ed & Ruth will talk to BOF people when over on course about getting people to run courses in Ireland.

JK in NI is an opportunity to train people, as people in NIOA will need training anyway before running the event.

Harold will talk to NIOA about combined training opportunity

5. Orienteering Training

Covered already during Coaching and Training officers report.

Ed will also talk to setanta and see what went well for them, see what gets people to stick, perhaps useful in future.

6. IOC relays & relay format

The new relay format was voted on by the committee and adopted.

Harold will formalise the rules later on, codify things properly

The codification project may or may not include a definition of what is an Irish Championship, tbd.

7. Sports Council mid-year review

Marcus will do this, get it finished, may need help from other committee members during the week.

Marcus will complete mid year review.

Other committee members will help promptly if contacted by marcus.

Some relevant material may have been sent to the PO box.

8. Treasurer handover

John has been in communication with Mary.

Just a matter of finding convenient time to do the handover, ideally day in dublin.

John will do this fairly soon.

9. DAST mapping grant

Need to move on mapping grant now.

Marcus would like to find new mapping officer

Trying to do both mapping officer and chairperson effectively is difficult.

Committee members are to try find other mapping officer

10. IOA Branding

Marcus noted that IOA community presence and branding could be improved.

Communications officer agreed.

Eg: mci website and outsider website have no links

Communications officer to ask MCI and Outsider if they would like to put links to IOA.

Need profiles of people, photo gallery, need blog.

Need to make list of things in this area

Objective:

To achieve a more vibrant community

Some discussion on what best way of achieving results is – do we need to make a list of goals? Of good things to do? Draw up a strategy?

Fergal Reid asked to start a discussion on committee list and egroups about community, and what could to done to improve it, make it more active, dynamic, friendly, social.

11. JK2011 & IOC2011

Noted it would be a good media opportunity.

Date is last weekend of march 2011

Maybe need to switch irish champs from NI to year when JK is not on?

Harold to clarify the NIOA's plans about when they will hold IOC2011, what they will do on the May Bank holiday weekend following JK2011 and if they want to request a year-swap for the IOC. The objective is to see if we can make the NIOA's JK2011 even more attractive by running complimentary events in the Republic that would allow foreign competitors to take a longer holiday.

12. IOA Blog & community building

Discussed under 10.

13. Child protection - reminder to clubs

Barbera foley fisher has taken on duty as child protection officer, IOA has to notify clubs of their duty. Harold says Aine Joyce knows about this.

Marcus said he will ask mary to take on job of getting affiliation process tightened up, part of this would be to remind clubs of their obligations under policy.

Marcus will ask Mary to do this, getting her into the committee.

Marcus will talk to Barbera about notifying clubs of their duties.

14. SportIdent update

SportIdent, seems to be going well after the transition.

Real unsung hero (again) is martin flynn. ór software.

Marcus said people should use ór, very good.

Marcus will put a recommendation out on the egroups.

Marcus will also put out an e-mail saying to organisers to put up routegadget.

Martin will be talked to to give a symponism to people doing planning/organising training, so he can train them in oR.

Separately, a technical course on OCAD would be great.

15 Any other business

Trophies:

Marcus will request that someone, ideally a former champion, would get more trophies.

Marcus will send out e-mails.

IOA blog

Marcus will provide FergalR with john mcculloch's phone number to discuss more about TIO blog, as JohnM may not be receiving e-mails on the topic.

Next meeting

Next meeting in conjunction with sports council grant meeting, late November.

Next meeting will be monday nov. 26th. At 20:00.