

# IOA Executive Meeting, 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2009

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## *Conference call meeting*

Attendance: Marcus Geoghegan, Ruth Lynam, Harold White, Mary O'Connell, Brendan O'Brien, Aine Joyce, Fergal Buckley.

Regrets: Niall McAlinden, Ed Niland

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Reports included: High Performance, Juniors, Chairman and Mapping, Development

## **Review of Minutes of last meeting:**

Brendan O'Brien explained that for SHI the IOA had no role. He would put a message on egroups the next time the issue was being discussed.

Dublin Mountain Partnership: Mary O'Connell attended a recent meeting. There is a new website for the DMP and a submission to Coillte is underway.

At the AGM the committee will invite Philip Brennan to talk about this initiative and thank him for his work. **MG**

Women in Sport: There was no response from an email to the forum and therefore there was no application for a grant.

Eligibility for Irish Championships and Controllers: This will be discussed later in the meeting.

An email was sent to the egroups explaining the 'swop' of IOC dates.

## Budget:

# IOA - Budget 2009

## Expenses

Item	Budget 2007 Agreed	Budget 2008 Agreed	Budget 2009
<b>Admin</b>			
Insurance	6000	6000	6000
Strategic Plan	650	650	
Secretary	2400	5000	5000
IOF	1200	1200	1400
Trophies		1500	1500
IOA Agm			1000
Other	3000	5000	5000
Admin Total	<hr/> 13250	<hr/> 19350	<hr/> 19900
Mapping	8000	8000	10000
Schools Mapping			2000
Clinics	0	2000	2000
Juniors	15000	15000	15000
High Performance	10000	12000	12000
Carding	2000	0	0
Coaching	4000	4000	4000
NCDP	5900	5900	6000
Computers in O		2000	
Equipment (SI)	7000	2000	4000
Schools SI			3000
Club First Aid	1000	2000	200
Promotions	3000	3000	5000
Photo Competition	500	500	
TIO	1500	1500	1000
VHI Contribution	0	0	
WRE	0	0	
Fed of Ir Sports	85	85	150
Logo	300		
IOC Subvention	500	1000	1000
Shamrock Subvention			1000
<b>Total</b>	<hr/> 72035	<hr/> 78,335	<hr/> 85,250

## Income

Sports Council	46200	52800	52800
Carding			
Affiliation	2500	3000	3865
Levies & Fees	5000	5000	5000
Sale of SI Cards	500	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<u>54200</u>	<u>60800</u>	<u>61665</u>
<b>Budgeted Profit/Loss</b>	<u><u>-17,835</u></u>	<u><u>-17,535</u></u>	<u><u>-23,585</u></u>

Brendan agreed to let some of his budget go to mapping if there was a squeeze at the end of next year

The Technical sub-committee will review the eligibility of events for subvention. **Harold White will communicate the availability of the subvention to Cork O for IOC 08.**

There was a discussion about whether the subvention should be confined to IOC or extended to include Regional Championships.

Andrew Cox asked if there was money available to support the Development of Schools Orienteering, it was agreed that this would be a separate Schools budget out of Mapping and SportIdent . Also, Local Sports Partnerships were enthusiastic about supporting local Schools Orienteering.

**Marcus will write to the Irish Sports Council thanking them for the grant received.**

# Director of High Performance report

## WOC 2009 Selection Policy:

The Irish Team selection policy for the world Orienteering Championships 2009 to be held in Miskolc, Hungary from 16th to 23rd August, is as follows;

### 1. Number of Competitors:

Men: A minimum of 5 men will be selected, with a maximum of 6 being selected.

Women: Up to 3 women will be selected.

### 2. Selection Races:

The selection for WOC 2009 will be based upon performances at the following races.

a. Irish Orienteering Championships 2009.

Men: There will be three [3] automatic places available for men based upon the results during these races. The selection will be as follows; First man in the Medium distance is automatically selected. First man in the classic is automatically selected. Best man with combined results of both the classic and medium races is automatically selected.

Women: There will be two [2] automatic places available for women based upon the results of these races. First woman in the Medium distance is automatically selected. First woman in the classic is automatically selected.

b. The following races will be considered;

The performances at the following races will be considered when completing the makeup of the mens and womens team for WOC 2009. None of these races are mandatory, but to be considered for selection athletes must have competed in at least 2 races of the list below.

- Spring Cup 2009, Denmark, 27-29 March 2009, [www.springcup.dk](http://www.springcup.dk)

- JK 2009, UK 10-13 April 2009. [www.jk2009.org.uk](http://www.jk2009.org.uk)

- Shamrock O-ringen, Killarney , 30 May - 1 June 2009, [www.corko.net/shamrock](http://www.corko.net/shamrock)

- World Cup Events from 2008 will be considered.

- Any other World Ranking event in 2008/2009 will be considered.

### 3. Selection:

Selection will be made in early June 2009 to allow competitors adequate time to prepare and train in the relevant terrain etc. In the event of there being a number of competitors in contention for the final selection places a head to head race will be held with the first past the post being selected. This is likely to be during the Shamrock O-Ringen in June.

#### 4. World Cup Selection:

Selection for world cup races will be on known form over the past year at world ranking events. The 2008 World Cup races are as follows;

Event	Date	Type	Venue
1	9 June	Middle distance,	Salo, Finland, <a href="http://www.noc2009.fi">www.noc2009.fi</a>
2	10 June	Sprint distance,	Salo, Finland, <a href="http://www.noc2009.fi">www.noc2009.fi</a>
3	26 June	Middle distance,	Fossum, Norway, <a href="http://www.app.o-festivalen.com/wp/2009/">www.app.o-festivalen.com/wp/2009/</a>
4	27 June	Long distance,	Fossum, Norway, <a href="http://www.app.o-festivalen.com/wp/2009/">www.app.o-festivalen.com/wp/2009/</a>
5	19 Aug	Middle distance,	Miskolc, Hungary, WOC09, <a href="http://www.woc09.hu">www.woc09.hu</a>
6	20 Aug	Sprint distance,	Miskolc, Hungary, WOC09, <a href="http://www.woc09.hu">www.woc09.hu</a>
7	3 Aug	Long distance,	Miskolc, Hungary, WOC09, <a href="http://www.woc09.hu">www.woc09.hu</a>
8	26 Sep	Middle distance,	Zurich, Switzerland, <a href="http://www.postfinancesprint.ch">www.postfinancesprint.ch</a>
9	27 Sep	Sprint distance,	Zurich, Switzerland, <a href="http://www.postfinancesprint.ch">www.postfinancesprint.ch</a>

#### 5. Mountain Bike Orienteering:

1. 9 - 16 Aug World MTBO Champs, Ben Shemen, Israel, [www.nivut.org.il/mtbo/default.aspx](http://www.nivut.org.il/mtbo/default.aspx)
2. 22-29 June European MTBO, Copenhagen, Denmark, [www.eocmtbo2009.dk](http://www.eocmtbo2009.dk)

#### Irish Senior Squad Blog

A new blog has been created to provide updates on all Squad activities: <http://irishseniororienteering.blogspot.com/>

#### Gear re-design and new Contract

A new contract is being finalised with Trimtex to provide gear to the Senior Squad for the next 3 years. This will be finalised over the coming weeks and include some joint marketing and press releases etc.. Andrew Quinn has been key in creating the relationship with Trimtex via his contacts in Sweden.

A sample of the new design is on the blog: <http://irishseniororienteering.blogspot.com/>

# Chairmans Report

## FIOA

On Friday evening Harold and Marcus had a very successful conference call with the NIOA to resurrect the FIOA.

## Admin Assistant review

Completed a review of the Admin Assistant role; formal review circulated to committee and letter sent to Aine Joyce  
Still to do: revise jobspec document

## Child Protection

Barbara Foley-Fisher wants to be nominated as the IOA's official Garda vetting person; current status unknown

## Constitution

Marcus has completed a review of constitution and has two recommended amendments. He is arranging a meeting with a barrister via the FIS to avail of the Bar Council's pro-bono initiative to help NGBs to incorporate "Just Sport Ireland into their constitutions and disciplinary procedures.

## Computers in Orienteering

Course was very successful - see report on orienteering.ie for details.

## Trophies

David Healy and Colin Henderson are investigating possible new trophies. **Ruth Lynam and Greg McCann have to decide on a Junior Category for the remainder of the Lee O bequest.**

## Ranking System

Stuart Scott is developing IOLeague into a National Ranking system for Irish Orienteering. The NIOA have agreed to participate and MG is writing the specification. The ranking will be based on the 10 previous championship events and will be for all classes except 'S'.

## Document storage & scanning

Marcus is working with Aine on her historic document project

## Online entries

Tony Doolin is developing an online entry system for Irish Orienteering

## SportIdent

Munster SI kit needs to be reorganised and possibly dispersed. Fergal pointed out that there is a preference for the smaller Series 8 Sport Ident units. **Andrew Cox , Fergal Buckley and the Munster Clubs will confer on what to do with the Munster Kit.**

Biggest problem currently is with the rental SI cards. Brian Power is looking at this and will be making a suggestion on what to do.

The security products that were purchased for SI R&D is a metal plate that covers the SI unit and may allow greater usage in Urban Areas.



## **Director of Orienteering Education**

### **BOF Teaching & new UKCC Coaching Course**

Contact has been made with BOF CEO and Coaching officer regarding use of their materials. CEO confirmed my request and is working on response, which I am still waiting on.

Cost in 2009: not known, but may require a licensing fee as well as paying for resources to be altered to include IOA logo and printed;

### **Adventure Sports Framework**

Progress has been slow, with Adventure sport tutor training agreed and will happen in two ways, Tutor Assimilation and full Tutor Training. We will take up our allocation at the full tutor training course, but will not have anyone attending Assimilation course.

We have four definite (maybe five) places on the course specifically for NGB's in the Adventure Framework in April & May. Four individuals have been approached by me to take up those places 3 have confirmed to date.

### **Orienteering instructor Course**

Outline and draft materials are progressing; Aim to have course ready for new instructor to work on after graduation in May.

### **Advanced Orienteering Instructor Course**

Outline drafted but materials have not been progressed sufficiently at this time. Aim to have it piloted in Autumn.

## **Communication Officer**

Niall McAlinden and Finn van Gelderen have agreed that the Comms Officers job is subcontracted to Finn. Marcus requested that the committee assist Finn as much as possible in this role.

## **Promotion Materials**

A booklet was made for the Dublin Mountain Initiative, this was made by Finn

Finn has also agreed to make a booklet and some posters showing off Irish orienteering. They will be sent to the clubs along with a small sticker with club contact details on it.

## **TV Coverage**

Contact was made with OB sports. They expressed some interest in the Irish Champs in May. Niall will contact them again soon to find out if they are still interested

## **40 Years of Orienteering in Ireland**

Finn is organising a video shoot to celebrate 40 years of orienteering. He has some ideas to interview some of the first Irish orienteers to hear their stories.

## Technical Officer Report, Harold White

### Controllers

A controller course is arranged for March 21<sup>st</sup>, 4 people have signed up.

Six additional controllers were formally approved by the Committee,

Fachtna Healy

Pat Healy

Val Jones

Ruth Lynam

Aongus O'Cleiragh

Dave Weston

### Technical sub-committee

A technical sub-committee has been formed with representatives from each region. They will look at subvention criteria and Relay Team Membership.

### Orienteering Rules

Harold will update the Rules Document to reflect changes that have been recently approved.

## Development Officer Report, Andrew Cox

### Permanent Orienteering Courses

This area is being researched. Andrew Cox has developed Guidelines for establishing Permanent Orienteering Courses, covering areas such as

1. Getting permission from landowners
2. What materials to include in a Pack
3. What should be covered by Teachers before they leave the classroom.

Andrew will publish this information on o.ie. He has found that there is a need for advice and assistance out there. There was a discussion about whether IOA should contribute money to clubs for Permanent O Courses and who is responsible for the Course once it is established; it is the Club, Landowner, Council. For example, Cork City Council have Permanent O Courses on their website. It was concluded that Clubs should work with Local Sports Partnerships.

### Coillte

A problem has arisen with access to Lands that Coillte have leased from a third party. Coillte have also put their Forest Plans on their website. It is recommended that Clubs keep a close eye on these plans. **Andrew is going to put this information on the egroups.**

### PE Teachers in Schools

Teachers have been training themselves on Orienteering through Department run courses. It would be useful to have Permanent Orienteering courses in a nearby location. An article was submitted in the PE Teachers Newsletter about Orienteering. There will also be courses during the summer for Primary PE Teachers.

## Fixtures report, Fergal Buckley

No issues at the moment.

## **Mapping Report, Marcus Geoghegan**

### **OCAD Courses**

Pat Healy is organising two OCAD courses, one each in Munster and Leinster. Pat will be paid €500 for each course and there is an allocation for an additional €800 expenses per course. Mary Healy and Danny O'Hare are assisting in finding venues and Aine Joyce with logistics.

### **Map Registrations**

Marcus has scanned all map registrations received since becoming mapping officer - these will be published on orienteering.ie soon. There have been a small number of map registrations since the last meeting - a full list will be included in the 2009 AGM report as usual

### **Budget and Map Grants**

As agreed by the committee in an email exchange, the 2008 mapping budget was increased from €8,000 to 12,600. The 2008 grant scheme of €10,000 has been announced and to-date five clubs have applied. The closing date is the end of February and the cheques will be issued immediately thereafter.

### **Historic Map for Trinity Library**

Brian Hollinshead has completed his inventory of historic maps for the Trinity College Library. On March 25th there will be a ceremony in the library to hand over 1,000 maps for the archive. Invitation lists are being prepared at the moment.

## **Junior Representative Report, Ruth Lynam**

### **Internationals:**

European Youth Champs (EYOC) for 16s & 18s in October: 7 competitors. Successful trip - steady runs from newcomers, Kevin O'Boyle 39<sup>th</sup> in Sprint, a very good result.

### **Training:**

Mullaghmeen in November – control flow & relays, planning for 2009.

Mahon Falls in February – attack points, relocation, planning routes & long legs.

### **Admin:**

Selection policy for JWOC & EYOC 2009 drawn up.

Selection policy for JWOC & EYOC 2009 drawn up, available at <http://sites.google.com/site/ijsweb/selections/selection-policy-2009>

Parent Consent form revised.

Organisation for training weekends, and for squad trips to Danish Spring Cup in March, JK in April, summer tour to Scotland (with a lot of help from Aine).

Putting shape on the website.

### **Immediate Plans:**

Training for “pre-squad” Sat 7 March , with an emphasis on ‘contours’ and ‘compass’.

Squad Training weekend 14-15 March

Niamh O'Boyle offers to organise fundraising quiz at IOC.

Plans to arrange Junior Cup league competition using Championships plus Shamrock

## **AGM 2009**

This will be held in conjunction with the IOC on may bank holiday weekend in Donegal. Marcus has spoken to Pat Healy about a venue for the AGM. There is a local community centre and possibly local catering available. Niamh O'Boyle is organising the Junior Fundraising Quiz.

## **Schools Orienteering**

The Chairman thanked Andrew Cox for his work. Seven drafts of the document have been produced and all contributions have been added. The document will be posted on the IOA page of Orienteering website and a message placed on the forum inviting contributions and comment. The document will then be presented as a motion at AGM.

## **FIOA**

A meeting has taken place of the new revived FIOA (Federation of Irish Orienteering Association). The meeting was productive and issues discussed include; Trophies, All Ireland Ranking System, Cross-border calendar co-ordination.

Violet Linton is the NI calendar co-ordinator; Marcus G will contact Sean Hassett and suggest that he contacts Violet Linton to co-ordinate Leinster and NI events.

The dates of Regional Championship events are already on the IOA Fixtures List as far ahead as 2012.

## **IOC 2010**

Harold White pointed out that IOC and BOC will clash in 2010, so NIOA will hold the IOC on the weekend before the May Bank Holiday Weekend. To make the event '3 days' rather than '2 days', there will be a Sprint O event on the Friday evening. The 'Irish Middle Distance Championships' could be 'offered' to another club to run in that year. It will always be the case that when the IOC is held in NI it will be the weekend before the May Bank Holiday weekend.

## **Archive and Document Storage Project**

Marcus and Aine have been working on this. 90% of historic IOA documents have been scanned and classified. A number of products have been examined for suitability of storing these documents centrally. Marcus will speak to Martin Flynn about using existing IOA server space for storage.

## **40 Years of Orienteering in Ireland**

To celebrate 40 years of orienteering there will be an article on the website and Finn is doing some work on this also.





## **AOB:**

Ruth wondered if the fixtures list could include other events, Fergal thought it wouldn't be able to .

Farmleigh: Double the figure we agreed so that there is enough resources at Farmleigh (3roc) during the summer.