

Minutes of IOA Executive TeleMeeting, Sept 14th 2011

Attendees: Brendan O'Brien, Aine Joyce, Brian Power, Fergal Buckley, Harold White, Sara Ní Ruairc, Ruth Lynam. Apologies from Andrew Cox, Finn van Gelderen, Ed Niland, Ivan Millar

Agenda:

1. IOC Relay eligibility
2. Registering of Orienteering events
3. ISC Grant
4. AOB

IOC Relay Eligibility:

Harold proposed to change the eligibility criteria for competing for a club in the IOC relays to include club members living abroad. The Rule 6.7 was amended in 2008 to tighten up on the eligibility so as to prevent blow-ins joining clubs just for the event. The Rule changed to:

' To represent an IOA or NIOA affiliated club, all team members shall:-

(A) be an individual, family, or group member of an IOA or NIOA affiliated club for three months preceding the Relay Championship,

and

(B) have been present on the island of Ireland for at least six out of the twelve months immediately preceding the Relay Championship.'

The proposed new wording is :-

' 6.7 The Irish Relay Championship shall be an open competition with Irish Champions being the first IOA or NIOA affiliated club team in the Open, Women's Premier, Junior 48 and Junior 36 classes. To represent an IOA or NIOA affiliated club, all team members shall:-

(A) be an individual, family, or group member of an IOA or NIOA affiliated club for at least three months immediately preceding the Relay Championship,

and

(B) they meet either or both of the following conditions:-

(i) they qualify for Irish citizenship through birth, descent, naturalisation, or marriage, in accordance with the Citizenship Acts 1956 to 2004,

or

(ii) they have been present on the island of Ireland for at least six out of the twelve months immediately preceding the Relay Championship.

Harold will adjust this new wording to specify membership should be of not just any IOA/NIOA club but of the club they are intending to run for in the IOA Relays.

ISC Grant Application:

The chairman raised the question of how much the IOA should apply for and whether a cut is expected or not. The treasurer has circulated before the meeting the percentages of the 2010 and 2011 budget each area received. It was agreed that these percentages would be used as a basis for drawing up operational plans and adjustments will be made prior to the grant application deadline.

Event Registration:

The fixtures secretary brought to the attention of the committee that some clubs may not be registering all orienteering events that they are organising. The IOA Rules of Orienteering state that all 'open' events should be registered. Harold White will look at these rules. The Fixtures Secretary will remind clubs of their obligations to register all events.

There was no AOB. Meeting closed at 20.48