

Minutes of Teleconference on Wed 4th April 2012

Attendees: Brendan O'Brien, Aine Joyce, Harold White, Sarah Ní Ruairc, Darren Burke, Ruth Lynam, Brian Power, Ed Niland, Finn van Gelderen, Andrew Cox, Fergal Buckley,

Agenda

1. HP director and WOC entries - Finn/Darren
2. Executive Positions for next term- Brendan
3. Ten Elements update - Finn/Ed
4. Awards - Brendan
5. Coaching /Instructor courses, Insurance - Ed
6. Trophies -Aine

1. **HP Director:** Ivan Millar has gone to New Zealand for work reasons and is unable to continue as Director of High Performance. Finn has assisted temporarily. It is proposed that Darren Burke be co-opted to the position until the AGM. This proposal was accepted by the committee.

2. **Executive Committee positions for next year:** The constitution of the IOA only allows a Chairperson to hold the position for three years. Brendan O'Brien's term is finished. Ruth Lynam is also stepping down as Junior Representative.

All other committee members are willing to remain in their respective positions if elected at the AGM.

3. **Ten elements update:** The project is to make 10 Videos of 2 to 2:30 minutes long, introducing and explaining ten elements of orienteering. Extra funding was provided to complete this project. The third draft is underway, then do story board. It is hoped to film in June, and to be completed by the end of year. It is also hoped to have a schools film completed in time for the AGM.

4. **Awards :**There are two new awards this year. The Spirit of Orienteering award and a Performance award.

Spirit of Orienteering Award: This award will be given to one person each year. It is in recognition of outstanding service or performance in the sport, either for exceptional efforts in a single year or for a long term contribution that makes a lasting impact on the sport.

Nomination process : The IOA executive will nominate candidates for this award. The support of two members of the executive are required for a successful nomination, and in the event of more than one nomination a vote will decide the winner, with the Chairperson having the casting vote in the event of a tie.

The recipients of all awards are to be announced at agm. There may also be a presentation evening at another time.

5. **Coaching:** An email announcing these courses has been sent to forum.

6. **New trophies for Irish Champions:** Work has been underway for the last few months to get new trophies for the Irish Mens and Womens Champions, but whether they will be ready in time for this year is not known.

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Coillte : Mountaineering Ireland,(formerly MCI)would like us to take a position on the possible sale of Coillte Teo lands, similar to their new policy.

Capital Grant applications: The IOA is happy to support any clubs who are submitting grant applications for the new capital grant programme.