

Minutes of IOA meeting of Feb 21st 2008 (Teleconference)

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Ed's update on Coaching & Training

Adventure Sports Training Framework - Implications for Orienteering : Other than Coaching/Training

- Grading of Participants (Proficiency Awards up to TD5+)
- Mapping of Small Areas – VEC OEC's (Outside Ed Centers) a priority for rollout of Instructor Awards – Lead centres;
- Irish Step system required – Setting our skills for proficiency Award
- AAAS (Adventure Sport standard authority) - Finally to come into existence when ISC act is amended to allow subsidiaries (Along with IIS (institute of sport)& CI – coaching ireland;
- Rollout of Instructor training – on ICU(Irish canoe union)/MCI (mountaineering council of Ireland) format of “Franchising”;

National Coaching Strategy – Update

- See nctc website for full details , www.nctc.ul.ie
- Adventure Industry were used as good participation model that other ngbs could use;
- Confirmation that ISC will fund pilot of new structures.

BO Teacher Training Resources Purchase – Update

Awaiting Reply from BO (Keith Marsden);

Resources have been delayed at production level;

Asked for: Purchase of Resources;

Option to Buy updates when produced by BO;

Option of Trainer Training either in the UK or Here;

Asked for a full copy of Resources before commitment is entered into (to be given to Teachers Cmtte);

Introduction to coaching course (TD1) - Update (We have a Go!)

- Course will be finally approved on 4th March Meeting with NCTC;
 - Awaiting completed resources back from Oz before commence course rollout (Apr), Resources due back in early March;
 - GEN & Cork O to be prioritised as the only clubs to express a demand within their clubs for coaching after asked all club Sec's to express their interest.

Level One- Personal Coaching (Up to TD3) Update

- NCTC Accreditation on Hold until after Pilot of Intro Course completed;
 - Resources will be progressed and sent for drawing in May/June in prep for Rollout of course in autumn. (To be used in both Coaching course and Instructor Training)
 - Going to use L1 syllabus & Resources as basis for at least two of the Instructor levels;
 - Will start to develop Instructors syllabi as it will apply to O.

Instructor Training course (FETAC alignment from old NCVA)

- Mick Farrell of Baltinglass OEC as lead within VEC OEC's. He is going to help align the new Instructor with "New" FETAC awards. (Orienteering used to have two awards in the old NCVA award system, which has been replaced by FETAC)
- Keith Bickford, Kilfinane OEC Mgr, has also expressed his wish to help this process along.
- Main Reason: 55,000 student days of Orienteering within the VEC OEC's each year (11 centres). Tip of the Iceberg when there are over 300 adventure sports providers!
- This will be easier to organise than the Coaching course, as it will only have Technical O skills with teaching skills dropped as they will already have those skills.
- I haven't started this yet with MF & KB looking at the Intro & Level 1 course at the moment. Movement will happen soon, so if you want to add something – speak!

MCI/IOA Joint Orienteering/Navigation Course

- Requires reformat of Mountain Skills course to allow recognition of IOA courses & Proficiency awards. This happens informally by providers (i.e. allowed to skip MS 1) but not always – Commercial operations at the end of day;
- Progress will require MCI developing a mountaineering syllabus for the Adventure framework in place of the MS courses, otherwise they will not change it. We do the Navigation and they specifically do mountain skills as separate shorter course. To be trashed out when developing the Framework.

HW commented that BOF have moved away from having difference grades of controllers. Do IOA want to do this ? Is there anyone who is an IOF level controller ? Trina's may have lapsed. The current list of controllers is out of date.

Orienteering in primary schools is only a pilot stage yet. Con Moyhian of CorkO is in charge of Dept of Ed recourse for Orienteering at Junior Cycle PE Curriculum.

IOA - Budget 2007 - MO'C

Expenses Item	Budget 2006 Agreed	Budget 2007 Agreed	Budget 2008 Agreed
Admin			
Insurance	6000	6000	6000
Strategic Plan	0	650	650
Secretary	2400	2400	5000
IOF	1900	1200	1200
Trophies			1500
Other	2000	3000	5000
Admin Total	12300	13250	19350
Mapping	8000	8000	8000
Clinics	0	0	2000
Juniors	12000	15000	15000
High Performance	10000	10000	12000
Carding	9933	2000	0
Coaching	3750	4000	4000
NCDP		5900	5900
Computers in O			2000
Equipment (SI)	2000	7000	2000
Club First Aid		1000	2000
Promotions	3000	3000	3000
Photo Comp			500
TIO	1500	1500	1500
VHI Contribution	0	0	0
WRE	500	0	0
Fed of Ir Sports	85	85	85
Photo Competition	800	500	0
Logo		300	
IOC Subvention	500	500	1000
Total	64368	72035	78,335

Income

Sports Council	36250	46200	52800
Carding	9933		
Affiliation	2500	2500	3000
Levies & Fees	4500	5000	5000
Sale of SI Cards	500	500	0
Total	<u>53683</u>	<u>54200</u>	<u>60800</u>
Budgeted Profit/Loss		<u><u>-17835</u></u>	<u><u>-17,535</u></u>

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

IOA Logo:

As part of doing video on Orienteering Finn and Miriam van Gelderen reworked the IOA logo to improve print quality. Converted to vector format. MG would like to include 'Irish Orienteering Association' name as part of logo. **FR to do.**

Irish Orienteering Championships:

MG would like to increase the subvention to organising clubs to €1,000 . This was agreed on the condition that certain guidelines are adhered to. HW commented that guidelines need to be modified to be more realistic and focus more on standard of Orienteering. **HW will look at these guidelines.**

Affiliation fees:

Propose changing to one fee level of €200 per club regardless of membership. Treasurer to propose at AGM. An introductory level of €65 per year for the first 3 years will continue.

Questions raised about the position of schools orienteering clubs and whether they want to affiliate or not .

The position of University clubs also raised with regard to affiliation to IOA, Cusai, IOSA (Irish Orienteering Student association ?)

Registration fees will not change.

Items arising from last meeting:

Asthma exemptions. MG to talk to RL.

BOF courses: MG to email EN.

Pat Farrelly wants people to be ready to attend courses when places are available at short notice.

NIOA: Trina to liaise with Bill O'Regan to co-ordinate Leinster calendar with NI events. Fergal B. to talk to Trina.

Federation of Irish orienteering: Interest in reviving. NIOA are interested and they suggest drawing up a letter. HW to draft letter to include "What is an Irish Champion?" and co-ordinating training and skills courses. Use teleconferencing to hold meetings. Suggest 3 representatives from each body.

Diaries: if anyone wants one send SAE to MG.

New treasurer and admin assistant welcomed.

Mapping grant: MG waiting for Pat.

Trophies: no volunteers yet.

Child protection and Garda vetting:

we need a secure storage facility.

Need a motion at AGM to create post of Child Protection Officer. BFF is currently non-executive position.

As part of affiliation to IOA clubs should sign letter to abide by IOA Child protection policy. May need to redo Affiliation Letters. MG to email MOC.

Issue of child protection officers for University clubs raised. MG confirmed that Child Protection officer is necessary as Juniors attend events run by University clubs. FR felt that this would be difficult for university clubs. MG suggested that the clubs associate with non-university clubs to fulfil this obligation.

Relays:

HW redoing guidelines and rules. Liasing with CORKO in doing this. HW wants to form a Technical committee from 3 provincial O organisations to assist in this job. He will email provincial organisations with this request for representatives.

Computers in Orienteering, Planners and controllers course:

Computers in Orienteering will go ahead in sept 08, probably in Orchard Centre, Wicklow. Planners and Controllers courses will happen about 2 months after this.

NIOA swap request: No contract from Denis Reidy of AJAX, MG to email HW and DR.

Orienteering Video: MG commented that it was very successful. Not on web yet.

AGM:

Because of the number of people who will be staying on the mainland we will look for venue in Castletownbere. **AJ to do.** MOC suggested to hold on Sunday after relays.

AJ to ask Ondrej Pijak and /or Tero Mamia to do presentation at AGM.

Also ask the Champions to present their course using Routegadget.

Ask Ferries to do late run after AGM.

Orienteering.ie changes

This is ongoing changes in menu's . Will have Irish Champions list. Past Champions list. Award winners.

Neill Dobbs will do 'What is Orienteering ?'

End of meeting.