

Minutes of IOA Telemeeting, 22nd September 2008

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Attendance: Marcus Geoghegan, Andrew Cox, Mary O’Connell, Niall McAlinden, Fergal Buckley, Brendan O’Brien, Ed Niland, Ruth Lynam, Harold White, Aine Joyce

Chariman welcomed the new members to the committee.

Senior Home Internationals:

Brendan clarified that the selection of the SHI is done by NIOA not by IOA. **He will put a note on the e-group to explain.**

There have been questions asked about the selection process for the Home Internationals. Ruth explained that the selection for JHI was done by herself and Greg McCann based on performance at Regional and Irish Championships.

It was agreed that the selection processes for squads and teams should be clarified and explained on website and e-group.

Dublin Mountain Partnership

Philip Brennan is the IOA representative on this group, which is to be launched on 24th Oct in Newtownmountkennedy (Coillte headquarters). This is provisional. Good for lots of Orienteering representatives to be there.

Irish Sports Council – Mid Year Review and Grant Application

Marcus has sent in the mid- year review form and encouraged everyone **to look at the Grant Application Form, particularly objectives.**

Mary – need to have a look at accounts and budget for next year. She asked the committee to look at their areas.

There is a Women in Sport initiative for which there is money available. Events can be run for Women but don't have to exclude men. **Marcus will email e-group looking for help and suggestions on Women in Sport.**

Marcus suggested that there may also be money available for a Development post, part-time then moving towards full-time.

Ed will do Coaching Ireland report.

Revival of FIOA

The revival of FIOA would help communication between NIOA and IOA, especially on the subject of Sunday Orienteering, and the area of eligibility to represent Ireland in international events.

Marcus to contact Philip Baxter, chairman of NIOA.

There followed a discussion on the Eligibility to be Irish Champion/Compete in Irish Championships/Represent Ireland in International Events.

Harold has invited the Regional Councils to select a representative to form a sub-committee to discuss Eligibility.

Marcus suggested a note to the e-group would be useful.

Eligibility for Irish Champions/Irish Championships

A discussion took place on Harold's paper on Irish Champions, format of IOC, eligibility to compete for Ireland, etc. It was agreed that Irish Championships should be open events with Irish Champions being the first 'Irish' competitor. It was also agreed that the qualifications to compete for Irish Champion would be:-

- 1 They are a member of an affiliated club of IOA or NIOA, and
- 2 They meet either of the following conditions:-

- (A) They qualify for Irish citizenship through birth, descent, naturalisation, or marriage, in accordance with nationality and Citizenship Acts 1956 to 2004, or
- (B) They have been present on the island of Ireland for at least six out of the twelve months immediately preceding the Championship event.

Some documentation from the mid 1990's regarding eligibility to compete for Ireland has been found, and **Harold is to follow this up to see if it was agreed with IOF.**

Competition Rules and Guidelines

Harold has written to the regional Chairmen seeking representatives from each to form the Technical Sub-committee to re-draft the existing rules. He is to follow this up. (Subsequently he has been advised that Pdraig Higgins is to be the Connacht representative) The other issues raised in Harold's paper will be considered by them. Also Marcus suggested the seeking of views by raising topics on the Forum.

Controllers

Harold has received documentation back from 12 Controllers. **He will place this list on website as Certified Controllers.** He is also involved in running a Controllers Course in NI – there may be some places available.

JK 2011 and IOC

The JK will be held in NI in 2011. NI were also due to hold the IOC in that year. But a swap has been agreed with AJAX. So, NI will hold the IOC in 2010 and AJAX will hold it in 2011. Easter is late in 2011, so there is an opportunity to market the JK and IOC together. It was also mentioned that BOC may also be May bank holiday that year. **Harold will follow up this possible clash.**

Marcus mentioned that it will be important to clarify to other regions that this swap is a once off and the normal rota will resume in 2012.

Fergal will email the e-groups with details of the swap.

Instructor Framework

Ed outlined the progress and background to this. He has received the recourses from BOF and will pilot through two adventure centres. There is still more work to be done before he is ready to 'broadcast' to wider community.

Affiliation Process

Affiliation forms have been emailed to clubs. The credit event will apply to the period 1/9/08 to 31/8/09. The event fees will be the same for this year as last year. The reason for the higher fees for Leinster League events is the higher turnouts. This change was made a few years back to simplify the system.

The 2009 Affiliation Forms will be sent out before May '09. Marcus will be suggesting some changes before then.

Orienteering.ie website

Marcus suggested there is a need to revitalise some parts of the website. Some important activities/information are too deeply buried. Particularly information about the National Squads.

Brendan will put up information about Senior Squad.

Information placed on the TIO blog is temporary and there is a need for a permanent record.

A new brochure is also needed for Orienteering. Niall will work on this.

Niall had to leave meeting early.

Sport Ident

Brian Power has stated that the usage is very high on the Leinster Kit and there may be a need for it to be split again. In Munster, clubs are building up their own kits. The new version of Ór will allow some reusability of SI cards.

Online Documentation

Aine has been working on putting IOA documents online. This involves scanning the old paper documents and also finding an online place that will be accessible to all on the committee. Neither Google docs or Knowledge tree are suitable. Any suggestions would be welcome.

Constitutional Review

Marcus is reviewing the constitution of the IOA, there is particularly a need to plug some holes and to provide for dispute resolution. There may need to be an EGM to add clauses.

Computer in Orienteering course

This is set for December. It will be important to get good attendance. Marcus encouraged other committee members to promote this course in the wider Orienteering community.

Schools Orienteering

John Casey is still running this process, it is at draft stage.

Grant Application

Nov 10th is the deadline, but for practical purposes it is end of October. **Each committee member has a paragraph to contribute on their area of responsibility.** All emails should be sent to entire committee.

Next Meeting

Possibly a face to face meeting in Feb/March.

End

Meeting ended at 9:55pm