

**Minutes of the MTBO Commission Meeting 2019-2****SUMMARY**

**Place:** Viborg, Denmark

**Date:** 29 July 2019

**Participants:** Keith Dawson (KD), member (GBR), until 17.30  
Tiago Fernandes (TF), member (POR)  
Steven Hale (SH), member (SWE)  
Ursula Häusermann (UH), chair (SUI)  
Maxim Kapitonov (MK), member (RUS), until 18.30  
Timo Laurila (TL), member (FIN)  
Ludomir Parfianowicz (LP), member (POL), from 13.30  
Vojtech Ludvik (VL), member Athletes Commission (CZE), from 12.30 – 14.30

**Excused:** Jiri Putik (JP), member (CZE)

**1 Opening**

The meeting opened at 12.30 pm on Monday, 29 July 2019.

**2 Approval of the agenda**

The agenda that was circulated before the meeting was approved. The items were discussed in the order of priority.

**3 Approval of previous minutes**

The minutes of the last meeting in January 2019 were approved.

**4 Matters arising and decisions taken since the last meeting**

- 4.1 Appointment of POR as organiser of the EMTBOC & EJMTCOC 2020 / WCup 1
- 4.2 Appointment of André Hermet, FRA, as SEA for EMTBOC & EJMTCOC 2020 / WCup 1
- 4.3 Guidelines have been published on the MTBOC website  
(see [www.mtbo-commission.com/rules.html](http://www.mtbo-commission.com/rules.html) → Guidelines):
  - Quarantine Zones
  - Wild Card
- 4.4 Application forms and guidance notes for applications by 1/1/2020 were revised:  
<http://orienteering.sport/mtb-orienteering/event-organising/event-application-forms>

- 4.5 The Council was not in favour of the MTBOC's proposal that event sanction fees should be variable based upon IOF membership categories (see minutes of Council meeting 194, point 14.7).
- 4.6 The Council approved the remits for all commissions for the year 2019.
- 4.7 A global calendar with MTBO events was created and published, see [www.mtbo-commission.com/globalraces.html](http://www.mtbo-commission.com/globalraces.html).
- 4.8 The analysis of MTBO injuries in 2012-2018 was published:  
MTBOC website = [www.mtbo-commission.com/various.html](http://www.mtbo-commission.com/various.html) → MTBO Injury Database  
IOF website = (<https://orienteering.sport/mtbo/internal/mtb-orienteering-commission/mtbo-injury-database>)
- 4.9 The minutes of the IOF Council meeting held in April were uploaded to the IOF website.
- 4.10 The Annual Financial Report for the IOF for the year 2018 was published on the IOF website in May.
- 4.11 The ESB approved the appointment of the jury at the EMTBOC and WMTBOC 2019.
- 4.12 The results of the evaluation based on the feedback received via online questionnaires of WCup events 2018 have been published on the MTBOC website.  
(see [www.mtbo-commission.com/event-evaluation.html](http://www.mtbo-commission.com/event-evaluation.html))
- 4.13 A blog page has been added to the MTBOC website regarding the new map symbols, see [www.mtbo-commission.com/blog](http://www.mtbo-commission.com/blog).
- 4.14 9 July: Proposal by the Rules Commission to IOF Council that the Emit touch-free long distance punching system be provisionally approved for MTBO events.
- 4.15 Templates for start group allocations forms are now available on the MTBOC website: [www.mtbo-commission.com/info-for-organisers--eas.html](http://www.mtbo-commission.com/info-for-organisers--eas.html) → Resources for organisers

## 5 MTBO Commission Remit and tasks

- 5.1 The MTBOC working plan will be updated after the meeting.
- 5.2 The information about each member on the MTBOC website was updated during the meeting, see [www.mtbo-commission.com/members-of-the-mtbo.html](http://www.mtbo-commission.com/members-of-the-mtbo.html).

## 6 International Event Calendar

### 6.1 Potential applications

- 6.1.1 An application for the **EMTBOC & EJYMTBOC 2021**<sup>1</sup> was received a few days before the meeting. The MTBOC analysed it and decided to recommend this applicant as organiser of the EMTBOC & EJYMTBOC 2021 provided the applicant can offer three different terrains (currently 2). Confirmation about the size of the areas is also needed (seem quite small).
- 6.1.2 A federation is preparing an application for the **World Championships 2022**<sup>1</sup>. The MTBOC would like to get it by 30/9 to be able to recommend this federation as organiser to the IOF for the Council meeting in October.
- 6.1.3 There has been no interest so far for the World Cup Round 3 2021<sup>1</sup>. The MTBOC will check with possible applicants.
- 6.1.4 A federation would be interested in organising the WMMTBOC 2021<sup>1</sup> as a stand-alone event. KD will follow up.

6.1.5 Federations were identified to hold the WMTBOC 2023 <sup>2</sup>, EMTBOC 2022 <sup>2</sup>, World Cup 3 2022 <sup>2</sup> and WMMTBOC 2022 <sup>2</sup>. They will be approached by various commission members.

<sup>1</sup> application deadline = 1 January 2019

<sup>2</sup> application deadline = 1 January 2020

6.2 **Proposal for WMTBOC programme 2022 and ff** (see last minutes, point 6.2):

UH will make sure that potential organisers are informed.

6.3 **Review of EMTBOC 2019 in POL** (see SEA's report):

Good quality of maps and courses although only 1 map for mass start, overall good event quality, but no special efforts for visibility.

6.4 **Status of upcoming events**

6.4.1 World Cup 3 2019 (GER): Mapping seems to be behind schedule. SEA's next visit is planned in 1st week of August.

6.4.2 World Cup Events (incl. World Championships) 2020

- EMTBOC in POR: Bulletin 1/2 was published in July, some weeks after the appointment of the organiser. First visit of terrains by national controller TF in middle of August.

- WMTBOC in CZE: According to reports, maps are ready. SEA LP has next visit planned 10 August.

- WCup in FIN: SEA will make visit in the beginning of September. Maps are ready - course planning ongoing.

6.4.3 World Championships 2021 (FIN): SEA MK will make visit in mid August. TL is competition director.

6.5 **WRE calendar 2020**: Deadline for applications is end of September.

- RUS is planning to hold a WRE in St Petersburg in 1<sup>st</sup> part of July.

- Flyer of a WRE in AUT from 8-12 July 2020 was distributed at the WMTBOC.

6.6 **World Masters Series**: The provisional calendar 2020 has been published at [www.mtbo-commission.com/wms-2020.html](http://www.mtbo-commission.com/wms-2020.html).

6.7 **Series for Youth and Juniors (Young Guns MTBO Series)**: The programme 2020 is being prepared.

## 7 Event advising and quality

7.1 **Requirements for contactless punching system with long range** (with regard to final approval for Emit touch-free), see also 4.14.

It is planned to use Emit at the WCup in FIN in autumn 2020.

On Emit's website there is information suggesting that the long range might not allow for safe and dynamic punching in MTBO:

- There is no acoustic signal. It was decided that this should be a requirement for approval.

- The range can be affected by speed. The minimum range of 1.5 m seems to be guaranteed only when standing still.

- There could be a "loss of radiotransmitted punches" due to many athletes passing a control at the same time.

- It is recommended to use 2 control units at major events, but there should be a minimum distance of 2 m between the units.
  - The emiTag can obviously break when it is e.g. crushed against a stone.
- TL will check with Emit. UH will then inform the Rules Commission.

7.2 **Evaluation** by online questionnaire of international events in 2019: Upload of questionnaire is done by UH, JP will make evaluation based on participants' feedback.

7.3 **EA Newsletter and contact with EAs:** Work is in progress.

7.4 Update of **EAs Handbook:** Work is in progress.

7.5 **EA Clinics** in 2019 and 2020:

- The invitation to the clinic in AUS in autumn 2019 has been published.
- There is interest for a clinic in SLO in autumn 2020.

7.6 **Disqualifications & jury cases:** TF and LP will start work on guidelines on shortcutting.

## 8 Rules

### 8.1 Rule change proposals for 2020 / questions

Possible rule changes were discussed. Proposals for changes will be sent to the Rules Commission as soon as possible.

### 8.2 MTBO rule about the use of 2 contactless control cards

8.2.1 The *Information about backup SIACs* has been updated for 2019, see [www.mtbo-commission.com/uploads/1/5/9/9/15996872/info\\_backup\\_siacs\\_july2019.pdf](http://www.mtbo-commission.com/uploads/1/5/9/9/15996872/info_backup_siacs_july2019.pdf).

8.2.2 Rule for 2020

Minutes of meetings in January of RC and MTBOC don't agree. RC: It was agreed that MTBO will adopt the same practice as FootO and SkiO for the use of two contactless cards with immediate effect. And the following new rule will be added for the 2020 rules:

*If two contactless control cards are used, then they shall be carried in close proximity. The punches from the two cards shall be merged to form the punching record if the first card to be read out has one or more missing punches.*

As agreed at the last MTBOC meeting, this rule will not be applied in MTBO in 2019. We need to wait until the end of the season before deciding if this rule makes sense in MTBO.

It was noted that most SIAC failures seem to be due to not sufficiently charged batteries; therefore it is important to give the opportunity to competitors to do a battery test before the start as it was done at the WMTBOC.

8.3 MK will review the document describing the qualification procedure for allocating **start slots for the WMTBOC Long distance competition** for 2020. It was decided to count the Middle and Mass start with 50 % each for the on-event qualification (points 7 and 8).

## 9 Mapping standards

### 9.1 ISMTBOM review:

So far we have not received anything from the Czech working group. Thanks to SH's efforts, the most urgently needed map symbols are now available for testing (see 4.13).

- 9.2 **Grey under (winding) single tracks** of medium to slow riding (e.g. MTB tracks)?  
The MTBOC recommends this symbol (25 % black) when needed for clarity.
- 9.3 We need **mapping standards for competitions in urban terrain**. An appendix to the current ISMTBOM is planned.

## 10 Strategic development

- 10.1 **Development project - First MTBO Event HOFME**  
There has been no progress since January.
- 10.2 **Estonian MTBO Book**  
At the moment we feel we must prioritise other work.
- 10.3 **Other projects** were discussed.

## 11 MTBO documents and support materials

- 11.1 **Organisers' Guidelines:** S.T. has started updating them.
- 11.2 **Information paper about requirements for WREs:**  
TF's first draft needs to be trimmed. UH will take a look.
- 11.3 **Templates for bulletins:** Work is in progress.
- 11.4 **Guidance for athletes new to MTBO ("Hello paper"):**  
JP promised to have something ready by the end of August.
- 11.5 **MTBO flyer** (leaflet to promote MTBO): see 11.4
- 11.6 **Budget for a WMTBOC:** It would be helpful to future organisers to have an idea about the cost of organising a WMTBOC.

## 12 AOB

- 12.1 **MTBO on IOF website:** UH will discuss migration of the MTBOC website to the IOF website with JP. JP has agreed to be the webmaster of the MTBO section on the IOF website.
- 12.2 **Contact with federations:** TF will get in touch with federations for MTBO contact person.
- 12.3 At the **Open Meeting** on 1 August UH informed about the MTBOC's work and other topics. Kazushige Hatori, JAP, introduced the newly developed smart phone application NaviTabi. Both presentations can be found on the website of the MTBOC at [www.mtbo-commission.com/open-meetings--forums.html](http://www.mtbo-commission.com/open-meetings--forums.html).

## 13 Next meeting

The next meeting is taking place from 10-12 January 2020, together with the IOF joint meeting. Place is not known yet.