

**Minutes of the MTBO Commission Meeting 2020-1****SUMMARY**

**Place:** Frankfurt, Germany

**Date:** 10 - 11 January 2020

**Participants:** Keith Dawson (KD), member (GBR) - from Friday 8 pm  
Steven Hale (SH), member (SWE)  
Ursula Häusermann (UH), chair (SUI)  
Maxim Kapitonov (MK), member (RUS) - from Friday 3.30 pm  
Ludomir Parfianowicz (LP), member (POL) - from Friday 5.30 pm  
Jiri Putik (JP), member (CZE)  
Giaime Origgi (GO), chair Athletes Commission (ITA)

**Excused:** Tiago Fernandes (TF), member (POR)  
Timo Laurila (TL), member (FIN)

**1 Opening**

The meeting opened at 2 pm on Friday, 11 January 2020.

**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 July 2019 were approved.

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

- 4.1 Appointment of RUS as organiser of the EMTBOC & EJYMTBOC 2021
- 4.2 Appointment of Sandor Talas, HUN, as SEA for EMTBOC & EJYMTBOC 2021
- 4.3 ESB approved the appointment of the jury at 3<sup>rd</sup> WCup round and WMMTBOC 2019.
- 4.4 In September the Guidelines for WREs were published on the MTBOC's website ([http://www.mtbo-commission.com/uploads/1/5/9/9/15996872/2019\\_guidelines\\_wres.pdf](http://www.mtbo-commission.com/uploads/1/5/9/9/15996872/2019_guidelines_wres.pdf)).
- 4.5 The calendar of WREs was finalised.
- 4.6 The WMTBOC Long Qualification 2020 and the Special Rules for the World Cup 2020 were submitted to the Council via the Rules Commission in October. They were approved by the ESB on 7 January 2020.
- 4.7 WADA decision on Russian Anti-Doping Agency (RUSADA)

## **5 MTBO Commission**

### **5.1 Composition of MTBOC**

LP has to resign from the MTBOC because he has become the coach of the Polish FootO team. The MTBOC thanks LP for his valuable and much appreciated work during the past five years. LP will inform the Council (CEO) about his resignation.

For the same reason, LP cannot attend the WMTBOC 2020 and do his job there as SEA of this event (more info see 7.9).

### **5.2 Update of working plan MTBOC**

The commission members are asked to update their field of work in the working plan. New tasks may be added, progress noted etc.

### **5.3 MTBOC website**

JP and UH will work together to migrate the contents of the MTBOC website to the IOF MTBO website. There will be a special page with all documents so that documents can be found easily.

## **6 International Event Calendar**

### **6.1 Applications**

6.1.1 The MTBOC evaluated the applications received by 1/1/2020 and made the following recommendations to the IOF Council:

- Appointment of SLO as organiser of the WMMTBOC 2021
- Appointment of SWE as organiser of the WMTBOC/JWMTBOC 2022
- Appointment of LTU as organiser of the EMTBOC and EJYMTBOC 2022

6.1.2 Applications were received from one federation for World Cup round 3 2022 & WMMTBOC 2022 and WMTBOC 2023. The MTBOC is generally supportive of these applications from a new MTBO country, but there was not sufficient time between the application deadline and the meeting to check with the applicant. It was suggested waiting with a decision and extending the application deadline for these 3 events to the end of March 2020.

6.1.3 No application has been received so far for a 3<sup>rd</sup> World Cup Round in 2021.

6.1.4 Another application is expected by the end of March for WCup 3 2022 and WMMTBOC 2022.

6.1.5 A federation informally expressed interest to organise the WMTBOC 2024.

Note after the meeting:

The Council followed the MTBOC's recommendation and appointed SLO, SWE and LTU as organisers of the events mentioned in 6.1.1.

The deadline to apply for WCup 3 2022, the WMMTBOC 2022 and the WMTBOC 2023 was extended to the end of March 2020.

### **6.2 Review of past major events**

#### **6.2.1 WMTBOC 2019 in DEN**

Generally well organised but some mapping issues in Sprint and Long.

### 6.2.2 **World Cup 3 & WMMTBOC 2019 in GER**

Small organising team; not enough English-speaking volunteers with MTBO knowledge; not prepared for bad weather. Fair-play problems (cutting, riding in wrong direction on one-way tracks); free order in Mass start of Masters without any previous information; unworthy prize-giving for overall World Cup due to problems with World Cup calculation.

## 6.3 **Status of upcoming events**

### 6.3.1 **EMTBOC & EJYMTBOC 2020 in POR**

The SEA's next visit will be in March.

### 6.3.2 **WMTBOC 2020 in CZE**

There are some concerns which the SEA will check with the organisers.

### 6.3.3 **World Cup Round 3 2020 and WMMTBOC 2020 in FIN**

A non-approved punching system will be used (see 8.2).

### 6.3.4 **EMTBOC & EJYMTBOC 2021 in RUS**

European Championships are not affected by the WADA sanctions (see 4.7), only World Championships. So the planning should go ahead and Russian athletes are also allowed to compete representing Russia.

MK was nominated as national controller. The final terrain selection is scheduled for the SEA's visit in April.

### 6.3.5 **WMTBOC 2021 in FIN**

Preparations are on track. An approved punching system with a range of 1.8 m must be used for the WMTBOC 2021 (see 8.2)!

## 6.4 **WRE calendar 2020**

Late applications: - EST for the Estonian championships on 25-26 July  
- BUL for national championships from 17-19 July

WRE calendar:

<https://eventor.orienteering.org/Events?startDate=2020-01-01&endDate=2020-12-31&organisations=1&disciplines=MountainBike&mode=List>

## 6.5 **World Masters Series 2020**

see <http://www.mtbo-commission.com/wms-2020.html>

## 6.6 **Series for Youth and Juniors (Young Guns World Series) 2020**

see <http://www.mtbo-commission.com/ygws-2020.html>

# 7 **Event advising and quality**

## 7.1 **Strategy on cutting**

KD will draft guidelines on how to prevent cutting.

## 7.2 **IOF Fair Play Education tool**

There was a proposal to create a tool for fair play education in orienteering. In the meantime the Council has determined that this should become a Council project.

## 7.3 **The evaluation of World Cup events in 2019** (based on feedback from online questionnaires) will be published by the end of January 2020.

#### 7.4 EA clinics

- A clinic was held in AUS in Oct 2019 led by Sandor Talas with 26 participants: 21 from AUS, 3 from NZL and 2 from GBR.
- Plans for a clinic in 2020 are being finalised.
- The MTBOC would like to initiate an MTBO high-level seminar, maybe combined with an EA clinic, in the near future.

#### 7.5 EA Newsletter and contact with EAs

A newsletter is planned to be sent out as soon as possible.

7.6 The update of the **EA's Handbook** will hopefully be finished in spring 2020.

#### 7.7 Injury and accident database

Athletes should be instructed to check their bar end plugs. Bar end plugs can prevent serious injury from an exposed bar end coming into contact with soft tissue.

7.8 KD will keep records of **disqualifications & jury cases**.

#### 7.9 Event advising at WMTBOC 2020 in CZE

Subject to approval by the ESB, UH will step in for LP as SEA during the event. In that case, KD will lead the next MTBOC meeting on the rest day of the WMTBOC. LP will make his third visit and be responsible for event advising until one week before the event; UH will take over from then.

### 8 Rules

#### 8.1 MTBO rule for 2020 about the use of 2 contactless control cards

Proposal by the Rules Commission about the use of 2 contactless control cards: *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.*

With 4 votes for and 2 against it was decided to do without this rule for 2020 and to review after the season. The information paper about the backup SIAC will be adapted so that it can serve as guidelines.

#### 8.2 Rules deviation FIN for World Cup 3 and WMMTBOC 2020

Together with the Rules Commission and IT Commission, the MTBOC discussed the request from FIN for a rules deviation to use a non-approved punching system at World Cup 3 and the WMMTBOC 2020. Although the MTBOC would prefer a system with the required punching range of 1.8 m (in accordance with the specification), the MTBOC saw no other option as to recommend approval of the rules deviation, subject to some conditions. This recommendation was given with great reluctance, in view of the fact that FIN might withdraw the event if they are not allowed to use the system they are familiar with.

Note after the meeting:

Based upon the (reluctant) recommendation of the MTBOC, the ESB has approved this rules deviation.

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### 8.3 MTBO rules

#### Significant proposed rules changes for 2020

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| Rule | 4.8   | WRE approval date moved to 30 November   |
|      | 5.7   | Addition of W35 and M35 classes to WMMTBOC   |
|      | 8.6   | Bulletin 4 shall be available in printed form  |
|      | 12.18 | WMTBOC WCup Provision for up to three wild card competitors to be added to the Orange or Red Start Groups. |
|      | 16.10 | Controls shall all be visited in a specific order i.e. no parts with free order are allowed                |
|      | 21.5  | Numbers are not required on the back   |

Note after the meeting: The Council approved the revised rules.

### 8.4 Use of “smart” watches (GPS, communication)

The FootO rules were amended to say that competitors may not carry their own GPS devices (e.g. smart watch) for high-level FootO events. In MTBO the risk of misuse of smart watches is not primarily by athletes when competing but in quarantine. As rule 22.17 forbids the use of telecommunication devices within the quarantine zone, there is no need for such a new rule in MTBO.

### 8.5 Guidelines for the WMMTBOC

KD will start work on this paper which will include all the WMMTBOC rules, guidance on practical aspects about organizing events for Masters and also tips on course planning and course lengths.

### 8.6 IOF Punching System Approval document

At the meeting in July 2019 it was decided that an acoustic signal should be a requirement for a contactless punching system with the long range (to be used at major MTBO events). With regard to Emit, which is trying to obtain full approval for Emit TFP-LR, we will not ask to make an acoustic signal an essential criterion in the IOF Punching System Approval document at the moment.

## 9 Mapping standards

### 9.1 ISMTBOM review

At the meeting between the Map Commission (MC) and MTBOC in Jan 2019 it was decided that the Czech MTBO Commission would prepare a set of 5 symbols and testing materials by the end of Feb 2019. The Czech MTBOC didn't do that but instead started reviewing the ISMTBOM without the MTBOC's knowledge. In the meantime a complete review of the ISMTBOM has been done, which is based on the ISOM 2017. The MC and the MTBOC had a look at the latest draft version at their joint meeting on 11/1/20, a few (minor) changes were made and it was decided to continue working with this draft made by the Czech MTBO Commission.

The MTBOC thanked the Czech MTBO Commission and the MC for their great work.

The ball is now in the court of the MTBOC. The aim is to have the final version ready for the Council meeting in Oct 2020 so that the new ISMTBOM can become valid for the season 2021.

A Map Working Group was formed which will be assisted by an Advisory Group with people from different countries. By the end of May a draft version will be published for the national federations and the MTBO community to give feedback until the end of July.

Subject to approval by the Council at its meeting in October 2020, the updated ISMTBOM can hopefully become valid from January 2021 which will be a “transition year”, i.e. both ISMTBOM 2010 and ISMTBOM 2021 can be used.

## 9.2 **New symbols**

For 2020 the MTBOC would like to make it generally possible to use five new symbols (stairs, canopy, narrow forest ride, undergrowth and hedge) which are not specified in ISMTBOM 2010 but have been frequently requested. The MTBOC therefore asked for a rules deviation.

Note after the meeting: The ESB approved this rules deviation for 2020.

When these symbols are used, it needs to be clearly communicated in the bulletins for the event and at team officials meetings. Information about these symbols is published here:

[http://www.mtbo-commission.com/uploads/1/5/9/9/15996872/ismtbom\\_update\\_-\\_recommendation\\_for\\_testing.pdf](http://www.mtbo-commission.com/uploads/1/5/9/9/15996872/ismtbom_update_-_recommendation_for_testing.pdf)

## 9.3 **Education in mapping of World Cup organisers (map makers) and EAs**

A guide about MTBO maps is planned.

In FootO there also seems to be a need for education. The MC wants to implement an online tool to educate people about mapping (see minutes of MC of January 2020 meeting).

## 10 **Athletes Commission**

Information about the reorganisation of athletes’ representation in the IOF and the results of the consultation was given in the presentation at the Joint Meeting.

## 11 **Strategic development**

### 11.1 **Development project HOFME (How to Organise a First MTBO Event)**

For lack of resources it has not been possible to continue work on this project in the past two years. In 2020 the MTBOC will try to prepare everything with the aim to finish the work by the end of 2021.

### 11.2 **MTBO Book**

If funding can be secured (see 13.1), the Estonian MTBO Book will be rewritten (adapted to international MTBO) and translated into English to serve as book about MTBO.

### 11.3 **Course planning manual**

It is planned to adapt/translate the Swedish MTBO course planning book. Input could also come from the Czech manual.

### 11.4 **Broader geographic base**

- At the moment there does not seem to be a demand for an MTBO development project in CYP.
- Talks about another project in the USA continue.

### 11.5 **Development project**

The MTBO wants to support the efforts of the federation which applied to hold major MTBO events in 2022 and 2023. It is planned to have a workshop in this country in 2021 to help develop and promote MTBO there.

### **11.6 MTBO Strategic plan**

LP collected data about the number of countries at past WMTBOCs.

### **11.7 MTBO on World Orienteering Day (WOD) 2020**

Any orienteering activity held from 13-19 May can be registered as a WOD event. Probably there will be some local MTBO events.

## **12 MTBO documents and support materials**

### **12.1 Organisers' Guidelines**

Sandor Talas is working on updating the guidelines. The emphasis will be on the key points organisers shall think about, as opposed to updating administrative details that organisers have to check on the IOF website in any case anyway.

### **12.2 Templates for bulletins**

UH is working on them.

### **12.3 Guidance for athletes new to MTBO and MTBO flyer**

These two documents ("Hello Paper" and the leaflet to promote MTBO) will be merged into one. First draft by end of April.

## **13 AOB**

### **13.1 MTBO budget 2020**

The MTBOC has a budget to cover the expenses for the SEAs, the costs for education (e.g. clinics) and for development projects.

### **13.2 Collection of carbon footprint data from meetings**

The commission members who attended the meeting are asked to send their data to UH after the meeting.

### **13.4 Communication strategy**

The MTBOC would like to have a means of communication to inform organisers, event advisers, athletes and other interested parties about MTBO news. Currently there is the MTBO Newsflash on the MTBOC website, but it has never been really used. It would be less work and more practical to have a newsletter embedded in the MTBO pages on the IOF website (similar to the newsletter on the IOF homepage). Check possibilities with Malin Fuhr.

## **14 Next meeting**

20 August 2020 in Jeseník, CZE (rest day WMTBOC)

The meeting closed after midnight (00.15).

For the minutes: Ursula Häusermann

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