

# IOF MTBO Open Forum Brian Porteous, President Thursday 20 August 2015



## **AGENDA**

- 1. Introduction
- 2. Strategic Directions
- 3. Strategic Initiatives / Activity Plan
- 4. The IOF Office
- 5. Questions for MTBO



### Introduction - Vision

 That orienteering shall be a truly global sport and included in the Olympic and Paralympic Games



### Introduction - Values

- At one with nature
- Mentally and physically challenging
- Spirit of adventure developing selfconfidence, independence and life skills
- Inclusive
- Drug free
- Friendship and fair play
- High standards of governance and transparency



# Strategic Directions 2012-18 – Key Goals

- Truly global sport
- Visible and attractive
- Positioned for inclusion in the Olympic and Paralympic Games



# Strategic Directions – Global Sport

- Development of new countries and in existing countries
- Regional development
- Multi-sport games
- Major IOF events outside Europe
- Raising elite standard of all regions



# Strategic Directions - Visible and Attractive

- WOC as the premium platform for the promotion of the sport
- Attractive to external partners
- Increasing attractiveness to young people
- Environmentally friendly



# Strategic Directions - Positioned for the Olympics and Paralympics

- Heightened acknowledgement in the world sporting community
- Systematically implementing the IOC evaluation criteria for sports and disciplines
- Gaining active support from sport governing organisations, federations and the public sector



## Strategic Initiatives / Activity Plan

- Key outcomes
- Attractiveness to young people
- IOF position on the world sporting stage
- Visibility
- Strong management and funding



## **IOF Office**



#### Some reflections from the new Secretary General

#### **Positives**

- Good products which have developed
- Very strong global volunteer organisation
- Leadership/Good government
- Initiative/Ambition!
- Strong sense of a common mission

#### Challenges

- Money! To develop resources
- Consequences of decisions
- Inconsistencies
- Communication "from what to why"
- Efficiency in ways of working



## Some key targets

- Add value to member federations
- Release the power of the full organisation
  - Communication
  - Empowerment
  - Support



# IOF Strategic goals

### Olympic Vision

- 1. Global development
- 2. Attractiveness to youths
- 3. Development of our disciplines and events on the world sporting stage
- 4. Increased visibility
- 5. Strong management and funding



## Focus areas

- Professional organisation
  - Organisational review done
  - How do we get the most out of the available resources?
  - Strengthen marketing/sales
  - Efficiences look at our way of working and cost structure
  - Strengthen cooperation with volunteer organisation



# New IOF Office Organisation

#### Key changes

- Based in Karstad in Sweden
- Office consisting of GS (100%), Sports Administrator (100%) and Office Administrator (100 %).
- 2 x 50 % positions for Marketing Manager, 1 towards FootO,
  1 towards SkiO/MTBO. Positions focus on marketing/promotion,
  sponsorship sales and communications.
- 1 x 50 % position for Global Development Officer. Works closely with the new Regional and Youth Development Commission.
- Anti-doping management work, IT support and Professional WOC SEA to be out-sourced.



## Marketing troika

- Secretary General/CEO and Marketing Managers to work in a skills-based team for implementation of:
  - Marketing strategy
  - Sales strategy
  - Communications strategy



# Marketing/sales focus areas

- Clarify our trademark(s), products and delivery
- Tied to major events project
- World Cups
- IT and content delivery systems
- Strengthen Regional/Youth development
- Orienteering as a lifestyle



## Goals

- Increase external income sources
- Deliver higher level of service to organizers and member federations
  - Value for money
- Hopefully over time help decrease member federations financial contributions to the IOF.



## Questions for MTBO

- What are your ambitions for the discipline?
- How can the new Marketing Manager best assist?