



INTERNATIONAL ORIENTEERING FEDERATION

Summary of Minutes of the MTBO Commission meeting in Helsinki, 21st and 22nd January 2011

Decisions and actions since the previous meeting

- Appointment of EST to organise JWMTBOC 2013 in conjunction with WMTBOC.
- A request to Council to reduce the sanction fees for World Cup events was turned down.
- A request to Council to modify the programme for WMMTBOC was approved. There will now be 3 titles in each age class: sprint, middle and long. The recommended winning times are the same as for the World Championships.
- On the advice of the MTBOC, the European Working Group decided not to approve the RUS request for short mixed relay at the EMTBOC.
- The WRE calendar for 2011 has been published with 19 events as against 15 in 2010.
- The World ranking calculations in 2011 will use the same coefficient (1.00) for all events. At the end of the season the ranking will be evaluated before deciding whether to keep this coefficient for the future.

International Event Calendar

- World Cup calendar for 2012:
 - 5 to 8 May in CZE
 - 7 to 10 June in POL
 - 19 to 25 August, WOC in HUN
 - 21 to 23 September in EST (together with 1st training camp for WMTBOC 2013)
- WMMTBOC 2012 will be organised in conjunction with the World Championships in HUN.
- The following calendar structure from 2013 onwards was approved:

	May/June	July/August	September/October
odd years	World Cup round 1: EMTBOC	World Cup round 2: WMTBOC + JWMTBOC	World Cup round 3: Final
	WMMTBOC with World Cup round 3 (preferably) or World Cup round 1		
even years	World Cup round 1	World Cup round 2: WMTBOC + JWMTBOC	World Cup round 3: Final
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- World Cup 2013. The first round will be held in POL and will at the same time be the EMTBOC. A formal application for the final is expected shortly.
- WMTBOC 2012. Preparations are progressing correctly. It should be noted that GPS tracking will be used for the first time in a WMTBOC and that there will be TV broadcasts.

Event advising

- The joint FootO / MTBO clinic in Geneva went well though there were only three candidates for MTBO. It was agreed that it was useful to continue having joint clinics with footO. The next joint clinic could take place at O'Ringen where there will be 2 MTBO competitions. Alternatively a clinic could be held in conjunction with WMMTBOC in Sweden.
- For the future appointment of Event Advisers the following aspects will be considered:
 - Quality of past event advising
 - The experience of the EAs and the level of the event
 - Geographic proximity so as to limit costs
 - Language skills
 As far as possible, the widest number of licensed EAs will be called upon and only in exceptional circumstances will an EA be chosen from among the commission members.
- An analysis of SEAs' reports shows among other items that:
 - There needs to be more clarity in the guidelines on the anti-doping requirements.
 - The guidelines must define more clearly the respective responsibilities of the organiser and the event adviser.
 - There is a need for an Event Adviser's handbook.
 These points will be addressed.

- Events and event advisers will be evaluated through an evaluation form to be filled by a reference group of 6 team leaders and 6 athletes. It will be first implemented at the team leaders' meeting during the World Cup in HUN in April.

MTBO documents

- A simple A4 flyer in English will be produced with an emphasis on photos.
- Existing videos will be gathered and made available on a dedicated You Tube address which will be publicised.
- A new format for the organisers' guidelines was approved. It should be ready for publication before the summer.

Development strategy

Johan H Jacobsen will work with the IOF's regional contact persons to see how best to proceed, in particular with South America.

Next meeting

The next commission meeting will be held in conjunction with WMTBOC in ITA on 28th August 2011.