

**Minutes MTBO Commission Meeting 2020-2 (digital)****SUMMARY**

**Date & time:** Thursday, 12 November 2020, 20:00 – 22:00 CET

**Place:** Digital meeting (Jitsi Meet)

**Participants:** Keith Dawson (KD), member (GBR)  
Tiago Fernandes (TF), member (POR)  
Steven Hale (SH), member (SWE)  
Ursula Häusermann (UH), chairperson (SUI)  
Maxim Kapitonov (MK), member (RUS)  
Giaime Origgi (GO), member (ITA) - from 20:30  
Jiri Putik (JP), member (CZE)

**1 Opening**

The meeting opened at 20:00 CET pm.

**2 Approval of the agenda**

The agenda that was circulated before the meeting was approved.

**3 Approval of previous minutes**

The minutes of the last meeting in January 2020 were approved.

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

4.1 Despite moving dates and changing the status of events (upgrading) all World Cup rounds in 2020 had to be cancelled due to COVID-19.

4.2 Appointment of organisers:

- 04/04/20: BUL for MTBO World Cup round 3 and WMMTBOC 2022
- 12/06/20: Appointment of CZE for the WMTBOC and JWMTBOC 2023
- 25/09/20: Appointment of BUL for the WMTBOC and JWMTBOC 2024
- 25/09/20: POR for the EMTBOC & EJYMTBOC 2023
- 28/10/20: POR for the MTBO World Cup final round in October 2021. POR would also be a potential backup for the WMMTBOC 2021 if this event couldn't take place in SLO in May and SLO couldn't postpone to a later date in 2021.

4.3 Appointment of Senior Event Advisers:

- 12/02/20: Walter Dravetz (AUT) for the WMMTBOC 2021 in SLO
- 19/02/20: Milan Meier (CZE) for the EMTBOC 2022 in LTU
- 24/03/20: Vera Parizkova (CZE) for the WMTBOC 2022 in SWE
- 10/06/20: Nermin Fenmen (GBR) for WCup round 3 & WMMTBOC 2022 in BUL

- 4.4 Based on a survey conducted in September, the MTBOC proposed to the IOF Council to hold the JWMTBOC 2020 by integrating it into the JWMTBOC 2021 in FIN, but the Council wasn't in favour of this proposal.  
More info can be found at <http://www.mtbo-commission.com/polls--surveys.html>.
- 4.5 Meeting between the Council and the Commission Chairs on 9/10/20.
- 4.6 The MTBOC commented the Rules Database Project from the MTBO point of view.
- 4.7 The MTBOC gave feedback on the IOF Punching System Specification.

## 5 MTBO Commission

### 5.1 Composition of MTBOC

- Giaime Origgi (ITA) was appointed as a new member in April.
- Timo Laurila (FIN) resigned from the MTBOC as he is busy with his work as competition director of the WMTBOC 2021 in FIN. The MTBOC thanks Timo and is grateful that he is continuing to work for MTBO.
- The Finnish Orienteering Federation nominated a replacement candidate for Timo Laurila. The MTBOC supports this candidate as a new commission member.

### 5.2 Commission membership

The Council decided at its meeting on 25/9/20 that there will be an opportunity for Commission membership with digital or hybrid participation, i.e. without full financial support from member federations. However, Commission membership should still be approved by the member federation. Despite digital-only participation there should be only one level of Commission membership. The use of task-specific volunteer working groups should thus be encouraged.

### 5.3 Update of working plan MTBOC

The working plan, which serves as a base for the Commission Remits, was updated.

### 5.4 Future meeting structure

The MTBOC will meet more frequently, every 2-3 months, for digital meetings with a length of about 2 hours.

### 5.5 MTBOC representatives in support commissions and EduWG

- IT Commission: Jiri Putik
- Map Commission: Steven Hale
- Rules Commission: Ursula Häusermann
- Education Working Group under Global Development Comm.: Tiago Fernandes

### 5.6 MTBOC website [www.mtbo-commission.com](http://www.mtbo-commission.com)

It is the idea to shut down the commission website sooner or later. Jiri will check what other contents to move to the IOF MTBO pages.

All documents (rules, guidelines etc.) that are referred to in the Event Adviser's Handbook will be listed in alphabetical order on one specific webpage. If it is not possible on the IOF website, the MTBOC website will be kept as a reference site.

## **6 International Event Calendar**

### **6.1 Applications**

There is a preliminary application for the WMMTBOC 2023, but no application has been received yet for the 3<sup>rd</sup> WCup round in 2023 (application deadline 1/1/2021).

### **6.2 Status of upcoming events**

The MTBOC checked the status of major events planned for 2021 and 2022:

6.2.1 WMTBOC and JWMTBOC 2021 in FIN

6.2.2 EMTBOC and EJYMTBOC 2021 in RUS

6.2.3 WMMTBOC 2021 in SLO

6.2.4 EMTBOC 2022 in LTU

6.2.5 WMTBOC 2022 in SWE

6.2.6 WCup 3 & WMMTBOC 2022 in BUL

The preparations seem to be on track everywhere. The only problem is the punching system at the WMTBOC 2021 in FIN (see 8.2).

### **6.3 World Ranking Events 2021**

6.3.1 Due to COVID-19 and the impact on organising events, the IOF is flexible about late applications for the season 2021. They will be accepted until up to 3 months prior to the event. More information can be found at <https://orienteering.sport/clarification-regarding-organising-of-world-ranking-events-for-the-season-2021/>

6.3.2 Application from HUN for a WRE on 8-9 May in Veszprem (not yet published in Eventor)

### **6.4 World Masters Series (WMS) 2021 and Series for Youth and Juniors (Young Guns World Series) 2021**

KD will submit a list as soon as he has a preliminary calendar.

## **7 Event advising and education**

7.1 Possible Event Advisers were identified. For the EMTBOC 2023 in POR and the WMTBOC 2024 in BUL the SEAs can be proposed to the Council, but we need to find SEAs for the 3<sup>rd</sup> WCup round 2021 in POR and the WMTBOC 2023 in CZE.

### **7.2 EA clinics in 2021 or 2022**

Due to the current situation with COVID-19, the planning of EA clinics is difficult.

### **7.3 EA Newsletter**

For lack of resources, no EA Newsletter has been sent out for a long time. A newsletter is planned for December 2020 / January 2021.

### **7.4 Event Adviser's Handbook**

The update of the EA's Handbook is almost complete. Its publishing is planned by the end of 2020. We need to know where on the internet the various documents can be placed so that they are accessible with only a few clicks (see 5.6).

### **7.5 Evaluation of World Cup events in 2019**

In the meantime the evaluation documents of the 2019 events have been published at <https://orienteering.sport/mtbo/internal/event-quality/event-evaluation/>.

## **7.6 Other support material**

Work on templates for bulletins and on a checklist (including a model budget) for WCup organisers is in progress.

## **8 Rules and Guidelines**

### **8.1 Rules changes**

As there were no major events in 2020 the MTBOC has no proposals for changes to the MTBO Competition Rules 2021.

For the same reason no review about carrying two contactless cards could be done and MTBO will do without such a rule for 2021.

### **8.2 Request for rules deviation from FIN for WMTBOC 2021**

The ESB is dealing with the request for a rules deviation from FIN for the WMTBOC 2021 to use the non-approved punching system Emit.

### **8.3 Event-specific rules**

As different events are quite often combined in MTBO event-specific rules do not have any real practical value except for the WMMTBOC, which are sometimes organised as a stand-alone event.

### **8.4 Guidelines for the WMMTBOC**

Work on these Guidelines will start as soon as it makes sense. The Guidelines can be based on the event-specific rules.

### **8.5 Guidelines cutting**

The MTBOC members gave feedback on KD's first good draft. He will review it within the next days.

### **8.6 Organisers' Guidelines**

Sandor Talas, who has been tasked to rewrite the Guidelines, is busy with another project right now and will only have time to continue the work after mid-January 2021.

## **9 Mapping standards**

### **9.1 ISMTBOM review**

The Map Commission and the MTBOC Map working Group (JP, MK, SH) have finalised a version that could be submitted to the Council for approval. However, the MTBOC wants to offer the opportunity to give feedback on the ISMTBOM before they are published. The plan forward is as follows:

- SH sends the latest version to an Advisory Group and to the MTBOC, feedback is requested by the middle of January 2021.
- The MTBOC Map working Group will then meet to discuss responses and revise the ISMTBOM accordingly. SH is to book the necessary workshops.
- The revised version of the ISMTBOM will then be published together with a questionnaire for feedback from the MTBO community.

The MTBOC hopes that the new ISMTBOM will become valid from January 2022.

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

9.2.1 Guide MTBO maps: TF will make a first draft.

9.2.2 SH will check with the MC about the online tool to educate people about mapping.

## **10 Development**

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

Work on this document can hopefully be done in 2021.

### **10.2 Estonian MTBO Book**

In the current circumstances there are unfortunately no funds available for this project in 2020. We have to wait until next year.

### **10.3 Course planning manual**

A first section of the Swedish Handbook for course setting has been translated into English. The full draft will be available shortly.

### **10.4 Development project in BUL**

We have to wait and see what the situation will be like with COVID-19 in 2021 or 2022.

### **10.5 MTBO Flyer (MTBO promotion and guidance for competitors)**

JP will finalise the document by the end of 2020.

## **11 AOB**

### **11.1 Proposal from SOC regarding U23 competitions at WCup events**

It was decided to support this proposal as it would be a benefit for MTBO too to have the class U23 (as a subcategory of the Elite) at World Cup events.

### **11.2 GO will be the contact person to the athletes.**

### **11.3 MTBOC Newsletter**

JP will check the possibilities for an MTBO newsletter embedded in the MTBO pages on IOF website by the end of 2020.

### **11.4 The Council member who is responsible for the MTBOC is now Jürg Hellmüller, SUI. UH already had a first meeting with him.**

## **12 Next meeting/s**

### **12.1 MTBOC meeting**

Doodle survey to determine a date in the first two weeks of January 2021.

### **12.2 IOF Joint Meeting**

It will be held digitally (via Microsoft Teams) on Saturday, 16 January 2021.