

Minutes of Ski Orienteering Commission Meeting 6-8.02.2018

Place:	Velingrad, Bulgaria	
Participants:	Tatiana Kalenderoglu (TK)	Chairperson
	Adrian Wickert (AW)	Member
	Aleksandr Bliznevskiy (AB)	Member
	Roland Hellberg (RH)	Member
Invited:	Erik Blomgren (EB)	Chairman of SOAC
	Lazhezar Iliev(LI)	SEA for WSOC 2019
Excused:	Antti Myllärinen (AM)	Member
	Thierry Jeanneret (TJ)	Member

1 Opening

Chairperson TK welcomed the members and declared the meeting opened.

2 Approval of the agenda

The agenda was approved.

3 Approval of previous minutes

Minutes of SkiO commission in Finland, Yllas Nov2017 were approved as true records of that meeting.

4 SkiO Commission remits, minor change.

TK informed commission members that name clarification was added.

Instead of 'all members' Adrian and Thierry are responsible for Central Europe development and TK looking for cooperation with multisport games.

'Suggestions to the map commission' will go though Antti. Cooperation with EAs – Roland.

5 Budget 2017-2018-2019

All commission members had chance to see the budget. It was very much appreciated.

We are looking for a solid development project to cooperate with Regional and Youth Development commission.

Financial analyze 2017 document was shared with commission. It was discussed how to make our branch profitable. Probably it won't be not possible without additional sponsors and projects, which means we have to find them.

6 Roadmap to China

Discussion about possible actions of SkiO development in China based on report about visit to China in December. AM prepared a roadmap, which was shared with OAC.

In general it seems that important step forward was made in relationship between IOF and OAC. SkiO commission is ready to find fast solutions in cooperation with OAC, as finding the coaches and help in arranging training camps for Chinese sportmen.

At the same time main communication still remain between Office and OAC.

7 WSOC 2019 preparations

Organising team of WSOC 2019 visited ESOC 2018 in Bulgaria. SEA Lachezar Iliev was invited to the meeting. He reported that preparation and planing of next year competitions is going well. Organisers made schedule when, which competitions is going to be held, with detailed timing. It is a very important issue, since we do not won't to have any overlapping among Elite, Masters, Juniors and Youth.

At the same time organisers promise that they will put the same efforts on creating fair and high quality competitions for Youth, Juniors and Masters.

He asks about possibility to have ASEA with knowledge of streaming and arena production. TK will contact ITC and ask for cooperation.

LI consulted with SOC about TV production requires during WSOC. Quistion was mainly to whom to sell the products. TK informed that now there is no requirement for organisers of ski competitions to arrange live TV production, now they have to consentrate on high quality streaming production.

AB emphise that organisers must to think how to bring speactators to arena, cooperation with schools and local authorities might be necessary.

We must be visible.

8 Event Application overview

2019-/2020 and 2020/ 2021 Competitions and organizers.

SOC discussed which country should be approched regarding organizing events in next seasons.

Interesting facts were collected from survey initiated by Foot O (asking for intention to organize major IOF competitions in different disciplines). Most of the countries showed interest to Forest WSOC.

Kazakhstan showed intention to start Asian Ski Orienteering Championships. Dominic Yue will be in a contact with other Asian countries to ask their opinion.

9 Winter WMG 2020 (possible WMSOC)

AW and his father are in a contact with organisers of WMG. From one side organizer really like to have 400persons possibly come for SkiO. From the other side they do not

understand the sport and do not have intention 'to share the cake'. If there is any possibility to show our sport and persuade organisers we definitely need to use it. AW will continue to investigate the possibility.

10 Communication with Athletes Commission

Athletes commission minutes from Yllas were carefully studied. We thanked EB for active cooperation with SOC. The ideas of ASOC are very important to us. Future program for WSOCs, ESOCs, WRE calculation were among discussed subjects.

EB especially emphasis that athletes are not happy with such high fees at ESOC in Bulgaria. 80€ accreditation fee for the conditions offered were the way too high. It was not clear which service was offered for these money. Athletes asks for a possibility to have a check of fees, also there is a demand to know which services are included in the fee.

SOC will discuss what we can do to satisfy both sides: athletes and organisers.

11 WSOC 2019 - 2020 program.

After conculatation with AC SOC would like to proposed to the Council follow program For the future WSOCs

STADIUM WSOC(EVEN YEARS)	FOREST WSOC (ODD YEARS)
Sprint distance (individual start)	Sprint distance (individual start)
Pursuit (based on sprint or prologue results)	Long distance (individual start)
Middle distance (individual start)	Mass start Middle distance
Mixed Sprint Relay	Relay

- The main difference with previous proposal that Ultra Long distance not included to WSOC program. There are a few athletes who can successfully compete in this distance, also it requires a big area, which will reduce amount of organisers ready to take WSOC.
It is agreed that Sprint distance can be both in Stadium and Forest WSOC.
- For the forest WSOC Long distance will be individual start. The reason is that in that case there is no need to make three short loops, which reduce the quality of long legs. Highlights of Long distance will be used for web and TV production.
- Middle distance mass start. It will be a discipline, which is longer then a regular middle distance 50-60min winning time. It will be possible to make three loops for forking.

More details will be written in a separate document. Specifications for Pursuit and Mass Start middle distance must be written, send for consultation to AC.

12 ESOC 2020 and future

Detailed discussion will be done after approving WSOC program.

Main topic, ESOC will be yearly competition, most of the time in conjunction with WCup round. Probably it will reverse program of WSOC.

13 Youth Olympic Games 2020

TJ mail was studied and discussed during the meeting. SOC is in favor to make competitions in Switzerland even if it will be right after YOG.

14 Universiades 2019 – 2021-2023

AB informed SOC that preparation for Krasnoyarsk are going on very good. It will be the highest quality competitions. Program for Krasnoyarsk is confirmed already.

- Sprint
- Pursuit based on sprint results
- Mixed Relay
- Middle distance

TJ informed SOC that negotiations are still going on and deadline was prolonged till September 2018. Another meeting with organisers is scheduled at end of February 2018.

AM will be in USA at March 2018. It is very important that we secure SkiO participation in three Universiades in row!

15 Rules up to dates.

SOC propose to add to a SkiO rules a special requirement to all touch free systems officially approved by IOF.

Organizer of major IOF competitions shall provide two chips to each competitor. Both must be on the same hand. In case if the main chip fails, second chip must be checked and if there is no problem with second chip result must be accepted.

16 ISSkiOM, latest discussions

-TK informed commission about possible changes, which was discussed with Map commission chair in Warsaw. Mostly it is about adding up dated overprinted symbols to ISSkiOM. Map Commission will share it with SOC after finalizing.

-SOC and chairman of Athletes commission discussed possible changes in symbols as open area forbidden to ski out of tracks during our meeting. Symbol 412 was used for

that in Finland and Czech Republic. There was an offer to add this as a symbol 'open area forbidden to ski out of tracks'.

- Another symbol was used in Bulgaria due to a lack of snow:
MTBO map specification symbol: 843 Dangerous object across tracks or paths.

After a long discussions it was decided that both symbols can be used in exceptional cases. If there is need for this symbols it must be discussed with EA and must be added to the Bulletin, as well the information regarding those symbols must be given additionally at team leaders meeting.

At the end it was decided to keep it as exceptional cases and not to make any changes to the rules and map specifications.

17 WRE in Switzerland, map distribution case.

One of the competitors wrote a mail with complain that maps at WRE in Switzerland were not distributed according to IOF WRE rules. After investigation of the case it was decided that the results of the race will be valid. Complain must be done at the competition day to organisers.

We are very grateful to Swiss organisers that they are putting a lot of efforts in organizing SkiO races, but AW will contact organisers one more time with demand that at next year WRE races maps for Elite classes **shall** be given at the start as rules requires.

18 Event Evaluation, Athlete commission's documents.

Athletes commission had a very good initiative to make an event evaluation after all major SkiO races. All members of SkiO commission encouraged to read this evaluations. If necessary we should discuss the most critical issues.

19 Proposal for the new WMSOC program.

TK propose to initiate a questioner to participants of WMSOC about possibility to add Sprint distance to WMSOC schedule. Previous and future organisers as well as participants of WMSOC will be asked.

20 SkiO Organiser Handbook development and other SkiO documents

RH and AW will share responsibilities on checking existing documents, updating them and putting in a place easy to reach for any person who wish to see it. Additional information about these documents will be given in Newsletters.

It was agreed that using the same equipment the start, finish and arenas will make our sport to look more professional and easy for athletes. We have to study 'best practices', which are used now in different countries and include this information in organisers handbook.

21 Map control routine RH

We found that if the organizer is of benefit, the maps the organizer plans to use must be printed with the same printer and on the paper type that will be used on the competition. In addition to the map itself, there must also be printed suggestions on track networks (as examples) and a provisional course with start and finish.

Then, Map Com can check map standard, used colors, symbols used, print quality, etc and check for no irregularities on the map.

The map samples must be sent 6 months in advance to map com, so there are no more competitions left this season that may be covered by this routine, but next season it is for both Piteå (Sweden) and Turkey.

We have to inform the appointed SEA and organizers about this.

22 EA Clinic report and evaluation, RH.

The EA Clinic in Bulgaria was rewarding for the 9 participants. There were good discussions both for aspiring EA and for future organizers of high-level competitions. Participants thought it was especially well with the capabilities and solutions we studied and discussed out in the competition arena. The clinic also went through many "best practice" and explained why these solutions are particularly good.

Important rules were explained and specifically emphasized what is central to both organizers and SEA in order to create a successful arrangement.

It was agreed that Roland will report about financial outcomes of EA Clinic in Bulgaria. Probably there will be need to use money from Bulgaria in USA Clinic.

23 Cooperation with existing FIS Cross Country Skiing arenas and IBU Biathlon arenas

SOC will ask IOF Office to send a mail to Ski and Biathlon Federations asking for a list of licensed ski stadiums.

We think that we can try to explain ourself directly to facilities first, to see if they are interested to get extra international competitions.

After that we can contact with Federations.

24 News letter to SkiO EA.

In a few weeks a newsletter should be prepared and send to SkiO EA.

Mostly it will be information about map controlling.

25 Facebook page, back to life, facilitated by SkiO Commission.

It was discussed that SkiO Commission is not much active in social media.

As an outcome sportsmen simply do not know what we are doing and what is going on.

All members of commission was asked to be more active in facebook page **Ski-Orienteering World**. EB is an admin of this page, so he also promised to be more active and encourage other athletes. We need to see about the possible content additional to competitions pictures, which we can share there.

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It is important to share more information about upcoming Events in skiO. Future championships and Clinic.

26 Outcome of the meeting with Per Frost. Who is following?

Very positive discussion with Per Frost was held during first WCup in Finland. We discussed that we need kind of guidelines for organizing streaming during IOF event. Per confirmed, that he can work on it.

AW was asked to follow the situation and contact Per to be sure that the work had been started.

27 Jury for WCup 3, USA.

Carl Fey USA
Mika Tervala FIN
Richard Klech CZE

28 Future Commission meetings, dates and venues:

Czech Republic, Prague, October 2018
Additional meetings will be held via skype.

29 Closure of the meeting

Minutes taken by Tatiana Kalenderoğlu