

Trail Orienteering Steering Group Meeting

Virtual Meeting on Zoom, 31 August 2022

1 Present

Richard Keighley WIM, Iain Philips LEI, John Kewley MDOC, Graham Urquhart OD, Liz Urquhart OD, Christine Roberts EBOR, Ian Ditchfield MV, Colin Duckworth TVOC, Clive Allen SN, Nick Barrable SYO, Charles Bromley Gardner BAOC, Wilbert Hollinger LVO, and Tom Dobra TVOC, Anne Hickling ESOC, Nick Barrable SYO, Charles Bromley Gardner BAOC.

2 Chairman's introduction and opening remarks

2-1 None

3 Conflicts of interest declaration

3-1 None

4 Apologies

4-1 Apologies were received from Scott Collier BO.

5 Minutes of previous meeting (11 May 2022) and Matters arising

5-1 None

6 Review priority items for this meeting's agenda

6-1 It was agreed to follow the published agenda.

7 Video

7-1 CA reported that the video has been reviewed at WTOC and is almost final but some stills to be added. GU to make the current version of the video available to the Steering Group for comments to CA..

7-2 Plans for use. It was agreed that the video should be widely and publicly available, as well as supporting specific initiatives. It should be accessible from the TrailO minisite and GU will ask how British Orienteering would like this done, for example, a link to YouTube. The video should also be publicised through BO media channels and the Members Newsletter and CA will write some suitable content for this.

7-3 In addition to making access easy, we will seek to use the video in a broader development strategy at a future meeting including approach specific clubs and the regional associations, and it can be made available to event web sites to aid explaining TrailO at larger events, such as the JK and BTOC.

7-4 CA will create a report for the Orienteering Foundation which GU will review and send on to finalise the grant process. GU will approach British Orienteering to be ready to release the funds from the Orienteering Foundation that they are holding when the final invoice is presented

8 Anne Braggins trophy

8-1 It is agreed in principle that a BO trophy is a good idea and Peter Hart has asked the Steering Group to consider setting this up.

8-2 There were a wide range of divergent ideas over the initial and ultimate format of the way to award the trophy. These each had merit, but also presented some difficulties., Ideas include:

- A team trophy, such as a relay championship, though this would need a new event and format. The issue with all one off interclub events is the likelihood that few would travel a long way.
- An event alongside another event but probably not on the same day to increase the likelihood of participation
- Re-use an existing major event (BTOC, JK, 6 Day), but these are already busy.
- Use of a combination of existing major events.
- Use of Britol league, though this really conflicts with the purpose of BritOI as a lower key outreach series.
- A reward for development and progress in growing TrailO participation, rather than a competitive event or League

8-3 We will need to have further discussions on this, and we may need to adopt an expedient approach for the first year, and then allow the competition to develop.

8-4 In terms of the physical trophy, Peter Hart has initiated some ideas. GU will support this process, and also suggest that Anne's bespoke TrailO box could form a part of the trophy to provide a link back to Anne. CBG has this box.

9 International events and teams

9-1 An invitation for a new Chair of Selectors for 2023 has been sent out by British Orienteering. It is for the BO Board to nominate the Chair of selectors to represent the Board.

9-2 GU will write to Julie Webster to express the thanks of the Steering Group for all her help and support as Chair of Selectors.

9-3 An invitation for expressions of interest in the role of team manager for 2023 or beyond was circulated and ALL to provide comments. To avoid confusion, this will not be circulated until the Chair of Selectors invitation has closed. Liz Urquhart is also willing to continue to act as Team Manager.

9-4 It is proposed that the structure of the selection panel for 2023 will stay the same to provide continuity for the new Chair of selectors, subject to any changes they think are necessary once appointed. CA and WH have once again expressed willingness to continue as advisors for 2023, and the committee expressed thanks for their ongoing support.

10 Event update

10-1 JK reported that at present terrain has not been identified for the JK 2023 and is not likely to be co-located with FootO assembly areas.. Search is continuing. ID suggested looking around Consiton Coppermines YH.

10-2 British long/relay Champs 2023 – no intention for a parallel event at present. The possibility of a marketing (Low key come and try) event in the assembly was considered but no conclusion reached.

10-3 There will be a TrailO (format to be determined) at next year's Moray 6 Days at Roseisle on the rest day.(AH)

10-4 BTOC in May 2023 in conjunction with the British middle and sprint by NIOA likely top be on the Friday to allow for volunteers and will make it easier to compete in the TrailO and the British Sprints. This fits with the prior events in the Irish Republic, but will need to be publicised before people make travel arrangements.

10-5 JK 2024 – nothing to report.

10-6 BRITOL events

10-7 AH reported that EUOC intend to include a TrailO event in the Big Weekend in January 2023. ID suggested that where small parts of the area are not P-class accessible (which was a limitation on the 2022 big weekend) that we could consider having a separate course for Open and P-Class, with the P-class omitting the inaccessible controls.

10-8 CA reported that the 2023 Nordic Match will be in Denmark 15-17 September 2023

10-9 At present there are no suitable candidate events to be nominated as WRE in 2024.

11 IOF update (JK)

11-1 A draft submission to the IOF TOC regarding the IOF rules was discussed. These were generally agreed, but some small improvements were suggested. CBG agreed to incorporate the comments and GU will send this to the TOC (Ari) and JK will send it to the AAG chair.

12 Action updates

12-1 The updates on actions completed are below.

13 Any other business

13-1 None

14 Date of Next meeting

14-1 . **GU** to arrange the next meeting in a similar 90 minute time slot in about 6 to 8 weeks at 19:30

15 Actions from previous meeting and action list

15-1 Actions relating to management of events are deferred until events start being planned.

Ref.	Item	Action	Who	Update
Carried forward from July 2020				
7	8-5	IP to draft a set of UK rules for TrailO for review by the Steering Group	IP - deferred until events are likely	Likely to be Sept 2022
8	10-1	New Ranking List development to be co-ordinated by IP & JK.	IP/JK - deferred until events are likely	Scoring approach agreed. Subsumed into discussions Item 8 on 9/3/22
13	13-3	TD agreed to undertake a survey of results systems to recommend a way forward for UK events	TD - deferred until events are likely	
16	15-2	RK and GU to discuss how to fund mapping of areas that are unsuitable for FootO	GU RK - deferred until events are likely	
Actions carried forward from January 2021				
1	7-2	GU to target clubs with significant Torus interest as potentially able to run low key TrailO	GU	
5	8-5	SC took an action to check with GU whether there would be any possibility of using SportEngland junior talent funding to subsidise any juniors who were selected for the junior places at WTOC.	SC GU	Review in 2022
Actions from September 2021				
3	16-1	Include an agenda item and sufficient time at a future meeting to consider the formation of Physically Challenged subgroup to planning and progressing our policy on developing inclusivity and reaching out to the various communities	GU	Q1 2022

		that we think could benefit from trying TrailO.		
Actions from December 2021				
2	7-4	GU to approach Mike Cope to examine any opportunities for events alongside the Major events calendar	GU	Jan 2022
3	9-5	SC will raise the issue of some special arrangements in the British Orienteering membership structure to accommodate this as part of an ongoing review of membership in British Orienteering .	SC	June 2022
Actions from January 2022				
New actions 9 March 2022				
2	8.3	All to consider the purpose of a new Ranking in the development of the sport and support athlete progress, and how these fit with World rankings and BriTOL measures. as a preparation for a future meeting on this issue.	ALL	Next meeting
New actions 31 august 2022				
1	7.1	GU to circulate Video [done] and ALL to comment to CA.	ALL	Next meeting
2	7.4	CA will create a report for the Orienteering Foundation which GU will review and send on to finalise the grant process.	CA	
3	7.4	GU to prepare BO to pay the video invoice	GU	End Sept 2022
4	8	All to consider a mechanism for awarding the Anne Braggins trophy.	All	Next Meeting
5	8.4	GU to liaise with BO on the form of the Anne Braggins trophy	GU	Ongoing
6	9.2	GU will write to Julie Webster to express the thanks of the Steering Group for all her help and support as Chair of Selectors	GU	Next meeting
7	11.1	GU and JK to forward GB input to IOF rule change consultation [Completed]	GU JK	9 Sep 2022