

# Trail Orienteering Steering Group Meeting

Virtual Meeting on Zoom, 12 December 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, , Nick Barrable SYO, , Wilbert Hollinger LVO, and Tom Dobra TVOC, Anne Hickling ESOC

## 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, Charles Bromley Gardner BAOC, Clive Allen SN

## 5 Minutes of previous meeting (31 August 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 The video has been finalised incorporating suggestions from the subgroup and additional thanks to the Orienteering Foundation. British Orienteering have been asked to release the Orienteering Foundation grant that they had been holding to pay the production costs. The video is available on the Internet (Orienteering Foundation ( <https://www.orienteeringfoundation.org.uk/this-is-trail-o-video> ) , British Orienteering & YouTube) and has already been used on social media in the UK and abroad (Slovenia).

7-2 Beyond making the video public, we considered how we can actively use it to develop TrailO. CA had written to suggest forming 2 Development Working Parties of 2-3 members, one tasked with Development amongst existing orienteers and Clubs, the other exploring and deciding on the best way of trying to get into the Physically

Challenged community. If these get off the ground, we should publicise them extensively so that they get known about by orienteers country-wide.

- The first – BO could perhaps be persuaded to send a Newsletter item (that we write) about TrailO and the video to all Clubs. The WP could then identify which Clubs already have active Trail Orienteers, and prioritise them for contact and support, e.g. first encouraging them to have a couple of TrailO controls within a training session. The WP can decide which members of our Group are best suited to work with identified Clubs, and encourage them to do so. The aim would be to get interest and confidence up to a level where the Club can stage a BriTOL event. Known individuals doing well in TORUS and trying TrailO at the JK could also be contacted. An example is Andrew Stemp, AIRE but there are quite a number of others.
- The second – I know nothing about the PC sports community in the UK, but it seems to me that if we start with umbrella organisations, and get them to see that this is something worthwhile, they might then support us in further contacts and perhaps pilot schemes.

7-3 CA's suggestions appear will help use drive our key development objectives, and so **ALL to consider** how these could operate and in particular who could help us make this happen. The smaller group and focus would increase the pace of action, and we could draw on people outside the subgroup to make this happen.

7-4 CA has provided a report for the funding generously provided by the Orienteering Foundation to finalise the grant process.

## 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. We have an offer to create the trophy by BO. IT was agreed that the wording would not relate to the purpose of the trophy. The Subgroup will seek to establish an initial award in 2023, and will identify what the award will be for and how it will be assessed at that time, but will retain the freedom to change this purpose over time, as the sport develops. GU will inform Howard Blackman so that construction can begin.

8-2 All to consider what to award this for in 2023.

## 9 Event update

9-1 JK reported on the locations were in place. The 3 events will not be co-located with the FootO, see attached slides. The event will incorporate a "One Person TrailO Relay (TrailOathlon / TrailCombO)" on Friday. Still seeking a sensible name for this format. , but officials were as yet not identified, and JK needs 3 controllers and volunteers to help on the day.

9-2 There will be a TrailO (format to be determined) at next year's Moray 6 Days at Roseisle on the rest day.(AH)

9-3 BTOC in May 2023 in conjunction with the British middle and sprint by NIOA is now planned for the afternoon of Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May. It is planned to be possible to compete in both the TrailO and the British Sprints. Entries will open in February 2023.

9-4 JK 2024 – nothing to report.

9-5 BRITOL events aim to be broad and inclusive to drive participation. TD to send GU a link to the BriTOL rules.

9-6 AH reported that EUOC have included a TrailO event in the Big Weekend in January 2023.

9-7 At present there are no suitable candidate events to be nominated as a UK WRE in 2024.

## 10 International events and teams

10-1 As yet no chair of selectors has been identified, but British Orienteering are continuing the search. An invitation for a new Chair of Selectors for 2023 has been sent out by British Orienteering.

10-2 GU will write to Julie Webster to express the thanks of the Steering Group for all her help and support as Chair of Selectors.

10-3 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 been resolved. Liz Urquhart is also willing to continue to act as Team Manager.

10-4 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.

10-5 GU to ensure that the IOF team rules relating to juniors and top 15 World Ranking athletes are reflected in the selection policy. All to provide comments on the draft.

10-6 The opportunity to purchase the current GB kit for teams selected from 2022 onwards is being progressed. LU to establish precise order details, and the cost set to allow purchased items will be replaced as stock.

## 11 IOF update (JK)

11-1 JK reported on activity at the IOF, including new rule changes proposed for 2023, a revision of the athletes license process and charges, new nationality change rules and the emerging ECTO and WRE program. See attached presentation

## 12 Action updates

12-1 The updates on actions completed are below.

## 13 Any other business

13-1 David Jukes has published a review of TrailO for 2022 with contributions from many of the TrailO community. This has been widely published and appreciated. GU to thank David for his efforts.

13-2 A request had been received to support the British Orienteering training conference in January 2023 with a talk and a small event demonstrating the use of Trail Orienteering as a support for coaching more generally. David Jukes has agreed to organise a small A/Z event and GU will provide a brief talk within the overall programme. JK will provide GU with some thoughts he has already prepared on this idea.

13-3 The committee expressed sorrow at the news from NB that Simon Greenwood, a long term Trail Orienteer and promoter of the discipline, had recently passed away.

## 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. It was suggested that the use of an online availability voting service would help choose a time.

## 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
<b>Carried forward from July 2020</b>				
<b>7</b>	<b>8-5</b>	<b>IP to draft a set of UK rules for TrailO for review by the Steering Group</b>	<b>IP - deferred until events are likely</b>	<b>Likely to be Sept 2022</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>10-1</b>	<b>New Ranking List development to be co-ordinated by IP &amp; JK.</b>	<b>IP/JK - deferred until events are likely</b>	<b>Scoring approach agreed. Subsumed into discussions Item 8 on 9/3/22</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>13-3</b>	<b>TD agreed to undertake a survey of results systems to recommend a way forward for UK events</b>	<b>TD - deferred until</b>	

			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	
<b>Actions carried forward from January 2021</b>				
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
<b>Actions from September 2021</b>				
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 that we think could benefit from trying TrailO.	GU	Complete Jan 23
<b>Actions from December 2021</b>				
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
<b>Actions from January 2022</b>				
<b>New actions 9 March 2022</b>				
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
<b>New actions 31 august 2022</b>				
1	7.1	GU to circulate Video [done] and ALL to comment to CA.	ALL	Completed
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	Completed
3	7.4	GU to prepare BO to pay the video invoice	GU	Completed

<b>4</b>	<b>8</b>	All to consider a mechanism for awarding the Anne Braggins trophy	<b>All</b>	<b>Next Meeting</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>8.4</b>	GU to liaise with BO on the form of the Anne Braggins trophy	<b>GU</b>	<b>Completed</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>9.2</b>	GU will write to Julie Webster to express the thanks of the Steering Group for all her help and support as Chair of Selectors	<b>GU</b>	<b>Next meeting</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>11.1</b>	GU and JK to forward GB input to IOF rule change consultation [Completed]	<b>GU JK</b>	<b>Completed</b>
<b>New actions 31 august 2022</b>				
<b>1</b>	<b>7.2</b>	Consider how to establish 2 small development working groups	<b>ALL</b>	<b>Completed</b>

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