

Trail Orienteering Steering Group Meeting

Virtual Meeting on Zoom, 12 January 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, Scott Collier BO

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 Anne Hickling ESOC, Nick Barrable SYO, Charles Bromley Gardner BAOC, Wilbert Hollinger LVO

5 Minutes of previous meeting (6th Jan 2021) and Matters arising

5-1 11-2-2 Correct discissions to discussions

5-2 13-1 Allowing for editing and voice input the final target date to be realistic is early summer.

5-3 GU to add action summary.

6 Review priority items for this meeting's agenda

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

7 Program of events for 2022

7-1 : The opportunities for additional events for the 2022 calendar were discussed. Christine Roberts underlined that in the most part these could be the simplest possible A-Z courses.

7-1-1 Lakes 2022 – JK not yet clear if he would be free from controlling in time to plan an event on the rest day. We could consider a day before or after the Lakes, and in the surrounding area (e.g. Penrith)

7-1-2 The Parkers may be able to fit an event around the Sprint Relay on ~~7th~~-11 June 2022.

- 7-1-3 Big weekend Edinburgh will have a low key TrailO event which is too soon to be included. It also might be beyond the standard aimed for as an introduction, but may well have been suitable for Britol.
- 7-1-4 JK still expect to have one low key and one elites event on Day 1 and Day 2. Entries are open.
- 7-1-5 Coventry & Birmingham Euro City Race weekend (18/19 June 2022) might present an opportunity for a parallel TrailO event.
- 7-1-6 BTOC 2022 still conditional on permission aiming for Sunday 27 March.
- 7-1-7 The school planned for BTOC 2021 are still keen, and could accommodate on the Saturday 26th March before BTOC on the "Breezy Knees" model, but ID needs to focus on the BTOC. TD will look to see if a small event could be put together with just one visit. Tom Edelsten mapped the school and might course check if asked, or CD may be able to combine with controlling the BTOC. TD to contact Tom Edelsten for the map and any help he could offer.

7-2 We are still looking for additional events

8 BTOC2021

- 8-1 It was agreed that no suitable event was planned that would allow a BTOC 2021 to be added. The next BTOC will be 2022.
- 8-2 It was further agreed that in future years we should aim to have two BTOC, one in each of the TempO and a PreO disciplines.

9 BTOC 2023

9-1 (WH provided this update by email) - NIOA are still keen to host BTOC in May 2023 in conjunction with the British middle and sprint. We have identified two possible areas close to the likely venue for the sprint, and although both are likely to have a fair amount of public use I feel sure they would provide a reasonable challenge to participants. Both have surfaced paths and are suitable for wheelchairs.

10 Subgroup to manage initiatives for non-orienteing newcomers

- 10-1 This is seen a positive idea, but needs to follow the creation of enough events for newcomers to attend and after the promotional video is complete. We do not have the capacity until these other issues are resolved. We should reconsider this for 2023.
- 10-2 Other ideas are to consider at that time will be
 - 10-2-1 Affiliation with other organisation supporting handicapped sport, similar to the Danish Handicapped Federation.

10-2-2 In the UK the focus of Paralympic organisations solely on Paralympics might be an obstacle.

10-2-3 Some clubs, (for example Happy Herts) also have local handicapped outreach – see the British Orienteering Facebook.

11 2023 WRE possibilities

11-1 There have not been previous WRE in the UK. Based on previous years' timetables, we should be ready to propose any suitable events by late summer (August 2022). The primary requirement is good quality terrain, more that association with other foot events. Wales and Scotland offer the best terrain, but inbound travel could also make the Lakes or Pennines attractive. Events are more attractive internationally is there are other TrailO events, or better still 2xWRE and another event

~~11-1~~11-2 GU mentioned WCH and Cannock Chase terrain, and will look into possibilities – the benefits there including interesting terrain coupled with wheelchair-friendly paths. We ended up thinking this part of the country might be the most promising.

12 Selection 2022

12-1 Julie Webster has agreed to act as chair of the Selectors for one more year, but this will be her last year and a replacement will be required in 2023.

12-2 Two small changes required. Jan Kjellström 2022 will be added to the “known form” list for WTOC and GU to check WADA references to see if they are out of date.

12-3 GU will send the revised selection policy to British Orienteering.

13 IOF update (JK)

13-1 JK circulated a brief update from IOF on the WADA changes for 2022. (Presentation attached)

13-2 Let JK know if there are any issues members would like him to raise as athlete's representative at the IOF.

14 Any other business and items deferred

14-1 The trailo.org domain was established by Anne Braggins and is now unused. David Coton would like to know if any organisation would like to take it over and JK has already contacted IOF. JK will also contact Libor Forst to see if he has any interest.

14-2 Britol Rules – discussion on the definition of Physically Challenged for Britol. TD to publish a description that does not rely on IOF Physically Challenged certificates for 2022. The method of ranking for all competitors and special subgroups, as the scoring method shared with FootO can produce apparent anomalies. Given the small number s for 2022 this may not be

an issue for this year and so changes would apply from 2023. TD will publish the 2022 rules as final.

15 Date of Next meeting

15-1 . **GU** to arrange the next meeting in a similar 90 minute time slot on 9 March 2022

16 Update on actions

16-1 The updates on actions completed are below.

17 Actions from previous meeting and action list

17-1 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	
8	10-1	New Ranking List development to be co-ordinated by IP & JK.	IP/JK - deferred until events are likely	
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 November 2020				
3	10-2	EU will send David Coton a top and jacket for his own use when the new international kit is delivered, and	EU	
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	

2	7-4	All to consider what kind of webinar to promote TrailO or to support the creation of low key events they could propose	All	Completed in Jan 2022 meeting
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 that we think could benefit from trying TrailO.	GU	Q1 2022
Actions from December 2021				
1	7-2	ALL are to consider opportunities to add a Britol Event alongside other [larger] events that are already in the calendar, to leverage the organisation, access and publicity of these events	All	Complete
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
4	11-1	GU to write and ask Julie Webster if she is willing to continue as Chair of selectors for 2022.	GU	Complete
5	11	GU to update selection document and GU to check wording of British Orienteering Covid section (3.2) to align with the FootO document already published	GU	Complete
6		LU will seek to recover the old national kit, following the death of Anne Braggins	LU	David Coton has done this
New actions 2022				
1	7-1-7	TD to contact Tom Edelsten for the map and any help he could offer for an event alongside BTOC 21	TD	Jan 2022
2	12-3	GU will send the revised selection policy to British Orienteering	GU	Jan 2022
3	14-1	JK will also contact Libor Forst to see if he has any interest in trailo.org	JK	Jan 2022
4	14-2	TD will publish the 2022 rules as final.	TD	Jan 2022

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