

Trail Orienteering Steering Group Meeting

Virtual Meeting on Zoom, 11 May 2022

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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,

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, Scott Collier BO., Nick Barrable SYO, Charles Bromley Gardner BAOC joined part way through the meeting.

5 Minutes of previous meeting (9 March 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 International events and teams

7-1 Julie Webster has announced her intent to stand down as chair of selectors for Trail Orienteering with effect from 2023. We need to initiate the process for seeking a new Chair of Selectors. It was stressed that the role of chair represented British Orienteering's interest and so the key qualification was knowledge of BO processes and policies. The specialist Trail Orienteering knowledge can be provided by the other selectors. Ideally the new chair will be known before the selection policy for 2023 is finalised, so aiming for the autumn. GU will write to Peter Hart asking for a nominee to be provided for 2023.

7-2 To ensure we provide opportunities as widely as possible it was decided to seek additional volunteers for the role of International Team Manager for 2023. This will be by making the opportunity to volunteer as Team Manager clear on the TrailO minisite and through British

Orienteering News and on the main British orienteering web site, starting in September 2022. The Steering Group will then select from the offers at a future meeting. GU will draft an invitation for review at the next meeting.

8 Event update

8-1 Lakeland 5 (JK) – unlikely to have any TrailO owing to the timing of the other tasks at the event.

8-2 JK 2023 (JK) – JK looking at suitable areas though not likely to be co-located with the FootO arenas.

8-3 There will be a TrailO (format to be determined) at next year's Moray 6 Days. (AH)

8-4 JK 2024 (GU) – will straddle the East and West Midlands. GU is coordinating, looking for a sprint format at Loughborough. GU to approach Peter Hornsby to see if he can organise/plan the Day 1 TrailO. Other days are on Walton Chase; GU will seek areas for TrailO but these are likely to be separate from the FootO events.

8-5 BTOC 2023 (WH) work is progressing. May be additional orienteering beforehand (Irish Champs) to tempt more competitors.

8-6 AH asked if we would like to consider TrailO at the urban WOC2024 in Scotland. Considering the nature of the WOC, it is unlikely that WOC competitors or spectators will be interested in a paralleled TrailO activity. Also the WOC urban will itself require significant volunteers, so the capacity to put on an additional event will be limited. It was decided not to proceed with this.

8-7 Domestic TempO – it was noted that most events were now either classic PreO, or for smaller event a sprint PreO format. We have no plans for domestic TempO. Recognising the challenges of this we should try to get something on the calendar. IP may be interested in doing this. We could also investigate training formats of TempO used in Scandinavia, which rely on competitors to deliver the competition.

8-8 RK is organising a sprint A-z event on 11 June 22 with a MapRun in parallel.

9 IOF update (JK)

9-1 JK presented an report on IOF activities, including new zero tolerance guidelines. **Presentation attached.**

10 Naming trophies in memory of Anne Braggins – BritOI?

10-1 The committee is keen to recognise Anne's founding contribution to Trail Orienteering by linking her name to a trophy, but need to find a way to do this that lines up with IOF, British Orienteering and Annes' family's wishes and does not conflict with any plans from WAOC.

10-2 It is thought that there is no WTOC Relay trophy. It is possible that the IOF would want a trophy that could be named or given in memory of Anne.

10-3 Failing this, BritOl has no trophy as it is a new competition. There is an opportunity to donate a trophy in Anne's memory. Alternatively we could consider a domestic club or relay competition.

10-4 Approach

- JK will check if there is a WTOC relay trophy already
- If not, GU will ask British Orienteering to approach the IOF with an offer of a trophy
- IOF will either agree, or else we will suggest a BritOl trophy to British Orienteering instead.
- If one of these options is agreeable, we will ask David Coton to approach Anne's family for their views and then proceed in line with that.
- International trophies cannot be too large – limit to a shoe box size.
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11 Action updates

11-1 Video – it is hoped to have an final version by the time of the WTOC 22. All need to start to consider how and where we intend to use this video, as it will be available for use after the summer. GU to put on next meeting agenda.

11-2 The updates on actions completed are below.

12 Any other business

12-1 GBR team members will get new IOF eventor photos in the new kit either before or at ETOC.

13 Date of Next meeting

13-1 . GU to arrange the next meeting in a similar 90 minute time slot on 27th July 2022 at 19:30

14 Actions from previous meeting and action list

14-1 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	Likely to be Sept 2022

			events are likely	
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 that we think could benefit from trying TrailO.	GU	Q1 2022
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				
1	7-1-7	TD to contact Tom Edelsten for the map and any help he could offer for an event alongside BTOC 22	TD	Completed
2	12-3	GU will send the revised selection policy to British Orienteering	GU	Completed

3	14-1	JK will also contact Libor Forst to see if he has any interest in trailo.org	JK	Completed
4	14-2	TD will publish the 2022 rules as final.	TD	Completed
New actions 9 March 2022				
1	7-3	EU to liaise with British Orienteering to make entries for ETOC	EU	Completed
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
3	13.2	Clive to ask BO to put to notice on the News page of the BO website and items in the British Orienteering social media feeds. GU to repeat original postings with deadline prominently included.	GU/CA	Completed
4	13.5	Publish previous minutes on BO web site	GU	Completed

v.1 GU 19/5/22