

Trail Orienteering Steering Group Meeting

Virtual Meeting on Zoom, 29th September 2021

1 Present

Richard Keighley WIM, Iain Philips LEI, Tom Dobra BOK, John Kewley MDOC, Graham Urquhart OD, Liz Urquhart OD, Christine Roberts EBOR, Ian Ditchfield MV, Colin Duckworth TVOC, Anne Hickling ESOC, Wilbert Hollinger LVO

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 Charles Bromley Gardner BAOC, Nick Barrable SYO, Clive Allen SN

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

5-1 No matters arising.

6 Review priority items for this meeting's agenda

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

7 Major events, JK 2022 (GU) and BTOC 2022, the potential for BTOC 2021 and resourcing for these

7-1 At present no event suitable for BTOC 2021 is being planned.

7-2 JK 2022 in South Wales : GU reported that there remain risks to the locations and schedule for JK2022, and until the locations are clear it is not reasonable to engage additional planners, controllers and helpers. The organising clubs are unlikely to have any spare manpower. The current plan is a short format sprint pre-O alongside the sprint and a longer PreO alongside Day 3. It was suggested that Bristol University may be able to assist.

7-3 BTOC2022 is currently advertised alongside the British Long Championships. The organisers of the event have asked for some assistance, but what they need and where they are proposing to hold the event are currently unclear. GU to follow up with Major Events and the BOC organisers.

8 BTOC 2023

8-1 WH reported that he is working towards a BTOC 2023 in Northern Ireland alongside the British Middle Championship in May 2023. This sounds a great opportunity. It may also be possible to link up with the Irish Championship events to extend the events open to competitors. Local support has been obtained, including money for equipment and signage to support the event.

9 Update on Orienteering foundation sponsored video and BOF seminars [See note from Clive attached]

9-1 British Orienteering would like to have the money spent in this financial year to avoid holding the funds they are holding for us into 2022. CA reported that initial filming is planned for the CBG event in November 2021

10 How to get virtual TrailO competitors to real events

10-1 As previously observed there is a need for real events especially more local and smaller scale events alongside foot orienteering.

10-2 We should seek to engage virtual planners as real planners under support

11 2022 league

11-1 TD will propose a set of rules to bring the current BriTol league round (2020/21) to a close and start afresh from then start of 2022. TD empowered to propose rules based on the number of suitable events taking place in 2021. TD will also re-start discussions on the approval of the branding for the league with Scott Collier.

11-2 Some 2022 events are already being planned and will be suitable for the League. The EUOC Big weekend in January 2022 plans to have a TrailO event, and AH is supporting this. AH is also hoping for a Jubilee event in Jun 2022 in Deeside.

12 Update on IOF engagement and plans (JK)

12-1 JK provided an update on IOF activities and rule changes and the event plans for 2022 and beyond. His presentation is attached to these minutes

13 Selection policy for 2022 and timelines

13-1 The 2021 Selection policy can be applied for 2022. There are not relevant rule changes between 2021 and 2002 and so it is not expected that any of the text will require change. **GU** will update dates and references to specific races as they are currently planned, and circulate for comment.

13-2 **GU** will liaise with Scott Collier to confirm the chair of selector and then ask the current selection advisors if they are willing to act again in 2022.

14 . Agenda items deferred and date of next meeting

14-1 **GU** to arrange the next meeting in a similar 90 minute time slot in late November 2021 (17 or 24)

15 Update on actions

15-1 The updates on actions completed are below. The action list will be reviewed and updated at the next meeting

16 Any other business

16-1 CA suggested that if we are to achieve our objective to develop a strong offering to the physically challenged communities outside ex-foot orienteers we should make leadership of this a specific role on the Working Group to drive this. This was agreed in principle, and will be considered in detail at a later meeting. The key requirements are suitable events and willing volunteer(s) to develop and execute the strategy. A good approach would be to set up a sub-group of (say) 3 of our number who are interested in planning and progressing our policy on developing inclusivity and reaching out to the various communities that we think could benefit from trying TrailO. They could themselves decide on which of them co-ordinates the work and reports back. This should be on the next meeting agenda – so that we have a plan under way, once (hopefully) we have a video that can help with this objective.

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				
2	5-3	GU to write to Major Events to understand what governance or escalation processes we could offer to assist them in monitoring the preparations for TrailO in future Major events and to keep TrailO in view.	GU – deferred until events are likely	GU engaged regarding BOC/BTOC 2022
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				
2	8-2	CA to draft an application suitable for the Orienteering Foundation and to explore the possibility of IOF support	CA - closed	Completed
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	
4	10-2	GU will write to David Coton when the new international kit is delivered to express the thanks of the Steering Group.	GU	Completed
5	11-2	CA is also continuing to work to improve the representation of Trail Orienteering at the BOF home page level	CA - closed	Completed
New Actions 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	
3	8-1	GU will circulate a further revision of the proposed selection policy for approval.	GU	Completed
4	8-2	GU to approach Peter Hart to get any guidance on the level of support that British Orienteering may be able to offer competitors	GU	Completed
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
6	9-3	ID will consider the possibility of Newlands Common as the terrain for the promotional video	ID	Completed
7	10-2	GU to write to Anne to thank her for all her work in developing and supporting Trail orienteering, both in this role and many others	GU	
8	12-1	LU will provide a picture of the new kit this for the Group.	LU	Completed

9	12-1	GU will write on behalf of the Group to thank David Coton for making this possible.	GU	Completed
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