

MINUTES

2015 ORIENTEERING AUSTRALIA TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING

JAMESTOWN COMMUNITY SCHOOL, AYR St JAMESTOWN

Present: Eric Andrews (Chair, Qld); Jenny Casanova (Director Technical, SA); John Scown OA Accreditation Officer ACT); Blair Trewin (OA President Vic); Anna Sheldon and Liz Bourne Qld; Kathy Liley and Barry McCrae Vic; Robin Uppill SA; Ricky Thackray and Noel Schoknecht WA; Andrew Lumsden NSW; Chris Brown and Greg Hawthorne Tas.

Apologies: Gordon Wilson NSW

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Passed, moved Jenny Casanova, seconded Liz Bourne

Matters arising from the minutes:

(1) Guidelines for Major Carnivals and Event Management. Will be posted on new OA website. Eric will need to check currency. Once posted, an item will be placed in the Australian Orienteer, plus all States and State Tech Officers will be notified. Jenny suggested that two basic checklist of requirements be prepared, one for Easter and the other for the Australian Championships events.

Action EA

(2) Australian Secondary Schools Championship Rules. Schools have now developed their own rules and they are posted on the Australian Schools Sport website. Link required from new OA website.

Action EA.

Most School specific rules will be taken out of the OA rules in 2015.

Action JC

(3) NOL Guidelines. Completed and available on the OA website; to be distributed to all L3 controllers. Next review in 3-4 years time. Most NOL specific rules will be taken out of the OA Rules in 2015.

Action JC

(4) Progress of Level 1 and 2 foot controllers curricula – John Scown. Updated Level 1 curricula now approved for another 4 years. L2 is next to be reviewed. The ASC has extended all of the expired curricula in the meantime. EA has agreed to assist in the review.

Action JS and EA

(5) The 2015 OA Foot Rules to be available on the OA website shortly. Differences from 2014: removal of most NOL – specific rules; removal of most ASSC – specific rules; the addition of M/W65A age class in Aust relay Champs; the addition of a sprint format to Aust Schools Champs; minor wording changes after review by Barry McCrae, which in some cases reflect IOF wording.

Action JC

(6) Material from L3 controllers workshop after Easter 2014 – should be available on the new website. There is also a largish file from the IOF relating to the planning of sprint courses.

Action JC

Material to support the Tech Officers comments on mapping in the L3 curricula needs to be finalised and added to the website.

Action EA

The Controllers Toolkit needs updating - this is a list of resources, but it is not possible to maintain updated links to all of them.

Action EA

(7) Progress on MTBO controllers curriculum – MTBO specific modules to be prepared for use in conjunction with foot-O controllers curricula. **Action KL**

Standing Items:

(1) Contact details for each State for 2015. See attached list

(2) Level 3 Controllers for Group A events in 2015:

- a. NSW NOL races – Nick Dent, Dick Ogilvie, Andrew Lumsden?
- b. Easter 2015 in SA – Robin Uppill, Jenny Casanova, Phil Hazell, Peter Cutten
- c. ACT in May – Nick Dent
- d. Vic in Aug – Tim Hatley and Geoff Adams
- e. Aust Champs in Vic – Barry McCrae, Ted Van Geldermalsen, Blair Trewin, Chris Norwood, Kathy Liley
- f. MTBO Aust Champs in Vic – Patrik Gunnarsson

(3) IOF Event Advisers for WREs:

Nick Dent, Robin Uppill, Jenny Casanova, Blair Trewin, Ted Van Geldermalsen, Chris Norwood, Patrik Gunnarsson

New Business:

(1) Badge Events. Do they still have a purpose?

A report from John Oliver showed that requests for badge credits is slowly reducing. Discussion indicated support in general for events being labelled badge events, apart from the normal long, middle and sprint state championships. In the larger states, having additional events as badge events provides more opportunities for L2 controllers to gain experience with an event that should be run to the highest possible standards.

A decision was made to ask our orienteering clubs their opinion. A question will be prepared and sent to State Technical Officers for distribution and collation of results, so that a recommendation can be made to the 2015 OA Conference. **Action JC and EA**

(2) Good Friday Events – is 4 days for elites/ 3 days for other age classes more of an issue now with the use of Eventor and / or does the structure of the Australian 3 Days competition need to change? Whilst it is important that the Prologue be part of the overall result of Easter, it does not mean that the method of entry cannot change so that other good aspects of the Good Friday events can remain for non elites. The ACT(Easter 2016) committee will prepare a proposal for how they would like to run their Easter event. Having the Prologue as a stand alone event on the Friday ticks all of the boxes; which are that other orienteers still have Good Friday to travel to the event, rather than not attend at all, because of time off work. Anyone who wishes to, can enter the Prologue, even if such a group runs as a separate start block, so they do not affect the elites/ junior elites results. The elite/ junior elite results from the Prologue can then be added to their Day 1 time, so there is no difference to the current system. And really, the Prologue is only of use in selecting the sprint members of the WOC team.

Action JC and EA

(3) Controller Accreditation Forms are to be used to document candidates activities, both for initial advice and for subsequent accreditation, at any level. Note that it is possible to seek advice from state or national coordinators if candidates are concerned that they haven't managed enough prerequisite activities.

(4) Controllers Reports – National and NOL events. More of these are being received than previously, which will help with providing tips and information to subsequent event organisers, planners and controllers. Worthwhile information from these reports will be posted on the Technical pages of the OA website and State Technical Officers will be notified when this occurs.

Action JC and EA

It was queried about creating a National incident reporting system, but states already have their own, and it is really a state issue, unless the controller reports a need to amend a rule/s to improve the safety aspect.

(5) Level 3 Controllers Workshop in 2015. This will happen in Victoria on Sun 25 Oct. Christine Brown has offered to assist in presentation. Currently anticipate 4 from Victoria and Tasmania and 2 from Queensland. Other States to advise JC of likely attendance as soon as possible.

Action State Reps and JC

(6) Controllers for Xmas 5 Days and other mini-carnivals which states may choose to hold e.g Australia Day Sprints. These are not covered under current OA event classification but ideally would benefit from L2 controlling if attracting interstate competitors and if having pre-entry and pre-allocated start times.

(7) Course/ class combinations for AS and older age classes. Is there a requirement for additional courses to cater for older orienteers. Paper prepared by OA Tech Officer to be distributed to States for discussion and feedback. When distributing this paper the Tech Officer will make specific recommendations to amend the course to age class lists in the OA Foot Rules, covering events that offer five year age class groups and ten year age class groups. Meanwhile, the 2015 Australian Long and Middle Distance Champs should offer five year age groups up to and including M/W90A.

Action EA

(8) Continuing communication with controllers (currently through states' technical contacts) and distribution of technical information – space will be made available on the OA website documenting technical issues both from Australia and overseas as per para (4) above. Once established, State technical representatives will be invited to make contributions that benefit Australian orienteering.

Action JC and EA

(9) MTBO – project to collect data re older riders winning times/ effect of climb/ weather conditions and tracks, with a view to being more specific to the course planning needs of older riders. Some revisions have already been advised, with the hope of implementation this year.

Action MTBO Technical Committee

Other Business:

Two nominations were received for the position of Technical Committee Chair. The General Meeting of Orienteering Australia determined that Eric Andrews would retain the Technical Chair in 2015.

Next Meeting:

Easter 2016 in the ACT