

MINUTES
9th Meeting of SEOWG
Banja Luka, Republic of Srpska, Bosnia and Herzegovina, 2-4th March 2012

Present Countries and representatives:

Bosnia and Herzegovina (Zarko Krsmanovic, Igor Dukic), Bulgaria (Atanas Georgiev, Konstantin Koynov), Croatia (Tomislav Varnica), Italy (Giudzepe Falco), Macedonia (Aleksandar Rutev, Tanya Ruteva), Serbia (Zoran Milovanovic, Dorde Zagorac), Turkey (Tatiana Kalenderoğlu)
Guest: IOF Council member Lazlo Zentai (Hungry)

BIH, BUL, CRO, ITA, MKD, SRB, TUR

Apology:

Cyprus, Greece, Moldova, Montenegro, Romania

14:00

Welcome speech from Zoran Milovanovic (ZM) chairman of SEOWG, introducing presidium of the meeting.

Igor Dukic (BIH): Welcome of all you to Banja Luka, hope we will have fruitful meeting and some orienteering activities. Orienteering sport is not very much developed, but thanks to our group and ZM personally we have a push in development. I hope you all have successful meeting.

Goran Raca - Deputy Minister of Sport and Youth of RS-BIH: We are paying attention to all Sport federation in our country and mountaineering federation as well. I am really glad that the new sports are developing and we will support that. Concerning the meeting I hope you will have success.

Lazlo Zentai (IOF): Ladies and Gentlemen. Our mission is to spread orienteering all over the World. IOF now has 73 members and one of the main aim is to have minimum 75, which can allow us to be a part of summer Olympic games. This summer at General Assembly we will have two new members and hopefully one of them will be the BIH. I would like to thank this Working group for working for attracting new countries in our sport. Thanks to local organizers and Ministry of sport and Municipality for supporting this meeting. Let's run together.

Guests from Municipality: Laktaši municipality welcomes you for the meeting and activities. I am sure that this Sport really enjoyable. In our municipality we are trying to help all the sports, especially among young people. Thank to mountaineering federation of Republic of Srpska for organizing such a meeting. Have enjoyable stay here and good work.

ZM: I would like to continue this year during SEEOC in Bursa Turkey, hopefully with a new member BIH come and officially compete at these Championships.

We are looking forward for the new member. We are settled down two next Championships in Romania and Serbia.

ZM explained details and rules of our Sport for Deputy of Ministry of Sport, different disciplines and introduced orienteering is a nice Sport and a Sport for everybody. Also ZM explained what

kind terrain is needed and types of the maps we are using. How it is possible to use orienteering in school program and touristic activities. ZM introduced shortly people present at the meeting and these positions at federations.

Deputy Minister told that they will support sportsmen and try to send a few sportsmen to SEEEOC Turkey.

16:45

ZM: Bulgarian Orienteering Federation helps to develop Ski-O at the region. 9-12 Feb. The Ski-O camp was organized in Bulgaria. Unfortunately no other countries had come.

KK: First of all I would like to apologize for the absents of Valentin Garkov, who is in Ski-O IOF Commission. He was EA assistant in Ukraine and sick for a moment. Valentin organized very nice camp with a lot of snow, good ski tracks. BOF has qualified experts, who prepare high level competition as sprint, middle, long and relay. Nice weather conditions. Very pity that nobody from other region could come and learn more about Ski-O. VG says that preparation of National champs was at international level and all participants were satisfied. 149 competitors took part in this champs. We will try again to involve countries from our region to raise the number of participants in ski orienteering. Next step is to find competitors from other countries who can take part in Ski-O events abroad. We need more countries.

Current situation with Ski-O

Bosnia and Herzegovina - yes in future

Bulgaria - yes, very good developed

Croatia - very small hope

Italy - yes, very good developed

Serbia - yes, interested

Turkey - yes, interested

Cyprus - no

Greece - no

Macedonia - yes, interested

Moldova – no

Montenegro - yes, interested

Romania- yes, well developed

Results:

3 - well developed

5 - yes, interested

4 - no

AG: Ski-O in Bulgaria has a long history. 1972 first big international competition was held in our country – IPSOL. Pepa Milusheva 1994 was world champion. Now Stanimir Belomazhev and Antonia Grigorova are medalists from EC (in UKR).The most important to say, Ski-O is going after Foot-O, that's mean it is impossible to develop Ski-O before Foot-O. First step must be done in Foot-O. If you want to develop Ski-O you need to have a lot of money. Bulgaria had only two competitions this year, which is not enough. Only two strong competitors. VG working very hard

to develop Ski-O, only one person without money, can not do much. Now we had medals in last European championship with financial help from our Ministry of Physical Education and Sports.

ZM: We need time to be ready to organize camps together with Bulgarians; this project is at a very early stage yet.

TK: We are trying to find skiers whom we can teach orienteering. Countries that are most experienced to help others to develop Ski-O in their countries.

Italy: 85-90 competitors. Ski-O commission has a budget 30.000€ per year. 1994-96 Nicolo Corradini had won a few Championships. We had a few young competitors in Ukraine. 4 training camps for Ski-O.

ZM: We ask BUL, ROU and ITA to tell us about the plans and prices for Ski-O camps. This time may be participants from our countries will take part. Bulgaria and Serbia start to talk about conjunction Event for Ski-O. If Bulgaria will help to organize Ski-O Event in Kopaonik, may be in 2015.

Italy: we have cooperation with National Ski Federation and MTB federation.

ZM: this is the experience we can use in all our countries.

Tomislav Varnica, Croatia: Presentation about Trail O

In a last 4 years we had 6 medals at European and WTOC, but the amount of the people are really small. 2-3 competition per year, 30 competitors.

Trail using the same standards as foot-o. Multiple amounts of flags at the control, up to 5. You have to find which is correct. No speed, but there are time limit. You get penalty if you are over time limit. At each control point there is decision point, you decide about correct flag and punch at the card. No telecommunication equipment is allowed. Different courses. Elite courses, A,B, N-novice. In elite classes possible to have no correct answer among the choices. It is forbidden to walk through terrain. Fairness and same conditions for everyone are basic requirements. Path must be wide enough, without stairs. If this is a step hill organizer must provide "pusher", who help competitor to go through. Decision point is the only place to give names to the flags from left to right. Trail orienteer use duplicated multiple choice control cards. No corrections. Timed controls: this is what makes a difference. Decision time is recorded. 60 seconds to answer. If you miss you get penalty 60', plus decision taking time. Can be anywhere on the course. All competitors shall be seated. A separate, specially prepare map is used. Time is stopped when a clear answer is indicated. This may be either by the use of a pointing board or promoting alpha, bravo, echo etc. Competitor with equal number of points takes a place according the time control. After you finish the course you receive solution sheet. Classic Event: 10-15 control points & 1-3 timed controls. Sprint: larger number of timed controls. Tempo: all controls are timed. Terrain must be suitable, special toilets available, very good map and qualified course setter. Organizing simple training: Make it simple and start now! No visits to the terrain in

advance. There are some tricks for that. Setting control and course planning is complicated. Maps shall be very correct. Technique is very high. Require concentration. Great for leaning. Builds concentration abilities.

ZM: I asked Croatia to help with teaching trail o in our countries with conjunctions with regular foot o Event.

Current situation:

Bosnia and Herzegovina –yes in the future

Bulgaria- yes in future

Croatia-developed, around 30, cooperation with Italy and Slovenia, 1-2 paralimpic

Italy,- 35 competitors, last year 5th time among the school with 45 participants, 14 paralimpic, World champion in Trail O in Kiev.

Serbia-yes, there are few competitions, 50 competitors

Turkey - yes, interested, we have few people trying to develop it at local level

Cyprus - no

Greece - no

Macedonia - no hope, unfortunately, no support

Moldova - ???

Montenegro – no

Romania- ???

Results:

3 - Developed

4 - Yes, interested

5 - Not in the close future

Orienteering maps:

Lazlo Zentai made a very interesting and detailed presentation about history of orienteering maps.

31 Oct 1897 near Oslo (Norway). It is the First Event open to orienteering people.

1899 first Ski O Event

30 Oct 1941 – the First map made in Norway especially for orienteering.

30 April 1950 , Norway, First color orienteering map

03.03.2012

Morning session

09:00

ZM: shortly introduced agenda of the day.

Report about SEOWG work in 2011.

Report was accepted with all additions.

Elections:

All the countries were asked to send their applications for the future elections.

Only one candidate from the each country who will be the member of the group can be selected.

The list of candidates was read.

According to the proposals ZM is only one candidate for president, for VP, TK and DG and for secretary general KK.

ZM: Introducing Damir Gobec (CRO) as a vice president of SEEOWG. Going through his CV. Very experienced organizer and orienteer. Author of the few orienteering books.

ZM shortly introduced himself to the group. His former experiences in competing and organizing.

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Voting for the candidate was made. All countries support the candidates as:

ZM – President of SEEOWG (SER)

TK – Vice President (TUR)

DG – Vice President (CRO)

KK – Secretary General (BUL)

Thank you for your support and we need your ideas, please, share what is going on and our work within the meeting to you countries.

TK made a report about situation and preparation for 2d SEEOC in Bursa.

Asked federation not to be late for preliminary entries and also inform us about possible accommodation preferences.

ZM: short report about situation in Romania preparation for 3rd SEEOC, 4-8 September 2013
Due to a heavy snow conditions EA from Bulgaria could not visit Romania; once it will be done Bulletin 1 will be issued. Parallel Masters Champs will be held in Romania and 2014 Serbia as well, as it was agreed during meeting in Krushevo, Macedonia.

ZM: made a presentation for Serbia, 2014. SOF and Novi Sad club at Fruska Gora.

27-31 of August 2014. Most of them typical continental. Good accommodation facilities.

Macedonia, Tanya Ruteva: presentation of application for EYOC 2014

The organizer is MOF and local club Edelvajs from Strumica, who in Sept 2011 organized 1st SEEOC in Krushevo.

Proposal date is last week of June 26-29.06.2014 or 3-8 July 2014

TK proposals from Turkey:

Proposal 1:

Caring GPS watch is forbidden for all classes in SEEOC: W/M16, W/M18, W/M20 and W/M21

According to IOF rules 21.4: Competitors may not use or carry telecommunication equipment between entering the pre-start area and reaching the finish in a race, unless the equipment is approved by the organizer. GPS data loggers with no display or audible feedback can be used. Note: agreed and will be added to the rules under equipment part.

Proposal 2:

To change drawing procedure for SEEOC, to remove it from team leaders meeting and give this responsibility to jury members and Event Adviser.

Drawing procedure shall be done by Jury members (minimum 2), Event Adviser and Event Director the day before actual start. It may be done at the competition area, if suitable place is available or at event center after the competition.

The template is available on SEEOWG blog and can be downloaded.

Note: agreed and will be added to the rules

Proposal 3:

Medals and diplomas for SEEOC and SEEMOC shall be the same for each championship.

If produced in Turkey, the price for 1 medal is 4,5€, including the ribbon/strip.

But we suggest that each country can produce their own ribbon/strip with the color proper for each country. The oval medals were chosen. Turkey will pay for the first medals and "base" (matrix) production and next medal will be around 4,5€. It will be used for SEEOC and SEEMOC. It will be sent to future organizer by cargo or other means. At the back of the medal will be place for the additional information about event and category. Each country will produce their own ribbon.

Diploma style was approved. It will be available by request from the president of working group in PDF and hand free format. Each country can change color of the ribbon according to the country colors.

03.03.2012 Evening session

ZM: for 2012 we have two development seminars in Bosnia and Cyprus.

2011 we had ski-o week in Bulgaria. Only Bulgarian attends.

1st seminar will be in Bosnia in Serbian language. Agenda: organizing o-events and how to deal with a club. ZM will be a lecturer. It will be start up program for beginners.

2nd will be in Limasol, Cyprus. During the year we will clear the goal.

IOF for the first time agreed to give financial help for such a seminars as to pay for 1 lecture.

02-12 August Youth camp in Czech Republic, not really our region, but close and economical, good chance for trainings.

Future plans for congress in Swiss:

Long discussions about new candidate TK to IOF council. All the countries positive about it.

TK shortly explain her goals in council.

Voting for raising fees valid for 2014-2015

SEOWG need to be official federation "SEEOF", we will start work about it in a new future.

Start fee and sanction fee discussions.

30€ - Start fee for SEEOC

40€ -Start fee for SEEMOC

Voting was positive: after discussions all countries vote for that.

ZM: Serbia for each year has a plan for the budget. Which competitions are paid by sponsors, which is by federations, which is by sportsmen.

AG: Masters are divided on two groups. Those who fights for medals and those who have fun.

ZM: We can satisfy both groups.

Elections Two applications for the next spring meeting in 2013: from Cyprus and Moldova

Cyprus: Larnaca 65 € full board in double room.

Moldova: 45€ full board in double room

Voting: all countries vote for Moldova. Cyprus will have development seminar, therefore countries agreed that Moldova also needs support from us.

Voting for the final approval of SEEMOC rules:

OK, with adding no GPS watch caring devices for masters as well.

Yearly magazine: Proposal from Konstantin Koynov that we have to have magazine.

Will be online, available for everybody. Twice a year

Dead line for 1st edition 30th of March and for the 2d 30th of September.

Editors: KK and two vice presidents

Budgets:

Italy: 300.000€ from government, plus sponsors

Serbia: 55.000€

Turkey: 250.000€ (50-50%) sponsors and government

Bulgaria: 100.000€

Macedonia: 7.000€, mostly from sponsors. Profile of orienteering raised it was easier to find the money. New cities are interested in orienteering and clubs

If we will be a federation than it will little bit easier to find the money.

We can ask for European Union funds. Organize training camps for youth.

TOF really interested to send young sportsmen to Bulgaria for mutual camp.

To continue to work as a legal institution.

ZM thanked the participants and closed the session.

Minutes taken by Tatiana Kalenderoğlu and Konstantin Koynov