



SEEOWG 11th meeting

Minutes of Meeting

Place: Moldova, Chisinau

Date: 01-03 March 2013

Participants:

Zoran Milovanović (SRB) - president of SEEOWG (ZM)
Damir Gobec (CRO) - vice president of SEEOWG (DG)
Tatiana Klanederoğlu (TUR) – vice president of SEEOWG (TK)

BUL- Atanas Georgiev (AG)

CRO- Ivana Gobec (IG), Tomislav Varnica (TV)

ITA- Maria Silvia Viti (MSV)

MDA- Viktor Litvinov (VL), Pavel Cheresku (PC), Antonina Voitenko (AV), Andrey Severuhin (AS)

ROU- Konstantin Alexandresku (KA), Radu... (RM)

Total: 7 countries BUL, CRO, ITA, MDA, ROU, SRB, TUR

1 Opening

The meeting opened at 3pm on Friday 1st of March.

Mr. Litvinov- president of MOF made a welcome speech.

Mr. Vakurov, representative of Ministry of Youth and Sport made a welcome speech.

Mr. Milovanovic made welcome speech as president of SEEOWG

Good that we proceed with idea to have spring meetings in different countries.

Time had come for very important discussions and very important decisions.

We have 12 countries in SEEOWG and we are looking forward to have more countries.

When we all stick together it will be more effective for all of us.

2 Approval of the agenda

The agenda that was circulated before the meeting was approved.

3 Approval of the previous minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting (Bursa, Turkey 2012) had been approved by e-mail and no further amendments were made.

Viktor Litvinov told about development of orienteering in Moldova:

“50th year of orienteering in Moldova. Since 1963, 15-20km² of a new maps, regularly we have 500 children in different clubs and 300 adults, biggest competitions de prima vara -400-600 in all age categories. 13-14th April 2013.

Andrey Severuhin, coach of Moldova Nat team. We are using SI since 2007. Locally we have more kids, but not always able to travel due to additional cost. The main problem to keep the kids when they grew up and start to work.”

President report about work in 2012.

It was a very progressive year for SEEOWG. Many activities and decisions. Friendship between countries is growing bigger, which helps better cooperation.

Last two years we were trying to develop other disciplines, which were not developed in our countries before as Ski-O. This year we will continue with Trail-O. And hopefully continue with development of MTB-O.

Some countries are really good in certain disciplines as Bulgaria and Italy in ski-O and Croatia in trail-O. We had three development seminars: First in Bosnia with 20 persons attending. 2nd in Cyprus in the Middle of October. Issues: how to organize competitions, draw the simple maps. Participants received certificates.

Turkish orienteering federation organized seminar of Trail-O. IOF helped with finding the lecture Owe Fredholm. Seminar was held in English and Turkish. 30 Turkish participants were present. According to Owe's impression it was very successful seminar.

The huge profit of our sport is that after these seminars people who attended them started to work more efficiently for development of orienteering. And in future our aim is to have high level event seminars in our region. It is important to have them in local language, so more people can understand.

We are powerful and with this power we really can do something in the future. We already show this in some applications, as an example of Macedonia. Bulgaria will host JWOC in Borovec 2014.

It is not always competing, but also a friendship.

In 2012 for the first time we had SEEMOC. This idea was well accepted by our people, so this year we can expect more participants in Romania.

For 2012-2016 we have new ideas about sanction fee for organizing events.

166 SEEOC and about 100 in SEEMOC in 2012.

Our blog is one of the main sources of information. Our magazine is not working so far, hope it will work in the future. Only a few countries had sent an article for magazine.

MSV- emphasize the importance of our working group, recognized by IOF.

Two of our members were presented with pins of honor at the congress in Lozanne (Zoran Milovanovic and Sergio Griffoni)

KA (ROU): Being present in this group from the very beginning I can see the difference and see the changes.

I could feel the appreciation toward our working group and regional development. With the help of this group IOF got motion for regional development. Also there is a group of Latin countries, where I tried to pass our experience. I hope that Latin countries group will grow as SEEOWG. Spain is supporting

orienteering in South America. I suggest that there will be two meetings in Romania (SEEOWG and LWG) and we would like to invite ZM to pass some experience to Latin countries and it will be useful for them.

I proposed that we "scare" IOF constantly. Tell them about our needs.

Remind about taxes which IOF have for major orienteering competitions. Also taxes for officials. For example our coaches could not pay 45€ for accreditation in Latvia ESOC. It is too high.

The example of Macedonia that was appointed for EYOC shows that group support the countries who want to organize the big competitions. Maybe we will have a new person from Romania representative of our country in this group, who will be more involved in further development.

ZM comments: now we can see the product of our work. It is not easy financially to come to these meetings, but it is very important to participate. We have clear aims what we want to do. We are not only asking for help, but we are giving a contribution as well.

If you are thinking to apply to IOF for major competitions inform all members of the group and make an agreement.

MSV: during WOC there will be a president conference, if many presidents will raise the issue, then it should be discussed within IOF. Maybe not all presidents will be present but even one can represent other countries.

AG: It is very important that SEEOWG are good friends. If we want to develop orienteering in this part of Europe it is impossible without the help of government. Only working together we can make further steps. Pity that we could not enter Sochi Olympic games, because if we could enter in it would be there.

KA: I am 27 years in Romanian orienteering. I regret that I have come to a conclusion that I am not sure that a new generation can do the same as we did. We should try to be in Olympic committees in our countries. In September Olympic committees will decide the program for the next Olympic games. I had an opportunity to show other Olympic sportsmen what is orienteering. I am representative of non-olympic sports in Olympic committee. When we were organizing a big international competition we were promised to have 14,000€, but we received nothing but congratulations. Only when an accident appears, then the media talks about orienteering.

Does not matter how many titles we will obtain, it will not change the budget, because it is not an Olympic sport. 67 national federations in Romania, 27 non-Olympic. Only 12 are recognized by IOF, including Orienteering. We are last in line for financial support. The policy of government not to support non-Olympic sport.

DG: In last 5 years we won a few medals for World Trail-O championship. Croatia Olympic committee did not support at all. In our federation Trail-O and MTB_O not in the same level as Foot-O.

When we get to EU even less money will come for our sport. On the other way IOF is not supporting organizing big events in smaller countries. The fees for participants for the major orienteering are really too high.

ZM: we need to do a lot more for lobbying of our sport in media. Maybe we have to organize a fund-raising seminar in our region. It is not only ministry of sport, which we have to address for our incomes.

We need to develop our fund-raising strategy.

KA: orienteering in our country was never a rich sport. We can reach certain level, but it shows that to be able to reach a top level only reach countries can do.

AG: what if SEEOWG will organize yearly competitions for the schools for the ages 10-17
This competitions may attract possible sponsors even more than our regular Championships.

2nd session:

Decision about establishing an association:

ZM: Time had come to make a decision. With a present structure we can not do much more than we do. Being legal institution we can work on bigger things. We want to have possibility to apply for EU funds, search for sponsors and donors for our activities. We need to decide where will be the seat of our association. What will be the budget. It is not that I want only ask money from federations.

I got letters from Serbia, Turkey, Croatia, Montenegro, Cyprus. Total 5 countries up to the moment.
(note: the letter from Macedonia came right after the meeting, so it is 6 countries)

What about the other countries present here?

ITA- we need to take a formal decision, we had elections recently.

ROU- at 10th of March we have election, then the board will take over, we can not do anything without approval a new board.

MDA- after our country political problems will pass we will most probably support this idea.

BUL- Our council want to know more details, who will represent this association, where? Aim, Money?

ZM: unfortunately our general secretary did not prepare documents about possible place for seat and expenses. Next month we will try to collect even more information. I would like to ask you now, that the countries who can possibly host the seat of future association give us an information how much Money we need to do it. So like that we can find the best solution for all of us. Bulgaria and Romania can be the most logical candidates. There will be some membership fee, but not higher than 100€ per year. Benefits will be much higher. We will need one executive secretary, who can handle approx 3 project per year with budget 50.000€ and 5.000-10.000€ can be spend for Office and secretariate expenses.

MSV: We have already this experience with COMOF. COMOF started with legal institution. In Italy it is very expensive. We spend 1000€. But it is important step which must be done.

KA: There is the program in EU –Piere de Cuberten. The Money not for elite Sport, but for the mass Sport. The question is if we know about the fact that some countries in our region are in EU, some are not.

MSV: "Youth in action" presentation.

In IOF I am responsible for youth development and we asked federations to send us the projects which had been done and also with feedbacks. Chez republic had sent two Project, which were successful and was accepted.

Good to have these examples in hands, because you have to be very accurate when fill it out. The bureaucracy is very high. Contribution of federations is not money, but human force: Office, computers and so on. After 2013 some rules can change. New guide lines will be issued.

We have to put in the paper what they want to read.

AG: when I was deputy minister in Sport, I was in connection with Brussel. It is not possible to make an immediate connection. You have to establish a national agency. It is only for the mass Sport.

MSV: we can not apply for Money for Sport Event, it should be like Sport mass activity.

We were 5 countries. One country was promoting the project in different countries.

One of the subject was mapping. Producing different kind of maps. At that time each group receive the money to organize their own activity. No chance with only one nation. More countries you are – the more possibilities to get the Project.

We need to use this association to help each other. Use our experts.

There is another program: “long learning life”. You can organize clinics and seminars to exchange experience between the countries.

With different project we can add different equipments and different needs.

ZM: we agreed that next month we will give more information about the costs, place, purposes etc.

Late September and October only the time we can arrange our congress.

May be it will be necessary to have a congress at the country of foundation. So we will need additional meeting to sign the papers.

25th of March I ask you to send us proposals from your countries about possibility to have seats there.

Within one month we should decide what is the best solution. Under which law we must register and what will be the price for us. Important note, that it is going to be an international association.

ROU: in our country we need approval from Ministry of Sport to be able to be one of the founder of association.

SEEOA- is a abbreviation for the future association.

02.03.2013

2nd day meeting sessions

Presentation of Romania SEEOC 2013 and SEEMOC 2013

Ramnicu Valcea-area

New Event center. We had some difficulties with local authorities after elections.

But after that we even closer to competitions area. Possible to have prize giving ceremonies there and meeting room facilities.

Preliminary entry form should be send before 1st of June and final entry till 15th of August.

www.seeoc2013.fro.ro

We can arrange bus transport as well for your team upon request. 2 hours drive. We can help with car rent as well upon request.

5€ catering lunch at the arena will be available. 8€ lunch at the hotel at the Sprint day.

The accommodation type are various and all teams will be informed well before about which rooms they will take.

ZM: in preliminary entry, please, mention type of accommodation you need.

Romania produced the medals already with the price of 4€ per medal. Made a design of a bib number design.

SEEOC2014 – Zoran Milovanovic made a presentation together with comments of Tomislav Varnica (EA)
Novi Sad is the second biggest city in Serbia. 80km from Belgrad.
Fruska Gora is the name of the national park, where the competitions will be held.
Accommodaiton facilities at the same place.
Bulletin no 2 will be ready for discussion before competitions in Romania.
27th -31st of August are the proposed dates

TV: made a short report about the name of Event director and Event secretary and information about the current situation in preparations. Mentioned that preparations could have been beter and he is waiting more initiatives from organizers.

SEEOC 2015 - two candidates Croatia and Bulgaria

Croatia made video presentation of Zagreb city and Event presentation.
Support by tourist board and mounteneering Association.
Two possible dates: 17.06.2015-21.06.2015 / 26.08.2015-30.08.2015
Accommodation or in city center or at the mountain resort.
The date in June were not approved.

Bulgaria, Bansko, 2-6 September 2015

Bansko one of the national Sport centers in Bulgaria for winter and summer sports. 150km from Sofia.
“Terra complex” hotel accommodation, swimming pool. 20€ per person, all inclusive. Distance from accommodation area to competitions 7-15km. 925m-1200m hight.

ZM: both presentations will be sent to all federations. Please, ask for more detailed prices.
Final desisions will be made at our meeting in Romania at September.
There is a possibilities that Croatia and Bulgaria agreed about the dates, that one of the countries takes 2015, another 2016. Preferebly 2015 Croatia (important for their elections) and 2016 Bulgaira.
We do not want to loose both very good candidates.
In case if there is no agreentn achieved then it will be voted in Romania at the next meeting.

Rules of SEEOC and SEEMOC

Proposals for changing

Seeoc no:4 says “under no circumstances may a person other than entered competitions participate in the competitions”

Proposal:” is to allow name chages in a team if they are entered on the entry form before each race according to the deadlines for submitting the entry made by organizers.” The person other then mention in final application my be a substitute in Relay.

ITA and BUL mentioned that it is possible to allow such a change only in case of relay and serious reason as illness or injury.

SRB and TUR have doubt that it should be allowed.

ITA also had a concern that that chahge will be fare for all countries, because not of them can have substitutes in open competitions around and the host country obviously will have an advantage.

MDA: proposed that in case that country has only 3 runners, and pay for only these three runners

Another runner is listed as substitution, and has no right to participate for individual competitions, but can be substitute in urgent case (injury or illness).

Final entry form will be changed little bit according to this decision.

Suggestion about prolonging maximum running time.

If 30% of runners are outside of time limit, then organizer should prolonged maximum running time.

After discussion it was declined. With proposal to put extra effort to check the possible winning times especially young group 16 and 18. And possible jury help for extreme cases.

Start draw:

According to SEEOC rules we have 4 start boxes to allocate the runners.

But last years we started to have 3 WRE during our regional Event.

There are problem for the big teams in case if regular WRE start procedure will be followed. The biggest disadvantages will be for teams with best elite runners, that the whole team will need to wait to elite race to finish.

As one of the options it was decided that ZM will ask IOF rules commition if it is possible to have a start according WRE rules, but within our SEEOC First, then again as a second group for open Event with the strongest runner starting last.

Development seminars 2013:

Trail-O clinic together with 2 days intermnational Event in Kalnik May 03-05

Ivana Gobec presented:

We have a club with 6-8 persons who are members of national team in Trail-O. We want to share our expirience. 70km away from Zagreb. Trail –O is a discipline can get other disciplines. Useful for map makers, good for elite runners, and coaches who are train elite runner can benefit from that.

Logo of Trail-O is with Wheel chair, that is wrong Picture of the discipline. We will suggest logo changing to IOF as well. It will be WRE in Kalnik, during the seminer.

Kalnik is a very good terrain for trail-o. Network of path is good. Many Stones.

Two days of accommodation needed.

One person form each country will be very good.

We should try to spred this information within our federation.

TK: 10-11-12 May will be Trail-o and “work with youth” seminer in Turkey.

Ivana and Damir will come and be one of the Speakers.

Everybody is welcome to participate in seminer and 3 days competitions.

Spring Meeting March 2014 Cetinje Montenegro

City Cetinje, Hotel Grand. Nice mixture of meeting possibilities and cultrural program.

42km from Podgorica Airport.

Single room 32€, double room 42€, Wi Fi and free transport from Airport.

Croatia asked if it is possible to have it one week later because at the same date there is a very well established Event in Slovenia at the same date.

14-16 March 2014 is another possible dates for the meeting.

Croatia check the dates of next year Event. And the dates of the meeting will be set accordingly.

(note: it was checked after meeting and the dates for the meeting will be 14-16 of March 2014)

Biggest Events of 2013-2014 in our region

ITA: WOC 2014 Italian organizing committee would like to offer the possibility for countries in our region to have free accommodation for the whole week of work with possibility to work as volunteer during WOC week. It is a possibility to develop future skills. We will send a letter with official invitation. Please, choose the right person. It should be English speaking person. We have to rise the level of our competitions and our organizers. WOC is very complex Event. To be "inside" the Event can be very useful.

TUR: 1-2 of March 2014 we will have for the first time WCup Event in Turkey, Antalya, Kemer. Middle distance and Sprint relay. There will be open competitions as well. Possibility of training camps. Good prices, good weather and good quality maps. You are all welcome to join this Event. Bulletin 1 is published already.

BUL: JWOC2014 Bulgaria, Borovec. We have a high quality referees, nice terrains, a lot of different hotels accommodation choices. Todor Pedev will be the main judge of the competition (Event director).

EYOC2014 Macedonia: very soon bulletin 1 will be available, flyers are ready for distribution. During choosing the organizer we promised that we will help as a region in organizing this event. BUL and SRB are already involved in organization. This year in October will be training Event in Strumnica Macedonia.

Next meeting

The next meeting of SEEOWG will be held in Romania 7th of September during SEEOC and SEEMOC championships

The meeting closed at 19:45 on Saturday