



SEEOA 6th meeting Minutes of Meeting

Place: Slovenia, Cerklje

Date: 26-28th February 2016.

Participants:

Zoran Milovanović (SRB) - President of SEEOA (ZM)

Tatiana Kalenderoğlu (TUR) – Vice President of SEEOA (TK)

Atanas Georgiev (BUL) - Honorary President of SEEOA (AG)

ALB - Inge Bosina

BUL – Todor Pedev

MKD - Riste Kirov / Milica Kirova

MNE – Stefan Jeremic, Luka Vulic

SLO – Klemen Kenda, Ana Pribakovic,

SRB - Djordje Zagorac, Stevan Roksandic

Our special guests: Mr Jurij Kavcic (Mayor of Cerklje, SLO), Dusan Vystavel (Chairman EWG, CZE)

Media representative: Ivan Seljak (SLO)

Total: 8 countries ALB, BUL, CZE, MNE, MKD, SLO, SRB, TUR

6 countries can vote.

Friday, 26th of February

1 Opening

The meeting opened at 13:30 on Friday 26th of February 2016

Klemen Kenda on behalf of Slovenian Orienteering Federation welcomed all participants to Slovenia, Cerklje.

Mr. Milovanovic made welcome speech as president of SEEOA

2 Approval of the agenda

ZM introduced agenda of the meeting for two days.

First meeting session:

Friday 26th February

- Approval of the previous meeting from Bulgaria, Bansko.
- Report between two meetings.
- Report and financial report from SEEOC/SEEMOC 2015 Bulgaria
- Report from IOF /SEEOA EA Licencing seminar in Serbia, Jan 2016
- Evaluation and decision about SEEO Cup
- Events Calender for 2016-2018 (events, seminars,)
- SEEOA Summer Youth Training Camps
- Evaluation and revision of SEEOC and SEEMOC Rules
- Proposals from the member Federations

Saturday, 27th February

Second meeting session:

- Presentation about progress in preparation of SEEOC and SEEMOC 2016 – Macedonia, Strumica (Organisers report and IOF EA report)
- Demo Trail O Event at SEEOC 2016 in Macedonia
- Presentation about progress in preparation of SEEOC and SEEMOC 2017 – Montenegro, Durmitor (Organisers report and IOF EA report)
- Decision about start fee prices for SEEOC/SEEMOC 2018, 2019, 2020.
- Approval of candidates for SEEOC/SEEMOC in 2018
- Preparation of High Level seminar, November 2016, Bulgaria, Sofia, for organizers and Advisers of future SEEOCs/SEEMOCs and other major events in our region

Sunday 28th February

Third meeting session

- Any other business
- Next Council meeting, Macedonia, Strumica, 09-10th September 2016.

Agenda was approved by all present members.

3 Overview of activities of Slovenian Orienteering Federation

We are apparently small federation; we are like a family Founded in 1990. 14 club member and 320 competitors. 1987 first 5 color map in Ljubljana. We have a few commissions within the federation, 70 competition days a year. We have a few books about orienteering, which we can use for education. We have about 300 maps, like one map for one person. We have all different terrains. Continental and very interesting carst terrains. Lidar for the whole country for free (12 points/m2)! Project with Geopedia. Federation with constant growing. Great possibilities for development.

ZM: Thank you for presentation and also for joining in Association. Together we can reach more and have stonger events in the future.

4 Approval of the previous minutes

Minutes from the meeting in Bansko meeting were sent to all federations at the beginning of October 2015.

TK: I would like to encourage all the participants and all federation to read the minutes from previous meeting very carefully, so we all know what was decided, it is a good preparation for the current meeting.

TP:

We have a feeling that we do not have clear decisions in our minutes. We propose that we will have more clear voting procedure for all discussions.

Conclusion: The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.
5 countries for yes, 1 sustained.

5 Report between two meetings

ZM: Not many countries were active between the meetings. When it comes to written proposals we are not very successful. In general if we want to be more productive we need to work more during the winter for preparation of spring meetings where we can sit comfortably and discuss our future development.

6 Event Calendar

KK: I have one note for preparation of a calendar. It would be better if we can avoid overlapping in our federations at least for the big international competitions. We need to plan 2 years in advance.

TK: It is a very good idea if possible to see those competitions dates. We do not want to force any federation or club to change the dates, but if there is a chance not to make overlapping, why not to place them at one calendar?

IB: I can put a competition any date and to be able to decide so it will be good for me to know about competitions at the area.

ZM: It is not possible for us not to have any overlapping, but let's try to avoid it if possible. I would propose to send to our federations a deadline at the end of April to send a first draft for events in 2017.

TP: we propose that each country can apply with only 2 biggest competitions in the SEEOA calendar.

AG: there are a few countries in our region that can organize good competitions.

TK: Do we need to restrict competitions amount, why can not we put all possible competitions? If somebody in our countries wants to travel and take part in competitions, he or she will know where to go. I am not talking about national teams now.

ZM: I would like to suggest that we have a first part of the competitions list with max 3 event per country listed there with guarantee from federation about the quality of the event. And another part where all competitions can be listed. We need to be ready in Macedonia in our next meeting to see first draft 2017 calendar.

TK: I would like to suggest that we need a new website, which is working properly, easy, simple, informative. There we can add a new calendar page, which can be up to dated. We can take an example of worldofdo as good working example.

SJ: Montenegro members agree to help with possible development of a new website. I need a few people who will help me with information.

ZM and Vice Presidents will provide to Stefan all necessary information. The cost might be covered by sanction fee from SEEOC/SEEMOCs.

RK: we think it is a problem that the start fees at some competitions are too high and we can not afford to join them.

ZM: We are promoting lower fees in our region for years. We need to be more visible and more open.

IB: When I organise something I can look for a special package price for those who are asking.

Conclusions/decisions:

Voting:

Each federation gives each year 3 major competition in foot –O, and 1 in MTBO; ski-O and Trail –O, with quality guaranteed from each federation.

Vote: 6 yes

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We will have a separate list for all competitions in each SEEOA country, popular multiday Competitions. With this list each organizer can add his competitions to the list. The entry will be approved by administrator of the site.

Voting: 6 yes

ZM: Just for 2016 I propose to remove all events in Greece until they have internal agreement within the country.

Voting: 6 yes

7 Report from SEEOC and SEEMOC in Bulgaria Bansko

TP:

We used all different terrains for all four days. New maps were produced. Accommodation was very good at a very low price.

For the first time we were trying to use GPS tracking in SEEOC, but we since we did not have quarantine at middle and long we were not able to show it in competition time.

It was not easy to use Eventore for the first time in WRE. Many discussions if SIVEN CUP must be or not WRE.

Relay entry list was not written clearly. All entries must be electronic! Otherwise too complicated and open for mistakes for IT. Our mistake was that relay medals and diplomas were missing.

Nermin Fenmen made a program for calculating the points and in total team scoring was mistake for masters. After corrections, the medals and diplomas were sent in December to all countries.

In total sanction fee collected during SEEOC/SEEMOC 2015 in Bansko to be used for SEEOA development purposes is 1089€ .

Dragon Nikolic was our EA, we had a very good cooperation with him.

Conclusions/decisions:

-Oral report by TP accepted with note that Bulgarian Orienteering Federation should send written reports and officials results. Also corrected official results should be sent to all Federations and published at the web site (not yet up to now).

-Its neceserry also to change the Cups between countries where mistake are corrected.

8 SEEOA orienteering Cup discussions.

Idea from Romanian coach Emilian Minoiu is that we will have a cup, each stage in different country, so it the end we can have a cup winners in SEEOA categories. Only top 3 results will count for the final ranking. Iniotial proposal were send out to all Federations before meeting. Only few comments came by e mail before meeting.

ZM: The idea is good for itself. I am afraid that the budget of our countries might not allow it.

KK: in theory it works fine, but we can not afford it. Could be nice idea to have in future may be.

TK: may be we come back to this idea a few years later, now it is impossible financially.

ZM: As I see from your comments and discussion, we can agreed that we can think about it in the future, but at the moment most of our countries do not see the possibility to do so.

Conclusions/decisions: Voting: 6, to postpone the implementation for the future time

9 Possibility to use external funds for development of our region

SEEOA youth camps, introduction for application and participants in Erasmus project.

IB: I am IOF project manager in Albania.

There a lot of money to get in Erasmus, but at the same time a lot of paper work.

General information about Youth exchange. Between 16-60 participants, 13-30 years. 5-21 days including travels. We need to have a good balance of participants from different countries.

Who can apply? Somebody from 'program country' EU memberstates +Macedonia, Turkey.

Who can participate? Countries of EU and surrounding EU.

It can take part in any participating country.

What are the funds? Travel cost depending on distance, organisational support depending on the country, where exchange takes place.

Special needs support (handicaps or disadvantages families). Exceptional costs: APV, Visa.

Participants need to prepare the program.

Example last year:

Applicant : STOLV Austira, took place in Montenegro with ALB, HUN, KOS, MNE,ROU, SLO

All costs were covered.

ECAS and PIC: what it is? What is needed for registration? Login name and password, Documents of organization, information about organization.

Later: document for 'legal entity file' (LEF). Document of Bank account: Form for financial identification.

Applicant organization – what to do?

- Contact your national agency.
- ask for information and support
- download application form – actual version. Check the dead line of application!
- Download other necessary forms
- Collect PIC and informatin from Partners.
- Fill in the forms
- upload in time!!!

Partner organization:

- authenticate in ECAS
- register your organization
- Send PIC to Applicant
- Send information about your organization
- contribute to application
- choose and prepare participants.

KK: EU is quite strict how the application must look like. If we prepare such a meeting we need to know exactly how to represent it to sport politicians and be able to get it.

ZM: I was informed by Lenka Klimpova that recently we are able to apply with pure sport programs.

TK: Let's ask each country to send a name and a contact of a person who can represent a country in possible future ERASMUS project. It is quite complicated matter; it is good if they have possibility to work together. We asked one year ago and we must resend the mail again. We sent our contact from Turkey to Inge already.

IB: either of you can be applicant or participant. Deadline: 26th of April 2016 12:00 Brussels time for the project start 1st of August to 31st December. Please, send me contacts from your country to help me with this project.

ZM: It is important that we try to continue to have youth camps covered by Erasmus project. It will help to improve quality of our young runners and coaches working with them. For that we will need help of experience countries as Bulgaria for example to help with coaching.

Without Erasmus + project we will never will be able to arrange a camp for 32.000€ and have free participation at the camps. After 3 years of talking it is time to understand that we need to follow each step of the rules to be able to reach Erasmus + money. We have a good product. Let's give the possibility to our young people to travel more, to learn more.

Conclusion/decision:

10th of March 2016 is the date when the federations must send the name responsible for ERASMUS +, together with intention to participate.

Then we have one month to develop this project and apply.

Our internal deadline must be 5th of April for this project.

Otherwise, we can not have project ready for summer 2017.

10 Information from Macedonia for IPA CROSS- BORDER PROGRAMME 'Balkan Mediterrean'

RK: I got a proposal from Bulgaria to start a common Project with IPA fond, cross-border between BUL and MCD. It will be 80 km of running, byking in both countries. The budget is 120.000€. It is important to have a border. It can be any sport Project, not only Orienteering. One club can apply only for two projects. This Project is a good opportunity to approaches the clubs. Website: www.ipa-cbc-007.eu/index.php We advise countries to take a look. May be you can make a good project.

11 Up to dating the rules of SEEOC and SEEMOC

TK: Our rules were up to dates last year and this year I do not propose many changes, but we need to discuss some new subjects.

At our last meeting Serbia proposed that we can have start for SEEOC and SEEMOC classes together, but of course with different courses. Our finish line looks too empty and not exiting. OPEN classes will start as usual 15 min later than official SEEOC and SEEMOC courses. Decision: Voting: 6 in favour to have 0 start time at same for SEEOC and SEEMOC.

Consult with IOF about WRE start procedure. Check again if it is ok to have first start list for SEEOC WRE runners and then start list to open WRE runners. Both start lists shall be made according to WRE ranking points.

ZM: We have quite complicated entry procedure. We should not confuse people with information: we have SEEOC, SEEMOC and open event. Veteran entries for SEEMOC must have separate entries, and another entry we shall have for open competitions.

RK: I have a proposal for prize giving ceremony. For sprint it is good to organize it at the center of the city. But for the long and middle prize giving to have it at the area.

ZM: we need to check carefully timing for prize giving. Organiser must plan events possibly not too far from event center, that one way travel should not be more than 60 minutes.

It must be arranged in a logical way. Organiser can decide and EA must approve.

ZM: our prize giving ceremonies are too long. Maybe we must have man and woman classes at the podium at the same time-together.

TK: I do not support the idea to have it for SEEOC classes, it is an official championship and our young sportsmen deserve separate prize giving photos. For SEEMOC and open competitions it is very logical and we had it like that already in Serbia, we can add suggestion about it in the rules.

Conclusion/decision:

-A few countries took part in discussion and we agreed with separate podium for SEEOC, and for all other prize givings, mixed man and woman podium by classes at SEEMOC and open event.

-Other proposals also to be implemented in new Rules.

12 Introducing of new established Montenegro Orienteering Federation

ZM: In October 2015 Montenegro established Orienteering Federation, which is not a part of mountaineering federation. I would like to introduce Stefan, Secretary General and Luka Vulic, which is a national runner as well.

SJ: As Zoran said we newly formed orienteering federation. Before we were a part of mountaineering association. Last October we formed orienteering federation. We are not too much experienced, but we wish to make more competitions in our region and what is more

important to develop orienteering in MNE. I hope you will help us to make further steps. We will do our best to be good partners in all projects.

ZM: You are welcome, we are happy to see you in our family.

13 Honorary presidency in SEEOA

ZM: At our last meeting we asked Damir and Valentin to work on a document for applying to honorary present of SEEOA. It was prepared and sent to us. Please comment if you are agree. If yes, Romanian orienteering federation can send their proposal according to this document.

Comment: There were no objections to this document. It will be sent once again to all federations together with other presentations from this meeting.

Conclusion /decision: Document accepted and approved. In accordance with this, future elections of Honorary President will be evaluated.

14 Legal registration of SEEOA

ZM: We showed that we were not able to collect all necessary documents and to establish legal organization within 2 years.

It is time for all of us to think about future structure of our Association and if we want to change a representative for your country in SEEOA.

We need to reconsider composition of the Council at our next meeting in Macedonia.

We might lose Greece, it is not a clear situation with Romania representative as well.

Closing of the meeting: 18:00

28th February 2016

Hotel Cerkno, Slovenia

15 Mayor of Cerkno Mr Jurij Kavcic visit the meeting

ZM: made welcome speech to the mayor.

JK:Ladies and gentlemen, welcome to Cerkno, to our town. I am very happy that you choose this community for the meeting. Cerkno is a sport town, Orienteering club Azimut organised several well known Cerkno cup competitions. The community is quite young, we support a lot of sport and cultural activities. Republic of Slovenia gave the title 'Green destination' to Cerkno region. We give a big importance to development of Tourism in a region. We have various places to visit, ski center is a very nice location. We would like you to support Cerkno as a candidate for SEEOC championships in 2018 and our community will support this activity.

16 Application bid of Slovenian orienteering federation for organizing SEEOC and SEEMOC 22-28 of August 2018

Mountain and ski resort. More than 30 years of experience. 10 successful WRE organized. Cerknjo cup – 18 editions since 1991. They have various accommodation possibilities. Beautiful terrains for all distances. Community support that kind of activities.

ZM: It was nice and informative presentation. You can start with preparation, but official approval we will get during our next meeting in Macedonia.

17 Progress report from Macedonia for SEEOC and SEEMOC 2016

RK shortly report which steps were made between two meetings.

Maps for long 50 % finished. Maps for the sprint will be finish 1 month before the competition, since there can be changes till last moment.

At 7th September arrival, registration, model event, open ceremony.

It will be possible to have lunches at arena, because of a bit long travel time to competition area to event center. We want to have prize giving ceremonies at arenas.

Hotel "Gligorov" is an event centre. 37€ everything included and a lot of choices for B hotels (29€). One option for 18€ accommodation.

ZM: we were discussing that Damir Gobec will help to organize trail-o demonstration competition. There are park near sprint area available and it is not used at sprint.

Conclusion/decision: Macedonian organizers to send map to DG for checking possibilities to make a demo O Trail.

18 Progress report from Montenegro for SEEOC and SEEMOC 23-27th of August 2017

SJ: We are new as an orienteering federation. We have local support from municipality. Most of terrains in the national park. Event location will be in Zabljak. Podgorica is a closest airport 120km. Possible training camp from 29 to 31st of July 2016 as competition Durmitor Orienteering Challenge, and camps from 1st to 6th of August 2016.

TP: we would like to know who will draw the maps and who will plan the distances. We want to be sure it will be the high quality.

ZM: It is not clear 100% who will make the maps and courses; it is under the stage of confirming. But what we can assure you that the maps will be IOF quality standards.

AP: We need to know who exactly will help in organizing, especially technical part.

ZM: Zmaj adventure will take technical responsibility of a project. We have experience EA.

EA is Slobodan Radovanovic from Serbia. Web site is opened and all information will be published there.

SJ: we are new, but all the people I am working with are experienced with orienteering. What we do, we are trying to get lidar maps to be used in production of orienteering maps.

9 years I am organizing many sport events in Montenegro. Not only sports, but I am surely know what it is an organisation.

RK: we would like to advise to have EA from neighbour countries, so the travel cost will be lower.

ZM: I agree with Riste, but at the same time we want to get an opportunity to give different chances to different countries to be an EA.

19 Proposal from Bulgarian orienteering federation

TP: We propose that we have only meeting during competitions. No spring meetings.

Another proposal that money collected during competitions (sanction fee) won't be spent for any seminars, just for organizing Youth camps.

AG: I am participating in many meetings for many times. I saw that we receive good results, but we understand that without government support it is not possible to develop the sport in the region. Moldova example, they can not attend spring meetings. People from Romania can not participate. Maybe Turkey has the biggest budget, then Bulgaria, but still not enough money for that. As a biggest federation we must to participate to help young people.

We need to correct some mistakes. Important decisions must be made during meetings in Championships time.

Another question for the money which we receive from competitions we want to organize camps for youth 16-18. We have nice coaches. We need to help young people. I invite you to participate to these training camps. Todor, Valentin, me will be involved in organizing of these camps.

TP: we are planning this camp in Borovetz, where we had JWOC, with 12€ per day accommodation. We can arrange seminars with Kiril and Stanimir.

ZM: I am in favour to do it, but with Erasmus project. Because with 1000€ we can not cover many expenses.

RK: we are ready to pay money before SEEOC for the youth camp. So it can be for two years money, approximately 2000€

ZM: I think that we are not working between meetings. The only time when we are working efficiently is our spring meetings.

RK: We can leave this matter to the meeting of all countries to decide during SEEOC.

DZ: we think spring meetings are very usefull and we want to continue. But we also agree with Bulgaria, that all major decisions confirmed and decided during SEEOC meetings.

TK: I liked the idea of BOF that the money from SEEOC and SEEMOC competition will be spend for the youth camp, but we need to know how many runners you can invite for free. If other runners want to come, how much they have to pay. What are the possible dates?
We are kindly ask BOF to prepare a proposal with numbers.

AP: As an example of other association I also know that most of the people are not working between the meetings, we all more productive during the meeting, we can have skype conversation during the meeting for those who can not attend personally

TK: I will try to organise such a possibility for the next meeting. For that I will ask each federation to provide contact name and skype name of a person. This person must be approved by federation. From meeting organizer we need to ask a good internet connection.

Conclusions/decisions:

-Voting about should we have spring meetings or not postponed for decisions during next meeting in Macedonia.

-Bulgarian O Federation (TP) to prepare and send to us detail plan for Youth camp in Bulgaria with a budget. Deadline: end of April 2016.

-Each Federation to send us skype name and name of responsible person for the SEEOA skype meetings. Deadline: end of April 2016.

20 Entry fee for SEEOC and SEEMOC 2017-2020

All countries agreed to keep the same entry fee for the next period 201, 2018, 2019 and 2020. If necessary, voting confirmation will be made in Macedonia.

Other business:

AG: We want to address to IOF regarding sanction fee. Our region is a poor region, not like north Europe. The sanction fees are too high and membership fees as well.

28th February 2016

Hotel Cerkno, 3rd session, Slovakia

21 Speech of Dusan Vystavel, Chair of EWG

ZM: Welcomed Dusan Vystavel, chair of European working group to our meeting with short report of our countries.

DV: Thank you very much for inviting me for this meeting. Special thank to the host country Slovenia. It is a good opportunity to know more about your group. You are the biggest sub-region group so far in IOF, and working most productive. In central Europe we are thinking to make central Europe working group for countries like SWI, POL, GER, HUN, CZE, SLK. May be we can use your experience for the new group. We will have a meeting in May. Those of you who were present at IOF general assembly may know that responsibilities and duties of EWG going down, decision making mostly in hands of discipline commissions. Now we have one task remaining- develop the region. We still have a question what exactly do in EWG, since we do not have many duties. Now also EYOC is official IOF event. It is a good way to promote orienteering in the region. There are different opinions about destiny of EWG. For this year we have an idea to have EWG and then have global development conference. We will prepare a few choices for a destiny of EWG to make decision during European federations meeting.

KK: From view of our country we can not put any member to IOF, because it is too much expensive to support it. Another question how we can participate in EOC? CZE is very close to us, but when we calculated the price, we understood, that we can not afford entry fee. We have 5-7 federations who can afford it, but another 20 countries, can not participate because of the price.

DV: Many middle and small federations have similar problems. Thank you for mentioned it.

ZM: we can use statistic and see which countries do we usually have for EOC. How many runners they have? We need not only to stress out the problem, but also find a solution. How to stay at the same quality level, but give chance to more countries to participate. We need to list our priorities and we can express it together. Good that we are around the table and we can cooperate.

AG: IOF need to change a structure. May be we have to think about organizing different WOC's for different level of countries.

22 WOD participation:

ZM: Once again informed everybody about WOD project and possibility that we can have a better advertisement of the sport and promote our sport. There are two contact persons who can answer all your questions. They are Goran Andersson and Malin from IOF office. All members invited to take part.

Any other business:

DV: 2-3 of April, Central European Youth Orienteering Cup

No entry fee for event for SEEQA region, hard floor cheap accommodation, we have 5 countries already.

25th-31th of July there will be European Deaf orienteering championships, please, send my contact to me and spread this information within your federation. 20 class, 21 class, 45 and 55 classes. <http://ewgorienteering.org/ceyoc2016>

Next meeting

The next meeting of SEEOA will be held in Macedonia, Stumica, during Championships 2016. Meetings will start at 18:00h, for 9th and 10th of September, and if necessary to be continued after TLM.

ZM: Next spring meeting supposed to be in Greece. Due to unclear situation within Greek orienteering we are not able to organize a meeting there.

Inge Bosina propose to organize a meeting in Albania, Tirana or Skodra, 3-5th of March 2017

Conclusion/decision:

The final confirmation about spring SEEOA meeting 2017 will be made in Macedonia.

Minutes taken by Tatiana Kalenderoglu, SEEOA Vice President