



Minutes from the annual SEEOA meeting 2018

Date: 24. 08.2018.

Place: Cerkno, Slovenia

Host: Slovenian Orienteering Federation & OC Azimut

Present members and guests:

Golovei Andrei, **Cabis** Vladimir, **Cerescu** Pavel, **Bondarenco** Natalia (Moldova), **Chripeska** Meri, **Van Baelen** Michael (Macedonia), **Bridger** Diana (Cyprus), **Roksandić** Stevan, **Milovanović** Zoran (Serbia), **Deconescu** Natalia, **Alexandrescu** Constantn, **Patras** Ionut (Romania), **Deljo** Zijad, **Ajoulaki** Selver (Bosnia and Hercegovina), **Georgiev** Atanas, **Koynov** Konstanin, **Pedev** Todor (Bulgaria), **Pribaković Borštnik** Ana, **Sladič** Roman, **Poljanšek** Aleš (Slovenia), **Gobec** Ivana, **Gobec** Damir (Croatia), **Bosina** Inge (Albania), **Kalenderoglu** Tatiana (IOF)

Chairman: Damir Gobec (vice president of SEEOA)

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1) SEEOA Statue

It is an important document which should be effective and clear for usage. Romanian Federation did a good job on pointing out some statutory issues which should be cleared before Statute becomes official. Members agreed that we should make one more effort in order to make SEEOA official organization. In order to make it easier members should try to get information from their official authorities where is it easier to register the SEEOA. Preferably it should be on the grounds of EU in order to get support from EU funds.

2) MAP of SEEOA

Map which has been enclosed with invitation was inaccurate so we should clearly produce accurate map. Map should be with official members and other countries which are observers or are trying to become member of SEEOA. It was agreed that Cyprus is one country and we will not make any changes regarding their status. All aspirant countries should be present first at the meeting and on the SEEOC/SEEMOC competition in order to become members, so there was no discussion about Azerbaijan membership as they have

never been on any of SEEOC/SEEMOC Championships and they were not present on the meeting in Slovenia.

3) SEE(M)OC 2019-MOLDOVA

Moldavian Federation made presentation about ongoing preparations for SEEOC/SEEMOC 2019. Competition center will be in hotel Europe. It is hotel which was used for SEEOA sprint meeting in the past.

Organizer should present additional information about official transport for the teams which will arrive with planes and costs of such transport. Also alternative accommodation hotels, hostels and budget accommodation prices should be presented as soon as possible in order to give enough time to National teams to prepare their trip. Prices of half-board should be lower than stated. If it is possible organizer should try to contact some rental car companies in order to get discount prices for the teams.

SEEOA also have concern about distance of the last competition from the Chisinau as it is more than 70km away and some teams will have their flights on that day. So in order to be as close as possible to the possible transfers we advise to have on last day competition which is not so distant from CC.

4) SEE(M)OC 2020-candidates

Croatia made presentation of their candidacy for SEEOC/SEEMOC 2020. Competition venue will be in capitol of Croatia, city of Zagreb. Organizing club will be OC "Vihor" experienced club which has lot of experience in organizing different kind of Events (World Trail orienteering Championships in 2015, Mediterranean Championships in Egypt in 2018, World Military Championships in 1999...). There will also be a 4 or 5 days accompanying event "Zagreb open" in conjunction with SEEOC/SEEMOC 2020.

Romania stated that they have planned to make SEEOC/SEEMOC 2020 but they did not have any presentation so they will reconsider their application for 2021.

Croatia has been elected for the organizer of SEEOC/SEEMOC 2020 with all votes in favor.

5) WEB SITE

There was no representative from Montenegro Federation as they made a huge work in preparing the web page but it stopped somewhere on the "road". President of SEEOA should contact them in order to see if we can get those files and establish official web page of SEEOA. At the moment only FB page is working with relevant news. FB administrator is Damir Gobec.

6) New design for LOGO & Medals

Croatian Federation proposed new design for SEEOA logo and medals as it should be modernized and up to date with new design standards. It has been agreed that new design should apply from 2020 and Federations can send their proposals until June 2019, so on the meeting in August we can choose new design.

7) SEEOC/SEEMOC 2018 issues

Slovenia stated a big problem due to last minute canceling from Turkish Orienteering Federation. Hotel accommodation and entry fee has not been paid in advance by the Federation so organizer had big costs in order to cover their loses. Turkish Orienteering Federation should cover all costs to the Slovenian Federation, hotel and club Cerknno which have occurred due to late canceling of the arrival of the whole Turkish national team. Slovenia should inform SEEOA about payments and covering those costs.

For the future all organizers are encouraged to force payments of reserved accommodation and entry fee in advance in order to avoid such situation. Federation

which will not pay their costs will be banned from the future competitions until they cover their costs.

Also SEEOA recommends earlier dates (one month before) for entries so organizer has time to make all possible materials and Bulletins on time.

Organizer of SEEOC/SEEMOC 2018 has made a good competition, but SEEOA is disappointed with stating the name of South East European Championships. SEEOC/SEEMOC name was almost invisible on the competition, Bulletins, web page. All competitions were more branded as Cerknò cup what is not acceptable for SEEOA. Accompanying event is great to have it and advisable, but our main competition is SEEOC/SEEMOC and future organizers should be aware of it. SEEOA Event Advisers should point that out to all organizers.

8) Other issues

- a) There was no candidate for organizing spring meeting so there will be no spring meeting in 2019.
- b) SEEOA members were quite disappointed with absence of president of SEEOA Veysel Guler and the way Turkish Federation canceled their participation in SEEOC/SEEMOC 2018. Although we can understand the economic situation which occurred, we strongly believe that there was a space to send at least smaller delegation to the competition to show a good will especially after taking over the presidency of SEEOA.

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