

# Minutes of IOF Map Commission meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> July 2008, at Hotel Tennis Club, Prostějov, Czech Republic

## **MC08/19 Present**

Håvard Tveite NOR (HT) – Chairman

Jukka Liikari FIN (JL)

Sergio Grifoni ITA (SG)

Flemming Hjorth Jensen DEN (FHJ)

Thomas Gloor SUI (TG)

Erik Peckett GBR (EP)

Ales Hejna CZE (AH)

László Zentai IOF Council LZ attended part of the time.

## **MC008/20 Agenda for the meeting MC2008-02 and Minutes of the meeting MC2008-01**

The Agenda for the meeting was approved. EP would take the Minutes. It was agreed that the Minutes would be circulated to MC and when approved would be sent to the IOF Secretariat.

The Minutes of the Meeting held in Helsinki, January 2008 were approved.

## **MC008/21 Correspondence**

HT had circulated a number of items he had received since the meeting in Helsinki January 2008

Particular items that were noted:

A request from Brian Parker who was writing the Trail O Specifications seeking a definition of a vegetation boundary.

David May the SEA for the WMOC in Portugal regarding in particular the printing of the maps for the event.

ISSOM specifications had been produced in Germany and is underway in Ukraine.

## **MC008/22 Mapping for WOC**

a) MC had established contacts with the mappers for the WOC's in

2008 Czech HT      2009 Hungary JL      2010 Norway HT      2011 France TG.

A status report was made on all these and this would be repeated at future meetings.

A number of points were noted.

1 The need for all mappers to agree standards before starting survey.

2 The need for a timetable for survey and cartography.

3 The need for all the mappers in the project to have the same standard set of OCAD symbols when they begin, and all changes to this set to be approved.

WOC 2012 and 2013 would be added to the list when allocated.

b) Senior Event Advisers check list had been circulated.

## **MC008/23 Deviations**

MC had received a number of requests for deviations from the specifications. These had been

considered at length by the MC.

1 Asian Championships - allowed exceptionally for this event

Map printing had been delayed and it had been agreed that four colour printing would be allowed on this occasion subject to certain conditions.

- a) That this is not a permanent deviation.
- b) That it be supervised very carefully.
- c) The paper quality used would be able to stand folding.
- d) The maps should be bagged and properly sealed.
- e) The printing would use the overprinting effect.

2 Canadian WRE Fundy National Park – request for 1:10000 map scale for long distance. - This was denied

EP had sent them some suggestions as to how the cartography of the map might be generalised as well as some ideas on the generalisation of the terrain. This had been well received

3 German WRE Ostee OL 2008 – request for 1:10000 map scale for long distance. - This was denied.

A number of suggestions were made to improve the legibility of the map including the line widths for contours. The number of additional symbol numbers made checking the size of point features difficult. The large number of small areas of vegetation made the map less legible, especially the vegetation boundary symbol. Suggestions were also made to describe man made and other objects in the map legend.

It was agreed that MC would seek copies of the maps to make sure the advice had been followed.

## **MC008/24 Projects**

1 Map Colours AH

AH had prepared a questionnaire to be circulated to those with colour deficiency problems (colour blindness). This was discussed by MC. AH would continue the work, send out the revised questionnaire and prepare test prints in cooperation with TG. This might be incorporated into the ISOM 201X if a change in the colours might help those with these type of problems.

2 Generalisation EP

EP reported that this was ongoing. He had received some suggestions from ZL (CZH) Some of the work would be dependant on the revision of ISOM 201X. The specifications for some symbols needed to be revised. He hoped that a draft version of at least part of the project might be available at the end of the year.

3 PrintTech project JL

JL reported that a document on printing papers had ben circulated. He had not received any feedback yet.

PrintTech test sheet was available to test printers for colour and resolution.

It was agreed that colour printing would be an element of the ISOM revision. There had been many changes to the machinery, papers and techniques used since ISOM 2000.

4 Map Correspondents AH ongoing

### **MC008/25 MTBO Specifications. JL - ongoing.**

The MTBO Commission would continue to use the draft specification. The Commission had not made any suggestions for changes to the discipline specifications in particular the riding off track. JL would seek to resolve the situation.

### **MC008/26 Ski-O Specifications. JL**

The Commission discussed a proposal from the Ski O Commission for an additional symbol for a "road" for snowmobiles in the terrain.

It was agreed to suggest that the lines should have an element of purple within the line to emphasise danger of traffic.

### **MC008/27 Mapping Clinics. FHJ**

1. FHJ had produced some suggestions for how the MC could publicise its policy for holding mapping clinics in the Federations and establishing what the Federations wanted for their Clinic. MC discussed the paper and FHJ would revise the suggestions.

It was also agreed to revise some of the Powerpoint presentations used at previous clinics.

It was agreed to produce some paper presentations suitable for courses.

It was agreed that FHJ would prepare a form for Federations to apply to hold a mapping clinic. It would enable them to detail what they wanted and the facilities they had available.

2 Antalya Turkey February 2008 EP reported that he had been well received. An enthusiastic group of 30 participants had attended and a large number of topics were covered. A report had been sent to the IOF Executive and this was displayed on the MC web site together with some photographs.

3 FHJ had received a request from Cesare Tarabocchia ITA for IOF approval for a mapping clinic that he is hoping to organise in Kenya.

It was agreed that FHJ would seek if this had the approval of the Kenyan Federation. FHJ would seek information from CT as to what he thought his course would contain; how long it would take and what it might cost. FHJ would seek advice from IOF for funding for clinics.

It was noted that no report had been received from CT for the Clinic in Portugal 2007. FHJ would follow up.

### **MC008/28 Meeting with Czech Mapping Group**

The commission had a discussion with a group of mappers from the Czech Republic. These included Chairman of the Czech Map Council -Jan Langr, Leader of the WOC 2008 mapping team Petr Hranicka and Zdenek Lenhart - WOC mapper and Czech o-map archive administrator

Topics discussed included ISOM, Generalisation, Role of the Czech Map Commission and WOC 2008 mapping.

### **MC008/29 Worlds largest map? HT**

The Ukrainian Federation had requested validation of a map for the Guinness Book of Records.

It was agreed that the map had to be drawn to ISOM 2000 Specifications and be able to be printed and used. It was to be of terrain useful for orienteering.

It was noted that there had been some enquiries from other Federations.  
HT would measure the area and write a letter supporting the application.

#### **MC008/30 Map Evaluation Project 2008. SG**

SG would prepare a report for the MC web page on 2007 maps.

SG had collected the maps from the WMOC 2008 in Portugal. It was agreed that SG would ask IOF Office to collect printed maps from the other Major IOF Events. Over printed if possible. When collected he would allocate them to MC members for evaluation.

#### **MC008/31 IOF Event Quality Project. HT**

SG had submitted a paper to the EQP group. He had received several replies. MC discussed how quality of events and development could be measured and implemented. HT would attend EQP group meeting the next day.

#### **MC008/32 ISOM 201X TG**

It was agreed that TG would circulate the Federations seeking suggestions for changes to the ISOM 2000. EP would assist in the preparation.

MC considered a number of possible members to join the Reference Group. It was agreed that TG would seek and invite members to join this group.

*Action: Members of MC would submit suggestions for ISOM 201X to TG by 31st October.*

*LZ to put scanned versions of all previous ISOMs on the MC Web site*

#### **MC008/33 Map of the year**

MC considered if it were possible that a certificate might be awarded to those maps, used for IOF Major events, that followed the ISOM specifications. It was agreed to consider this at the January meeting

#### **MC008/34 Any other business**

ICOM to take place during the WOC in Hungary August 2009

FHJ suggested that a reference map / icon could be produced that could be included on maps so that the competitors would be able to evaluate the quality of the printing – to be elaborated on by FHJ for the next meeting.

#### **MC008/34 Next meeting**

The next meeting would be 23<sup>rd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> January 2009 in Helsinki

Topics to be included on the agenda: ISOM 201X; ICOM 2009; Generalisation; Printing colours for maps; Event Quality; IOF Web site and the Archive of IOF maps

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