



Technical Committee Report to 2016 AGM

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Past Year's Work

Activities completed in first half of 2016 and for 2015 :

1. Complete update of Orienteering Rules
2. Minor update to Course & Category Guidelines (moved W/M 17-20 to course 9/10 respectively, on Middle Distance categories, as per request from HPC)
3. Moved W55 to Course 3 on the Sprint Course design from Course 2. This will take effect in 2016.
4. Working on the Technical Difficulty documentation to fit with the new U 10 Course design and configuration
5. Evaluated and responded to all of the submitted requests for Canada Cup meet sanctioning.
6. Worked with Orienteering Canada to set out changes in the Technical Committee terms of reference arising from the formation of the new Major Events Committee
7. Developed proposed changes to Course & Category structure including new M/W 10 course. Consultation document of proposed changes prepared and submitted to OCan Board and LTAD Liaison committee for input.
8. Prepared rule revisions to the North American Championships to address relay question from IOF. Still awaiting confirmation from US on acceptance of proposed rule clarification.

Future Work – Projects and Goals

Items to be completed in near-term:

Follow-up with clubs and provide some information (perhaps OCan newsletter) regarding getting Canada Cup events sanctioned and why it is important to do so.

Other items requiring attention:

- Course/category guidelines for B-meets/local events.
- Documentation of Technical Difficulty Levels to fit in with Under 10 Course Designs and follow through to TD 5. Here we address the 16 – 20 course “jump”.
- Continue on with the Education / dialog about the growing issue of “over-mapping”
- Complete biennale review of OC Rules for 2016 into 2017 to be complete by Dec31 2016
- Work on Guidelines for Local Events (aka B Events) incl RWT’s ???

Successes and Challenges

Successes:

Category changes for M/W 17 – 20 in Middle Distance and Long Distance events and W 55 – 64 in Sprint from Course 2 to Course 3.

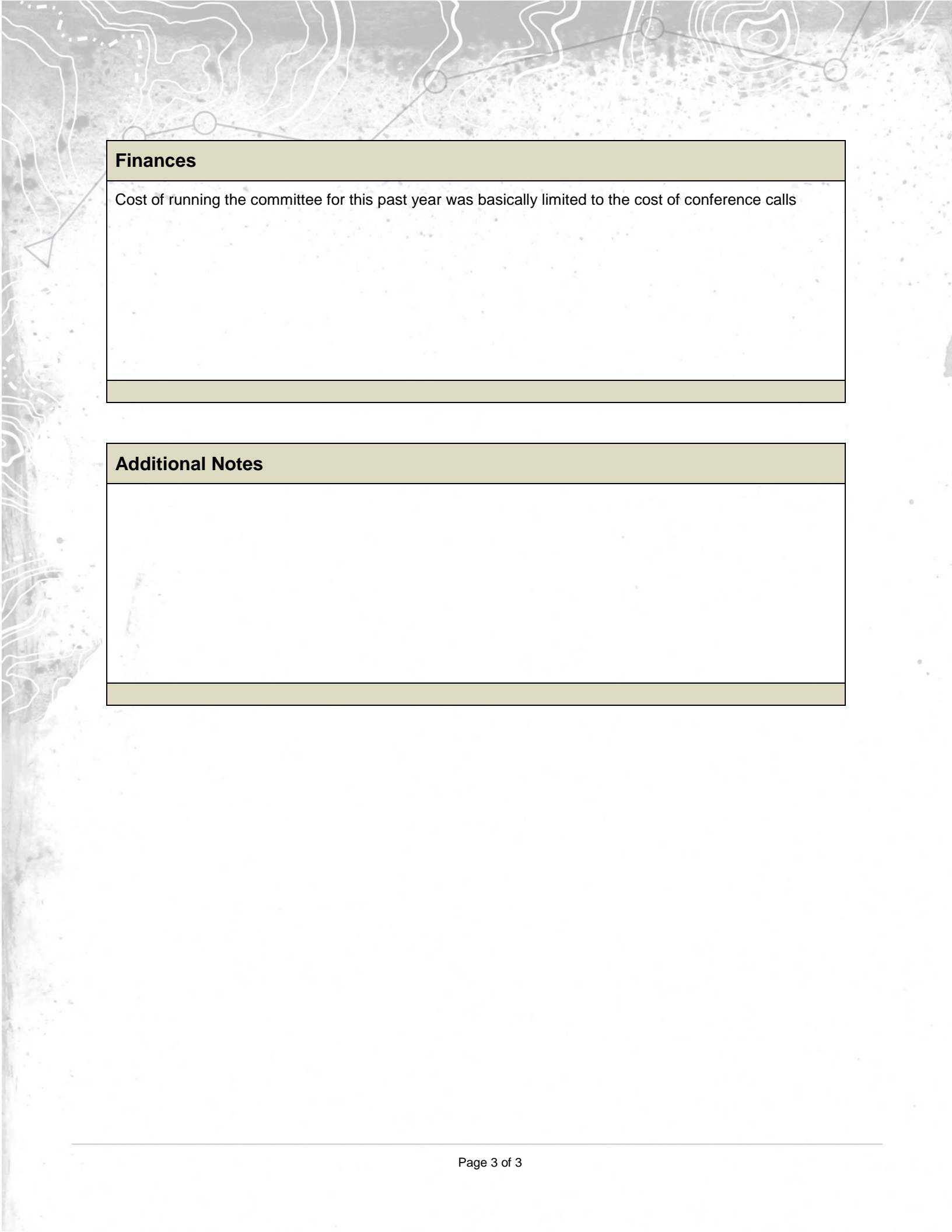
More events sanctioned as Canada Cup races in 2016 versus 2015.

Challenges:

Working through the TD levels to fit with the new proposed change to the youth category for U 10.

Continuing to maintain momentum

Need for better gender representation on committee.



Finances

Cost of running the committee for this past year was basically limited to the cost of conference calls

Additional Notes