

Minutes of the 34th Annual General Meeting

Friday 3rd April 2015, 17.00-18.30

Details: Elizabeth Livingston Lecture Theatre, Lancaster University

Attendees:

Craig Anthony (SELOC), Nick Barrable (SYO), Sarah-Jane Barrable (SLOW), Helen Baxter (LVO), Olivia Baxter (LVO), Patrick Baxter (LVO), Philip Baxter (LVO), Andrew Beldowski (WSX), Judith Bell (ESOC), Colin Best (SYO), Simon Bevan (SOC), Arthur Boyt (KERNO), Sue Boyt (KERNO), Kevin Bracher (SOC), Charles Bromley Gardner (BAOC), Ben Brown (ESOC), Keith Brown (ESOC), Megan Brown (ESOC), Neil Cameron (NGOC), Pat Cameron (NGOC), Fiona Clough (BKO), Scott Collier (KERNO), Mike Cope (CLARO), Allan Darwell (BOK), Bob Dredge (WCH), Carol Dredge (WCH), Stewart Durham (AYROC), Anne Edwards (TVOC), Barry Elkington (OD), Andrew Evans (DFOK), Clare Fletcher (BOK), Vince Greal (CLARO), Simon Greenwood (SAX), Philip Gristwood (MV), Mike Hamilton (LEI), Bryony Harding (HH), Colin Hicks (SOC), Judith Holt (DVO), Alan Honey (BOK), Peter Hornsby (LEI), Chris James (NGOC), Gillian James (NGOC), David Maliphant (LOC), Alasdair McLeod (CLYDE), Derick Mercer (BKO), Lesley Norton (WRE), Dave Peel (SYO), Jenny Peel (SYO), Rod Postlethwaite (WRE), Dan Riley (MDOC), Roger Scrutton (ESOC), Trevor Simpson (OD), Katy Stubbs (BKO), Paul Taylor (CLOK), Lesley Ward (SYO), Martin Ward (SYO), Colin West (SOS), Lyn West (SOS), Angela Whitworth (BL), Dorothy Woodall (NOC), John Woodall (NOC).

Minute taker: Cerianne Dengate

Apologies

Anne Braggins (WAOC), Chris Drew (HH), Liz Drew (HH), Dorothy Hale (SAX), Richard Keighley (WIM), Lynne Walker (BASOC), Ernie Williams (LEI), Clive Wrench (TVOC).

1. Welcome & Thanks

The Chair, Martin Ward, thanks organisers of the JK and British Orienteering Staff for the JK and AGM and introduces the top table (Martin Ward - Chair, Judith Holt – Vice Chair, Bob Dredge – Treasurer, Mike Hamilton – Chief Executive).

2. Request for AOB Items

MW announces that a Strategic Consultation Opening Discussion will be held at the end of the AGM by JH.

3. Minutes of the 33rd AGM held on Friday 18th April 2014

There being no matter or queries raised the minutes were approved as a true record of the meeting.

Proposer: Chris James (NGOC) Seconder: Lyn West (SOS)

4. Chair's Report

No questions were raised.

5. Treasurer's Report

No questions were raised; BD outlined the following points from his report; all grant money has been separated from British Orienteering money in the accounts. BD noted that there was no funding available for the support of the Performance Squad during 2014, but British Orienteering did decide to dedicate some money for the support of the GB team. Throughout 2014 and continuing into 2015 British Orienteering received most of its income from levy and commercial deals.

Looking forward to 2015 BD wished members to be aware that British Orienteering will make a loss and that the Board recognises that this is not a sustainable position. WOC 2015 was initially estimated to break even, however British Orienteering is now at risk of making a small loss; BD also notes there will be no bi-annual increase in levy income from the Scottish 6 Days as levy from the event will be directed to WOC 2015. There is also concern at the level of income from this year's JK due to some unforeseen expenditure. BD summarises that he wishes the membership to be forewarned of the likely deficit in 2015.

6. CEO Report

No questions asked.

Neil Cameron (NGOC) pointed out that in a likelihood the quality of the information in the Annual Report resulted in there being no need for questions to be raised. Neil thanked the team who pulled together the Annual Report as they did a great job, it was very readable and clear.

7. Proposal 1: Accounts

No questions were raised, the accounts were adopted by a show of hands.

(Proxy count: For 7, Against 0, Abstain 0, Chair 6)

8. Proposal 2: Auditors

MW stated that the Board are content that the auditors be re-appointed due to the open tender process that had taken place in late 2013.

No questions were raised; the re-appointment of Grant Thornton UK LLP as auditors was adopted by a show of hands.

(Proxy count: For 7, Against 0, Abstain 0, Chair 6)

9. Proposal 3: Membership and Levy fees 2015

BD spoke to the proposal and explained that the membership fee was being kept the same, as agreed when the new scheme was established, however the Board wished to increase the levy to £1.25 per senior participant.

Chris James (NGOC) queried whether the levy rate should be increased further to support British Orienteering's income.

MW commented that currently the Board is proposing an increase to £1.25 and then opening the strategic consultation to discuss how the Governing Body and Sport should be funded in future.

Chris James (NGOC) accepted this but feels that British Orienteering should communicate more so that members see that not everything is as rosy as it may seem.

No further questions or comments were made, Proposal 3 was carried by a show of hands.

(Proxy count: For 7, Against 0, Abstain 0, Chair 6)

Andrew Beldowski (WSX) raised a query regarding the payment of membership fees online which MH agrees to respond to after the AGM.

10. Elections

President (Sir Chris Bonington) and Vice President (Dr John Disley), were proposed by the Board.

The appointments were unanimously supported.

Scott Collier (JOK) asked whether the President and/or Vice President would be attending WOC 2015; MW confirms that he had sent a written invitation to them both. Chris Bonington is unable to attend due to personal circumstances though he will send a message of support which will be transmitted at WOC 2015.

MW explained that there are three Elected Director vacancies on the Board, two for the full three year term and one for a one year term due to the transition from nine elected directors to six elected directors and three appointed, independent directors. John Woodall had kindly offered to be nominated for the one year term. There being no additional nominations the nominees were appointed onto the Board of Directors, MW congratulated them on their re-appointment. MW stated that the Board continues to work to encourage more members to put themselves forward as directors and that the Board is keen to receive nominations from members.

11. British Orienteering Awards Ceremony

Martin Ward announced the awards whilst Craig Anthony presented the trophies and certificates; MW also thanked Blanch Surman who attended the AGM as an observer as a representative of NFU Mutual, sponsor of British Orienteering. Blanche held a prize draw at the end of the AGM with prizes being awarded to two members in attendance at the AGM.

Young Volunteer of the Year winner was Katherine Bett (SN/UDOC).

University Club of the Year was awarded to Edinburgh University Orienteering Club.

Club of the Year was awarded to South Yorkshire Orienteers.

Silva Award Services to Orienteering was awarded to Katy Stubbs (BKO).

Mapping Awards

The Chichester Trophy was presented to Rod Postlethwaite (WRE) for his Keele University - British Sprint Championships 2014 maps.

Highly commended was Robert Dove (SMOC) for his Rushmere map.

The Silva Trophy was awarded to Dave Peel (SYO) of Peel Land Surveys for the JK2014 maps of Pwll Ddu and Singleton Park.

The Walsh Trophy was awarded to Bruce Bryant (OD) for his map of Cawston Village.

Highly commended were Graham Gristwood (FVO) for Stirling and Colin Hicks (SOC) for Marchwood and McMullen Barracks.

The Bonington Trophy - awarded annually for the best long-term contribution to mapping. Awarded to Ian Cooper (SYO).

12. Any Other Business

- Strategic Consultation Opening Discussion (JH)

Please click [here](#) to view JH's presentation.

JH introduced her presentation and outlined her intent to open the Strategic Consultation Discussion and the points that followed should serve as food for thought.

JH questioned why people orienteer and mentioned that for some it may purely be for the competition element. If that is the case British Orienteering could solely focus on providing good quality competitions, however there are other reasons why people orienteering and British Orienteering needs to cater for these too, such as what used to be termed 'wayfaring'.

JH turned the discussion who stages Orienteering – it can be easy to think it's just the clubs and associations, as can be seen at the JK, but there are other ways to put on Orienteering as demonstrated by the Red Bull event. Should British Orienteering be thinking about the other ways of staging orienteering more?

Finally JH discussed where people can be 'hooked' into Orienteering. Is it at club events, schools, outdoor centres?

MW thanked everyone for attending and their input, the JK team for delivering the JK 2015, Cerianne Dengate, Administrator for organising the AGM and wished everyone a successful JK.

The AGM closed at 6.30pm.