

# **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2009**

## **MINUTES**



### **MINUTES of the TWENTY EIGHTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the BRITISH ORIENTEERING FEDERATION**

**held at THE BLUE BELL HOTEL, MARKET PLACE, BELFORD,  
NORTHUMBERLAND, NE70 7NE**

**at 5:00pm on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2009**

#### **PRESENT:**

Neil Cameron	Chairman
Lyn West	Vice-Chairman
Jenny Peel	Treasurer
Mike Hamilton	Chief Executive and Company Secretary

Peter Christopher	Director
Roger Hargreaves	Director
Chris James	Director
David May	Director
Martin Ward	Director

Arthur Boyt; Jane Christopher; Helen Baxter; Philip Baxter; Barry Elkington; Janine Inman; Jason Inman; Bill Griffiths; Elsie Hargreaves; David Peel; Barbara Fothergill; Paul Beckett; Hilary Palmer; John Palmer; Tony Duncan; Bob Roach; Philip Cooper; Rachel Cooper; James Ian Hayward; Chris Burden; Ray Heyworth; Stewart Durham; Paul Frost; Lynne Walker; Ursula Oxburgh; Roger Scrutton; Randal Macdonald; Viv Macdonald; Henry Morgan; Pat Cameron; Roger Edwards; Philip Gristwood; Helen Gristwood; Stephen Haley; Ann Haley; Stuart Hooton; John Woodall; Dorothy Woodall; Nick Barrable; Colin Henderson; Jonathan Duncan; Colin West; Helena Burrows; Paul Oates; Brenda Morgan; Chris Morley; Adrian Bailey; Paul Lowe; John Burrows; Gary Longhurst; Heather Burrows; Ruth Johnson; Kevin Randall; Jamie Hayward; Angela Whitworth; Dick Whitworth; Alan Simpson; John Hurley; Ben Smith; Martin Ricketts; John Marriott; Ged Hagan; Marian Denham; Karin Kirk; Philip Kirk; Sandy Cowan; Scott Collier; John Wright; Kathleen Wright; Anthony Barrable; Doug Peel; Colin Spears; Suzette Spears; Derek Allison; John Dyson; Daniela Brohm; Gareth Candy; Andy Robinson; Simon Greenwood; Anne May; Gillian James; Toby Norris; John Grenfell; Pat Grenfell; Chloe Bell; Jon Cross; Dick Carmichael;

Making a total of 97 members

Members were welcomed to the 28<sup>th</sup> AGM of British Orienteering by Neil Cameron, Chairman of British Orienteering. Members of the front table were introduced as Neil Cameron

(NGOC), Chair; Mike Hamilton (OD), Chief Executive; Jenny Peel (SYO), Treasurer; Lyn West (SOS), Vice Chairman.

The meeting approved the appointment of Laura Young, as minute taker and Hilary Palmer and Derek Allison as tellers. Barry Elkington (OD) was approved as scrutineer of the voting procedure.

### **1. Apologies**

Apologies were received from the following:

- Arthur Vince
- Christine Vince
- Sally Pribul
- Tim Pribul
- Chris Boycott
- Frank Rose
- Kath Rose
- Ed Nicholas
- Pat MacLeod
- Ian McMillan
- Peter Roberts
- Christine Roberts

### **2. Minutes of the Twenty Seventh Annual General Meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2008.**

The minutes of the Twenty Seventh AGM were accepted, by a show of hands, as a correct record.

Proposed: Paul Lowe (SUFFOC)

Seconded: Chris James (NGOC)

### **3. Chairman's Report**

There being no questions, the Chairman's report, as previously circulated, was accepted by a show of hands.

### **4. Treasurer's Report**

There being no questions, the Treasurer's report, as previously circulated, was accepted by a show of hands.

### **5. Chief Executive's Report**

NC noted that during 2008, Scotland had successfully hosted the World Schools Orienteering Championships. British Orienteering recognised the good job done and had congratulated Blair Young, the organiser, by letter.

John Dyson (DEVON) enquired as to the response from Sports Councils following the Gold Medal won in the Men's Relay at the World Orienteering Championships 2008.

MH responded by explaining that the Gold medal had been acknowledged by Sport England and UK Sport.

There being no further questions, the Chief Executive's report, as previously circulated, was accepted by a show of hands.

## **Proposals**

### **Proposal 1: Adoption of Accounts**

Proposed: Jenny Peel (SYO)

Seconded: Neil Cameron (NGOC)

Jenny Peel (SYO) explained that a surplus had been made in 2008 as a result of prudent spending by budget holders in light of the concerns regarding on going funding.

There being no questions, the meeting agreed to vote on the adoption of the 2008 accounts:

The proposed adoption of accounts was accepted by a vote.

Voting (by ballot and including proxies):

For 224	Against 1	Abstentions 10
99.6%	0.4%	

### **Proposal 2: Appointment of Auditors**

Proposed: Lyn West (SOS)

Seconded: Roger Hargreaves (KERNO)

There being no questions, the meeting agreed to vote on the appointment of Grant Thornton Ltd as the auditors:

The proposed appointment of Grant Thornton Ltd as auditors was accepted by a show of hands.

### **Proposal 3: British Orienteering Membership Fees for 2010**

That British Orienteering Membership Fees for 2010 and subsequent years until amended shall be as follows (the figures for 2009 are in brackets):

National Senior Membership:	£20.75	(£20.00)
Local Senior Membership:	£7.75	(£7.50)
National Junior Membership:	£4.50	(£4.50)
Local Junior Membership:	Nil	Nil
National Family Membership:	£29.00	(£28.00)
Local Family Membership:	£13.50	(£13.00)
Associate:	£20.75	(£20.00)
Club:	£43.00	(£40.00)

Proposed: Jenny Peel (SYO)

Seconded: David May (SLOW)

JP explained the rationale behind the small increases proposed for 2010 and explained that the major increase had taken place in 2009. The figures had been proposed based on the same anticipated membership figures as in 2008.

Scott Collier (OUOC) highlighted an inaccuracy in the statements made regarding club membership fees in the AGM booklet. The Chairman and the meeting noted the inaccuracy.

There being no further questions, the meeting agreed to vote on the membership fees for 2010

The proposed membership fees were accepted by a vote.

Voting (by ballot and including proxies):

For 217	Against 15	Abstentions 7
93.5%	6.5%	

#### **Proposal 4: British Orienteering Levy for 2010**

British Orienteering Event Levies for Seniors and Juniors for 2010 and subsequent years until amended will be as follows (**Either Option A, B or C**).

##### **Option A: The 2009 levy system remains in place**

###### **LEVY COSTS - BASED ON CURRENT 2009 MODEL**

Participation Rate	75	Lower Participation Rate
	250	Higher Participation Rate
Levies	£1.60	Lower Levy - for <b>all participants</b> over the lower participation rate and up to and including the higher participation rate.
	£2.60	Higher Levy - for <b>all participants</b> over the higher participation rate

‘Junior only’ events will be able to apply for exemption from levy.

##### **Option B: 2 Junior participants count as 1 senior participant for levy purposes**

Participation Rate	65	Lower Participation Rate
	220	Higher Participation Rate
Levies	£1.90	Lower Levy - for <b>all participants</b> over the lower participation rate and up to and including the higher participation rate.
	£3.00	Higher Levy - for <b>all participants</b> over the higher participation rate
Juniors	50%	2 Juniors will count as 1 senior participant for levy purposes

‘Junior only’ events will be able to apply for exemption from levy.

##### **Option C: 3 Junior participants count as 1 senior participant for levy purposes**

Participation Rate	60	Lower Participation Rate
	190	Higher Participation Rate
Levies	£2.00	Lower Levy - for <b>all participants</b> over the lower participation rate and up to and including the higher participation rate.
	£3.00	Higher Levy - for <b>all participants</b> over the higher participation rate
Juniors	33.3%	3 Juniors will count as 1 senior participant for levy purposes

‘Junior only’ events will be able to apply for exemption from levy.

The three options were put forward by the Board for consideration by the membership.

Proposed: Jenny Peel (SYO)

Seconded: Peter Christopher (WCH)

The Chairman pointed out an error in the information printed in the AGM Booklet. With regard to the Levy Option B example table, the event on row 5, showing as a junior-only

event should have been shown as exempt from levy i.e. £0 and not £114.

The Chairman noted that as a result of the AGM in 2008, the Board had put forward 3 levy options for members to consider but without supporting a particular option. He also noted that extensive data as used by the Board had been made available on the website to those members who wished to avail themselves of it.

Bill Griffiths (EBOR) noted a wording discrepancy between the proposal and the ER3 forms regarding helpers at events. MH explained that he would look into the issue raised.

Chris Burden (AIRE) suggested that the proposal and ER3 forms should say levy for 'fee paying' participants e.g. excluding non-fee paying volunteers. The Chairman suggested that at this point in time it was necessary to go with the wording as it was in the AGM booklet, that being as it was when the proxy votes were cast. The Chairman said that the proposal was not intended to change the current practices.

Brenda Morgan (POTOC) asked what if any implications there would be on insurance. MH replied by explaining that he would look into the issues and the National Office planned to publish further guidance on the insurance policy in due course.

Colin West (SOS) complimented the Board on the comprehensive levy modelling information made available prior to the AGM.

The Chairman explained the preferential ranking voting system being used for the levy proposal.

Members of the AGM discussed the voting method. The Chairman said that this was the method chosen by the Board of Directors and announced, and would need to be followed.

There being no further questions, the meeting agreed to vote on the levy fees for 2010.

Option A was accepted as the levy fee option for 2010 by a vote.

Voting (by ballot and including proxies) showing points allocated:

Option A      367 points

Option B      357 points

Option C      301 points

#### **Proposal 5: Graham Gristwood be made an Honorary Life Member**

Proposed: Neil Cameron (NGOC)      Seconded: Lyn West (SOS)

There being no questions, the meeting agreed to vote on making Graham Gristwood an Honorary Life Member:

The proposed honorary life membership for Graham Gristwood was accepted by a show of hands.

## **7. Elections**

The following individuals had been proposed, unopposed, for the following posts and were duly elected by acclamation:

President: Sir Christian Bonington, CBE

Vice President: John Disley, CBE

The Chairman briefly introduced the director elections and asked the three nominated members to stand up in order to be recognised. Jenny Peel (SYO), Philip Baxter (LVO) and John Woodall (NOC) stood as nominees.

The Chairman pointed out that there were three nominees for three director vacancies.

There being no questions, the meeting agreed that the three nominees be elected as Directors.

The Chairman wished to thank retiring Directors Peter Christopher and Chris James for their work and commitment as part of Council, Management Committee and the Board of Directors. Peter and Chris were each presented with an engraved clock and certificate as tokens of thanks and recognition for their work.

John Burrows (NGOC) asked whether the chairman was concerned that only three people had put themselves forward for nomination onto the Board of Directors in 2009. The Chairman responded by saying that the British Orienteering Federation would like more nominees and encouraged people to consider nomination next year.

## **8. Any Other Business**

The Chairman asked if members wished to raise any additional items of business.

Henry Morgan (POTOC) and Paul Lowe (SUFFOC) questioned the accuracy and speed of distributing membership cards to members in the early part of 2009. MH explained that there had been a number of issues that had caused problems with card distribution and these had now been addressed.

Ranald Macdonald (DVO) explained that he was now the Chair of Senior Competitions Group and that members could raise any relevant issues with him regarding Senior Competitions and these would be addressed at the Group's meetings.

Chris James (NGOC) explained the work of the charity 'The O Foundation' in helping support juniors in orienteering. He explained that funds were currently depleting and anyone wishing to bequest funds could do so and should contact 'The O Foundation' trustees.

Brenda Morgan (POTOC) suggested British Orienteering should implement a 'No whistle, no go' rule in that junior participants could only start events if they were carrying a whistle. MH promised to pass the suggestion onto the Child Welfare Steering Group for consideration at the next meeting. Peter Christopher (WCH) commented that the Steering Group already recommended that children carry whistles.

Sandy Cowen (KERNO) supported the idea of carrying whistles and noted that it was not currently enforced at events.

John Marriott (LEI) made a suggestion regarding numbers on controls at events being presented vertically and two-sided if not horizontally. Mike Hamilton agreed to pass this suggestion onto Rules Group.

Arthur Boyt (KERNO) asked what steps the IOF were taking to raise orienteering to Olympic status. The Chairman and Chief Executive each responded by explaining the latest measures taken by IOF to raise orienteering to Olympic status but there was no possibility of summer programme inclusion before 2020 at the very earliest.

Helena Burrows (ERYRI) explained to the meeting that Croeso 2012 had been moved forward to July in order to avoid a clash with the London 2012 Olympiad.

Jon Duncan gave a presentation to members attending the AGM discussing the build-up to his relay team's Gold Medal winning performance in the WOC Relay 2008. Jon also answered questions posed by AGM attendees.

## **8. British Orienteering Awards Ceremony**

All the awards were presented by Gold Medallist Jon Duncan:

Silva Award for Services to Orienteering.

This was awarded to Ian McMillan (EPOC) who was not present at the meeting.

Young Volunteers Awards 2008

These were awarded to Stephen Haley (INT) and Stuart Hooton (EBOR).

Peter Palmer Coach of the Year

This was awarded to Jason Inman (FVO).

Club of the Year

This was awarded to West Cumberland Orienteering Club.

Equal 2<sup>nd</sup> Place for Club of the Year was awarded to:

Mar Orienteering Club

Leicestershire Orienteering Club

University Club of the Year

This was awarded to University of Durham Orienteering Club

2<sup>nd</sup> Place for University Club of the Year was awarded to:

Sheffield University Orienteering Club

Clubmark

West Anglian Orienteering Club received their Clubmark accreditation certificate.

## **Mapping Awards**

Silva Trophy for Professional Cartography

This was awarded to Colin Hicks (SOC) who was not present at the meeting.

Best City/Sprint Map

This was awarded to Bruce Bryant (OD) for his map of University of Warwick. Bruce was not present at the meeting.

Lyn West (SOS) proposed a vote of thanks to the Chairman for his hard work throughout the year

The meeting concluded at 6.30 pm.