

Annual General Meeting

Saturday 23rd April 2011
17:00-19:00



Stranmillis University College, Belfast

Minutes

Item	Subject												
1. Opening Business	<p>Apologies Apologies given for:</p> <p>Clive Allen (SN) Henry Morgan (POTOC) Brenda Morgan (POTOC) John Bennison (COBOC) Erik Peckett (DEVON) Tim Pribul (CHIG) Jenny Peel (SYO)</p> <p>Notification of AOB The departure times of event shuttle buses made it difficult for some members to attend the AGM. It is proposed that next year the AGM start at a more convenient time.</p>												
2. Minutes of AGM 2010	<p>Minutes of the 29th AGM held on the 3rd April 2010 No questions or comments raised by members.</p>												
3. Annual Report	<p>Chairman's Report (page 2 of the Annual Report) No questions or comments raised by members.</p>												
4. Annual Report	<p>Treasurer's Report (pages 6+7 of Annual Report) Scott Collier (KERNOC/JOK) asked for clarification over the difference between Governance and Leadership. Mike Forrest responded by explaining that costs relating to the CEO were classed as Leadership. Governance costs were defined as conferences and committees.</p>												
5. Annual Report	<p>Chief Executive's Report (pages 4+5 of the Annual Report) No questions or comments raised by members.</p>												
6. Proposals	<p>a. Proposal 1:Accounts The audited accounts were approved by a show of hands</p> <p>b. Proposal 2: Auditors Grant Thornton UK LLP were appointed as auditors for a fourth year by a show of hands</p> <p>c. Proposal 3: Membership A vote was held and the membership fees were adopted. The results of the vote were:</p> <table><tr><td>FOR</td><td>AGAINST</td><td>ABSTAIN</td></tr><tr><td>263</td><td>25</td><td>18</td></tr></table> <p>d. Proposal 4: Levy A vote was held and the levy rates were adopted. The results of the vote were:</p> <table><tr><td>FOR</td><td>AGAINST</td><td>ABSTAIN</td></tr><tr><td>240</td><td>45</td><td>21</td></tr></table>	FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAIN	263	25	18	FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAIN	240	45	21
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e. Proposal 5: Reduced Affiliation Fee

Scott Collier (KERNO/JOK) proposed a reduced affiliation fee for students clubs explaining that the current £45.00 affiliation fee is a large amount of money to pay, especially for smaller student clubs.

Simon Thompson (HOC) spoke in favour of this motion suggesting it is to British Orienteering's advantage to encourage as many universities as possible to have orienteering clubs.

A vote was held and the proposal was adopted

The results of the vote were:

FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAIN
292	10	2

f. Proposal 6: Students treated as juniors for Levy

The meeting heard that if a large number of students attend an event then this could be a significant amount of money.

Peter Gorvett (SYO) supports this motion as it will mean less work if students are treated as juniors for levy purposes.

Lyn West explained that the Board were concerned about increasing the complexity of an already complicated Membership and Levy scheme.

A vote was held and the proposal was adopted

The results of the vote were:

FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAIN
201	89	14

7. Election Results

Director Election Results

Four nominees for four vacancies. A vote is needed to determine who will be in 4th position and hold the one year part-term caused by a director retiring part way through their term.

Result:

Scott Collier 771 votes (3 year term)

Judith Holt 594 votes (3 year term)

Martin Ward 774 votes (3 year term)

Henry Morgan 475 votes (1 year term)

8. British Orienteering Award Ceremony

a) Silva Award

Nominees for the 2011 Silva Award: Pat Macleod, Colin Dickson, Denise Wright. The recipient for this year's award was Colin Dickson.

b) Club of the Year Award

- Leicestershire Orienteering Club were named Club of the Year
- The Club of the Year runners up were Moravian Orienteers, South London Orienteers, South Yorkshire Orienteers
- Edinburgh University Orienteering Club were named University Club of the Year
- The runners up were Sheffield University Orienteering Club

c) Mapping Awards

- Colin Spears (HOC) was awarded the Bonington Trophy for his years of service to mapping
- Ian Cooper (SYO) was awarded the Chichester Trophy for his map of Burbage and Hathersage moors
- Paul Taylor (CLOK) was awarded the Walsh Trophy for his map of Ripon City North

Finally a presentation was made to thank the retiring directors; David May (SLOW) and Jenny Peel (SYO) for their hard work as members of the Board.

9. Memorandum and Articles Discussion Items

Memorandum and Articles presentation (Neil Cameron)

In order to comply with the Companies Act of 2006, it is suggested that a significant re-write of our articles is needed. Over the next six to twelve months a review of all articles and a consultation period will take place. A final version of the new articles will be brought back to the AGM in 2012.

Examples of possible changes below:

- i) Memorandum of associations: no longer required.
- ii) Model articles: a simplified version of the model articles is needed to meet the new requirements.

Membership and Levy (Mike Hamilton)

British Orienteering Head Office now receives an increasing number of questions and frustrations from clubs, associations and new members about the membership and levy schemes. The challenge is how we can make a complex system easier to deliver.

A review of the current system has highlighted a number of issues to consider:

- i) Families and seniors pay a lot towards fees. Should the majority of the cost lie with those groups?
- ii) How should the income generated from membership and participation be balanced?
- iii) The regional associations in England were originally set up to match the Sports Council regions in 1967. Do we need the current regional system or can it be changed? Is it still useful?

It is suggested that a review of membership and levy systems take place to see if the current system works and how improvements can be made. Consultation with members, clubs and associations will take place to see if and what changes can take place over the next 12 months.

10. AOB

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- a) JK 2012: Final agreement between British Orienteering and Scottish Orienteering had not yet been agreed. Members of SOA and British Orienteering are working hard and hopefully an agreement will be reached soon.*
- b) The Board wished to thank Northern Ireland Orienteering Association, Harold White and his team for two superb days of orienteering.

***POST MEETING NOTE:** After the meeting an agreement between SOA and British Orienteering was reached and JK 2012 will be held in Scotland