

Minutes of the Extraordinary General Meeting

Saturday 29th October 2016 11:00-11:27

Details: The Priory Rooms Meeting & Conference Centre, Quaker Meeting House, 40 Bull Street, Birmingham

Attendees: Craig Anthony (SELOC), Peter Archer (CLOK), Adrian Bailey (HOC), Philip Baxter (LVO), Paul Beckett (HAVOC), Barbara Beckett (HAVOC), Sue Birkinshaw (MDOC), Steve Blount (SO), Kevin Bracher (SOC), Scott Collier (KERNO), Marian Denham (POTOC), Bob Dredge (WCH), Katy Dyer (BOK), Andrew Evans (DFOK), Mike Forrest (BOK), Ian Gamlen (COBOC), Mike Hamilton (LEI), Judith Holt (DVO), Alan Honey (BOK), John Hurley (DVO), Chris James (NGOC), Gillian James (NGOC), Stefanie Lauer (BASOC), David Maliphant (LOC), Ian Marshall (AIRE), Tony Maycraft (CHIG), David McCann (MDOC), Stephen Round (SELOC), Gillian Rowan-Wilde (PFO), Roger Scrutton (ESOC), Terry Smith (SOC), Diana Smith (SOC), Stuart Swalwell (DVO), Pauline Tryner (SYO), Peter Tryner (SYO), Christine Vince (KERNO), Alan Wallis (SN), Gabriella Walsh (MWOC), Martin Ward (SYO), Julie Webster (NOC), Mark Webster (NOC), Allan Williams (WCH), Hamish Willis (PFO), John Woodall (NOC), Alan Yeadon (SARUM), Liz Yeadon (SARUM), (46 members)

Minute Taker: Scott Parker

Apologies: Brenda Morgan (POTOC), Henry Morgan (POTOC), Chris Phillips (LEI), Ernie Williams (LEI)

1. Welcome

General housekeeping and safety was explained then The Chair, Judith Holt, welcomed attendees to the EGM. Judith asked if there were any questions, messages or comments attached to the proxy vote and explained that the vote is not the end but the start of the strategy moving forwards.

2. Questions

Mike Forrest (BOK) thanked the board for listening to the members, clubs and associations and re-submitting the proposal to raise membership and levy at the EGM. Mike noted that option 1 and option 2 equal the same total and if either of these options passed, would reserves be used?

Bob Dredge (Treasurer) agreed that option 1 and option 2 would bring in the same amount of extra money but neither option will cover the £80k needed to cover the decrease on Sport England funding. In the short term reserves will be used as is reflected in the strategic budget, in future years a breakeven budget should be achieved.

Chris James (NGOC) expressed his support to Judith in her new role as chair. Chris pointed out that he is one of the founders of British Orienteering in 1967 and gave a brief overview of the structure since the set-up with reference to UK Sport and other funding structures linked to their strategies and security. Chris also stated that over the past few years' new structures had been proposed but not passed.

Scott Collier (KERNO) asked about the Board's project plan on the outcome of the finances and spend.

Judith replied that the board had spent the last 6 months gathering information but also identified the need for a more effective way to speak to associations.

Scott Collier (KERNO) asked if there was a timescale plan for this and if it will be ready for the 2017 Annual General Meeting.

Judith responded saying that details of changes will not be ready for the 2017 Annual General Meeting but the strategic plan will be ready and one of the phases of this will be financial security; the Annual General Meeting in 2017 will not contain any proposals for restructuring the membership and levy schemes. Bob Dredge stated that there will be a better degree of certainty on the Sport England funding cycle 2017-2021 at the Annual General Meeting in 2017.

Alan Wallis (SN) asked Bob dredge if he knew roughly the marginal cost of membership, Bob replied by explaining that he didn't know the marginal cost but would get back to Alan at a later date, Bob did note that the marginal cost will be relatively small.

3. Voting

Judith moved the EGM onto the voting of the proposal to increase membership and levy fees. Each attendee was given a voting slip which was filled in and collected by the appointed tellers. The appointed tellers then left the meeting room to count the votes along with the proxy votes held by the Chair and others. The results were handed to the Chair, Judith Holt.

Judith announced that FOR-option 1 received 948 votes, FOR-Option 2 received 222 votes, against received 171 votes and Abstain received 1 vote which means that FOR – Option 1 is passed with 71% of the overall votes and will be implemented with immediate effect. Judith also noted that there was a total of 87% of votes in favour of increasing the income generated through the membership fee and event levy schemes.

	Option 1	Option 2
Senior	£10.00	£7.50
Junior	£3.30	£2.50
Levy	£1.50	£1.70

FOR – Option 1	FOR – Option 2	AGAINST	ABSTAIN
948 votes	222 votes	171 votes	1 vote
71%	16%	13%	-

The Chair thanked everyone for their vote and closed the EGM at 11:27; the Association and Club conference followed.