

NORFOLK ORIENTEERING CLUB

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2016

Held at Taverham Hall School on 19th June 2016 at 13.10

Minutes

24 club members were present.

1. Apologies for Absence.

Leanne Bailey, Daniel Cowley

2. Minutes of the Last AGM.

Minutes of the AGM, 21st June 2015, were agreed as a true record of the meeting.

3. Chairman's Report.

We come to the end of another successful orienteering season having put on 8 full events during 2015/16. These events do not appear as if by magic, but are as the result of hard work by a dedicated band of volunteers. Without wishing to sing the praises of individuals I would like to give my personal thanks to those ever present helpers, without whom we would have struggled. They know who they are.

We successfully launched the Norwich City event last November and received many plaudits for the quality of the maps, courses and management. My thanks for that go to all the many volunteers from the club who helped out, but most especially to; the Planner, Paul Garton, who excelled himself with devilish detail in the courses; and the Controller, Sarah Mansell, who managed to keep Paul in check, some of the time. We are going to do it all over again in November 2016 and at the same time to revive the Double Dumpling by holding an event at Blickling over the same weekend. Paul will once again be planning the courses, which promise to be extremely challenging. In addition, this will be the finale to the UK Urban Orienteering League and is likely to attract some of the best orienteers in the country. An opportunity to showcase East Anglian orienteering at its best.

During the summer we have put on 3 'Summer Series' events on a Come and Try It format to encourage newcomers to our sport. We will follow that up with a 'Run the Parks' series which will be aimed more at the running fraternity. I hope that you will all support these events and spread the word to as many of your friends as possible. Although the membership is holding up it could certainly do with some new blood and in particular with more juniors. The recent Compass Sport Cup showed that we are making up some ground on our local rivals in this competition, but where we tend to lose out is by not having representation in the younger age groups.

In terms of individual performances this year; it has been a standout year for Ella Gilbert and Glen Richardson, with up and coming performances by Steven Denby. Ella achieved England representation as well as being East Anglian champion, Midland Champion and British Schools Champion and other exceptional results in major competitions. Glen's training has also been paying off with wins at the East Anglian and Midland Championships, and podiums at the London City and JK M35 Sprint events. Young Steven Denby also had a successful London City event, winning the M16 race whilst still an M14!

I now relinquish my role as Chairman after my three year tenure and would like to wish the new Chairman the best of British luck. I would like to pay tribute to all the members of the NOR committee. I can say that without a shadow of a doubt that this is the best committee that I have ever worked with. Every single member has worked hard to ensure the good governance of the club and indeed to restrain my occasional flights of fancy. I have enjoyed working with all of you and wish you continued success for the coming years.

4. Treasurer's Report (audited accounts for 2015 presented to AGM)

The club remains in a healthy position financially despite a second successive deficit in income over expenditure in 2015, the net assets of the club being £7,140 compared with £9,672 in 2014.

The deficit is primarily due to some major purchases, most notably the cost of the City Centre map (£2,375) and other smaller but one-off purchases of an event tent and a first-aid course. However, other significant cost items are recurring, such as EAOA capitation and SI equipment, and the club needs to retain a healthy balance to enable continued funding of SI equipment, the replacement and renewal of which is ever increasing as the current equipment reaches the end of its working life.

To this end and following an in-depth analysis of the income and expenditure, Paul Goldsworthy (club treasurer) recommended a £1 increase in adult entry fees to £6 (£8 for non BOF members) for next season; this has been agreed by the committee. Despite the increase, our entry fees still compare favourably with other clubs in East Anglia. Fees for juniors and students remain at £2. The club however reserves the right to increase charges for specific events to cover unusual costs.

5. Election of Committee.

With the Chairman standing down having completed his three year tenure, Ian Renfrew was duly elected Chairman unopposed – proposed by Trevor Nelson, seconded by Mick Liston. Ian duly thanked Mick Liston for his efforts during his 3 year tenure on behalf of the club.

In the Election of Officers, the following were elected unopposed:

Office	Elected	Proposed by	Seconded by
Vice Chairman	Kim Eden	Pat Bedder	Karen Goldsworthy
Secretary	Trevor Nelson	Ian Renfrew	Nicky Nicholls
Treasurer	Paul Goldsworthy	Paul Garton	Ian Renfrew
Membership Secretary	Nicky Nicholls	Tim Eden	John Rushmer
Fixtures Secretary	Alan Bedder	Nicky Nicholls	Ian Renfrew
Club Captain	Glen Richardson	Mick Liston	Kim Eden
Equipment Officer	Pat Bedder	Tim Eden	Karen Goldsworthy
Publicity	Nicky Nicholls	Ian Burrell	John Rushmer
<i>NOR News Editor</i>	<i>unfilled</i>	<i>to be discussed at July committee meeting</i>	
Website Editor	Julia Paul	Paul Goldsworthy	Ian Burrell

SI Coordinator	Mick Liston	Nicky Nicholls	Kim Eden
Club Coach	Michael Chopping		
Mapping Coordinator	Tim Eden		
Welfare Officer	Julia Paul		
Schools Coordinator	Jonathan Gilbert		

Having stood down as Schools Coordinator, Paul Garton was thanked by the Chairman on behalf of the club for his sterling work over the past 5 years in promoting and encouraging schools to get involved in orienteering. Paul has however offered to assist Jonathan Gilbert with both the handover and on a continuing basis.

Mick Liston will continue as SI Coordinator next season but he is training Daniel Cowley as his successor; Daniel will represent Mick on the committee in the coming year.

There were no takers for Volunteer Coordinator at the meeting. This role has been vacant for the past couple of years and has been handled on an ad hoc basis by event organisers. It will continue in this way unless, and until, someone offers to take-on the role.

Other Committee Members were elected en bloc,

proposed by Nicky Nicholls and seconded by Sue Vine:

Daniel Cowley, Paul Garton, Les Jarrald and John Rushmer – re-elected

Steve Nobbs and Emily Pineda Sampson – newly elected

6. Junior Committee

Junior Captain – *Ella Gilbert*

proposed by Mick Liston, seconded by Kim Eden:

8. Any Other Business

Paul Garton noted that, having planned the trial City Centre event last year and planning the event for real in November this year, the club needs to look for a new planner for the 2017 event. Ideally this “new planner” would shadow Paul in planning the event this year.

Mick Liston added that the club will also need to find a new organiser for the 2017 event.

This will be discussed at the next committee meeting in July and, if necessary, a request for volunteers will be put on the website.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 13.45

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Prior to commencement of the AGM, the following prizes were presented to club members:

William Bartram – Newcomer's Trophy

Ella Gilbert – Mike George Trophy for best Junior

Nick Pullen – Most Improved

Glen Richardson – John Ward Trophy for best performance at a major event.