

NORFOLK ORIENTEERING CLUB

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2020

Held virtually by Zoom on the 12th August 2020 at 19.00hrs.

Minutes

1. Apologies for Absence: Alan Bedder, Nicky Nicholls, Steve Nobbs, Glen Richardson, Julie, Paul & James Price.

13 club members were present (Tim Eden, Kim Eden, Paul Goldsworthy, Daniel Cowley, Leanne Bailey, Pat Bedder, Jonathan Gilbert, Peter Cahill, Ben Bethell, Matthew Bethell, Michael Chopping, Jamie Austin Mills, Karen Goldsworthy)

2. Minutes of the Last AGM.

Minutes of the AGM, 30th June 2019 held at Holt Hall, were agreed as a true record of the meeting. There were no action points.

3. Chairman's Report.

Well what a strange year this has been!

Back in September we held our first event of the season at Horsford Heath. This was a simpler 4 course event due in part to the large amount of bracken in the area making course planning difficult. We then moved onto Mousehold Heath which we were using after some twenty years absence from the area. A new map was produced earlier in the year, which was financed by the club and Norwich School. For many competitors it was the first time they had run on Mousehold Heath and many found it quite different to a lot of our Norfolk areas.

Our next event incorporated the East Anglian Schools Champs at Hockham. The event was held in bright sunshine and produced overall schools trophy winners for Norwich School.

The December event was held at Shouldham Warren where Kim managed to talk our Grade 1 Controller Michael Chopping into planning the courses. The weather was good and the courses very well planned. Unfortunately, we struggled to get enough helpers for the event and several people had to do very long shifts. This is one of the continuing problems we have and it is vital that everyone in the club tries to help at least at one event in the year to spread the workload and to ensure that the club can continue to put on events.

The start of 2020 saw us move to the Houghen Plantation and Drayton Drewray area. This was an updated map by Rob Frost and Alan and a good return to an area that we have not used for some time. Organiser Nicky Nicholls again managed to arrange for perfect weather and Steve Nobbs planned some splendid courses. Rob gave up his run on the area to help check controls on the day with Alan controlling the overall planning.

Our February event took place in Pretty Corner on a very windy day. Unfortunately, the previous stormy weather and high winds on the day put a lot of people off from attending. However Jonathan Gilbert planned some excellent courses on what must be one of the most challenging areas in Norfolk.

As it happens Pretty Corner turned out to be the last NOR event of the season. A small group of NOR members went to the Compass Sport Cup heat at Aspley Heath, near Milton Keynes. This turned out to be a very good area and several good runs were had by Glen Richardson, Ben Bethell, Ian Renfrew, Daniel Goldsworthy, Kim Eden and Mathew Bethell. However due to most of the classes being void of NOR competitors we did not qualify for the final. If only we could persuade more people to travel outside of Norfolk for these national events! Aspley Heath turned out to be the last event for us all as the weekend after we were in lockdown, enough said about that!!!!

As for the rest of the year we are looking at events in November and December but until then we are putting on a series of MAP RUN events. A number of us have been trying the Map Run system out and have had a regular group of us using areas such as Mousehold Heath, Lingwood, Dussindale and Swaffham South. These events tend to be urban score type lasting 45 minutes. Ben and Matthew Bethell have been instrumental in setting up the Map Run system and courses. We are planning on running a series of Map Run events from September and hope to produce a Map Run League.

Finally, we are all looking forward to get back to proper orienteering as soon as possible. Some clubs have easy access to areas however at the moment getting permissions to use forest areas and in particular private wooded areas is more of a problem.

Please be patient and try using the MAP Run events to keep yourselves orienteering. Here's to getting back into our sunlit forests.....

4. Treasurer's Report (audited accounts for 2019 presented to AGM)

Paul issued a Balance Sheet from 2019, plus an Income and Expenditure Account for the year and went through the figures for us.

The club remains in a healthy position, and the net assets of the club is now £10,820 compared with £10,088 in £2018. We also have a surplus for the year of £732, compared with the surplus of £1,924 in 2018.

Our funds will continue to be used to update equipment and software, and the maintenance of the SI boxes. There were no questions for Paul.

5. Election of Committee.

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

<u>Office</u>	<u>Elected</u>	<u>Proposed by</u>	<u>Seconded by</u>
Chairman	Tim Eden	Mike Chopping	Leanne Bailey
Vice Chairman	Vacant		
Secretary	Steve Nobbs	Tim Eden	Michael Chopping
Treasurer	Paul Goldsworthy	Pat Bedder	Daniel Cowley
Membership Secretary	Nicky Nicholls	Kim Eden	Paul Goldsworthy
Fixtures Secretary	Alan Bedder	Karen Goldsworthy	Kim Eden
Club Captain	Glen Richardson	Ben Bethell	Daniel Cowley
Equipment Officer	Pat Bedder	Paul Goldsworthy	Michael Chopping
Publicity	Nicky Nicholls	Tim Eden	Kim Eden
Newsletter Editor	Jonathan Gilbert	Ben Bethell	Karen Goldsworthy
Website Editor	Jonathan Gilbert	Ben Bethell	Karen Goldsworthy
SI Coordinator	Daniel Cowley		Jonathan Gilbert

Club Coach	Michael Chopping	Tim Eden	
Mapping Coordinator	Julia Paul		
Welfare Officer	Julia Paul		
Volunteer Coordinator	Kim Eden		
Schools Liaison Officer	Ben Bethell		

Other Committee Members were elected en bloc, proposed by Tim Eden and seconded by : Paul Goldsworthy.

Paul Garton, Les Jarrald, Liz Large and Jamie Austin-Mills.

All committee members were thanked for their work by the Chairman.

Committee will approach Emma Cross and Jonah to see if they would be willing to take on the post of School Liaison officer. Tim will also be approaching people to see if they would be willing to take on the role of vice chair.

6. Junior Committee

James Price has stood down as Junior Captain, due to other commitments. Will Bartrum has volunteered to replace him and was duly elected.

7. Any Other Business

MapRun

The club has agreed to set up a MapRun fun league beginning in September, events will be posted every two weeks. The league will be advertised on the NOR Facebook page and Website. Areas have been decided and planners in place.

In this section of the AGM, the following prizes were announced by the Chairman.

AWARDS

The John Ward Trophy for the Best Performance at a Major event – Barbara George for winning the British Middle Champs

Mike George trophy for best junior - Will Bartram for winning a medal at British Schools

Best Newcomer - Finn Mather

Most Improved - Ben Bethell

Awards will be presented once face to face orienteering begins after Covid19 restrictions are lifted.

There being no other business, the Chairman thanked members for attending and the meeting closed at 19.50hrs.