

NORFOLK ORIENTEERING CLUB  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2022

Held at Waterloo Park on the 26<sup>th</sup> June 2022 at 12.30hrs.

**Minutes**

**1. Apologies for Absence:**

Alan and Pat Bedder, Jamie Austin-Mills, Nicky Nicholls, Glen Richardson, Philip and Katherine Bartrum, Steve Nobbs, Julia Paul, Karen Goldsworthy.

13 club members were present.

**2. Minutes of the Last AGM.**

Minutes of the AGM, 27<sup>th</sup> June 2021 held at Whitlingham Park were agreed as a true record of the meeting. There were no action points.

*Thanks were given to Liz Large, Paul Garton and Ben Bethell for putting on today's event.*

**3. Chairman's Report.**

It's hard to believe it is 3 years since I took on the role of Chairman. It has been one of the most challenging 3 years that we have had, with so many events cancelled due to Covid and then the uncertainty as to when we would return to normal orienteering activities.

Despite the lack of normal orienteering we were able to use new technology to put on MapRun and Turf competitions. We have produced MapRun courses for a total of 22 different areas from Kings Lynn to Diss and to Sheringham, with many around Norwich City. We have run leagues for MapRun for around 2 years and now use areas for mid week training sessions. The Turf competitions during Covid were useful in giving members some competitive map reading and these are also proving useful in mid week training sessions. We have been very lucky to have several members who were keen to use the new technology, giving members a form of orienteering during the Covid restrictions. This year we have been able to get back to regular orienteering events.

We started with Catton Park which was followed by the club champs at Bryants Heath. This was a new area near North Walsham, small but intricate terrain. The event was very well attended with 86 competitors and most found the courses both challenging and enjoyable. Club champions were Will Bartram (Ella Gilbert Trophy for best junior); Nicky Nicholls (Carol Towler Salver for best age graded female); Ian Renfrew (Barry Chilvers Cup for best age graded male).

Next was our Norwich City Urban event which was a SEOUL and EAUL with many competitors coming from outside our normal area. This was followed by Lynford, Beeston Regis and Sandringham Royal Park. Beeston had a new professional map produced for the event and Sandringham was also updated by our mapping advisor Julia Paul. The latest event was the Kings Lynn Urban, again this was a SEOUL and EAUL event with several competitors from the Midlands and Southern regions. The event was on a new area, North Lynn, with the map being produced by Jonathan Gilbert who also planned the event.

Notable performances during the past year include Will Bartram - 2nd place in British School Champs year 13 boys; Marcus Richardson - 2nd place in British Midland Champs M10; Glen Richardson - 1st place at Midland Champs M40.

As usual I cannot give enough thanks to all the volunteers that we have at all our events. Without these people we would not have our sport. So anyone who hasn't helped for a while please contact the organiser when they ask for help and join the team of volunteers. None of the jobs are difficult and there is plenty of advice and support for new helpers young or old!!

There is an enthusiastic group who are keen to have weekly training events throughout the year. We also have 3 new coaches with Ben Bethell, Glen Richardson and David Vinsen having completed the BO coaching course. Well done to them.

The club competed in the Compass Sport Cup heat at Mildenhall in February 2022 and qualified for the final. This is the competition for small clubs which due to the decline in our membership numbers we are now

eligible for this competition. The final is to be held in Central Scotland in October 2022 and we are in the process of putting together a travel and accommodation package to get as many NOR members to the event as possible. It should be a really good weekend around the Stirling area, keep an eye on the website for more details.

Finally after my 3 years as Chairman I must say a big thank you to my committee members who have put up with me, but helped so much! The committee will be changing at this AGM as a few of the long standing members are looking to stand down.

A big thank you to Steve Nobbs who has been Club Secretary for a number of years; A massive, massive thank you to Alan Bedder who has been Fixtures Secretary for over 30 years. Alan will continue to look after all our equipment and to help with organising events but will no longer be on the committee; And lastly to my wife Kim, who has been Event Official Co-ordinator for 6 years and has served on the committee for numerous more. All three members have made a significant contribution to the running of the club and their roles will be hard to fill.

I wish the new Chairman every success with the club and to us moving forward.

Tim Eden

#### **4. Treasurer's Report (audited accounts for 2021 presented to AGM)**

Paul issued a Balance Sheet from 2021, plus an Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31.12.21 and went through the figures for us.

The club remains in a healthy position, and the net assets of the club is now £11,092 compared with £11,167 in 2020. And a small deficit for the year of £75.

Income for the year has enabled the club to not only continue to maintain our SI equipment (£513), but also to pay for professional mapping of a couple of areas (£975). With current membership and event fees we will continue to be able to maintain and update equipment, software, and SIboxes and also be able to utilize professional mapping to update and add to our mapped areas.

There were no questions for Paul.

#### **5. Election of Committee.**

In the Election of Officers, the following were elected mostly unopposed, but with a few new faces:

<u>Office</u>	<u>Elected</u>	<u>Proposed by</u>	<u>Seconded by</u>
Chairman	Ben Bethell	Daniel Cowley	John Ward
Vice Chairman			
Secretary			
Treasurer	Paul Goldsworthy	John Ward	David Vinsen
Membership Secretary	Jamie Austin-Mills	Tim Eden	Ben Bethell
Fixtures Secretary	Liz Large	Paul Garton	Ben Bethell
Club Captain	Glen Richardson	Kim Eden	Daniel Cowley
Publicity	Nicky Nichols	Kim Eden	Tim Eden
Newsletter Editor	Julia Paul	Johnathan Gilbert	Liz Large
Website Editor	Jonathan Gilbert	Tim Eden	Daniel Cowley
SI Coordinator	Daniel Cowley	Ben Bethell	Paul Garton
Schools Coordinator	Jonas Diete	Paul Goldsworthy	Ben Bethell
Club Coach	Michael Chopping	Tim Eden	Kim Eden
Mapping Coordinator	Jonathan Gilbert	Julia Paul	Daniel Cowley
Welfare Officer			
Volunteer Coordinator	Amalgamated with fixtures secretary		
Equipment Officer	Alan Bedder	Ben Bethell	Kim Eden

Other Committee Member elected;

Tim Eden proposed by John Ward and seconded by Ben Bethall

## **6. Junior Committee**

William Bartrum has stood down as Junior Captain. Matthew Bethell has volunteered to replace him and was duly elected.

## **7. Any Other Business**

In AOB, it was agreed by the Club that we give Honorary Life Membership to Sue Vine for their her work over many years of service. This was voted by Tim Eden and seconded by Paul Goldsworthy.

The following prizes were presented by the Chairman to the following members:

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

**Daniel Cowley** – Most improved orienteer.

**Matthew Bethell** – Mike George Trophy Best Junior

**Carla Sutherland** – Best Newcomer

*There being no other business, the Chairman thanked members for attending and thank Tim for being Chairman for the last 3 years*

*The meeting closed at 13.30hrs.*