

NGOC AGM Monday 8 October 2012 - Agenda

7pm for 8pm, Room TC218A, Oxstalls Campus, University of Gloucester

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of previous AGM (7 November 2011)
3. Matters arising
4. Chairman's report, including Development and Equipment
5. Secretary's report
6. Treasurer's report

6a. Membership fees. Club members will be aware of the changes to membership fees agreed by BOF, and more recently by SWOA. Please see the attached notes which summarise BOF and SWOA positions and set out NGOC proposals for revised fees for 2013 and subsequent years.

7. Membership secretary's report
8. Events report
9. Mapping report
10. Club Captain's report
11. Legend Editor's report
12. Welfare Officer's report
13. Award of Trophies/prizes:
Terry Bradstock Trophy
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14. Election of officers:

Nominations:

Fixtures John Coleman

In post and willing to stand again:

Chairman	Pat Macleod
Secretary	Caroline Craig
Treasurer	Carol Stewart
Mapping	Paul Taunton
Membership	Simon Denman
Equipment	Pat Macleod
Club Captain	Greg Best
Legend Editor	Alan Brown
Welfare Officer	Gill James
Committee	John Fallows, Roger Coe, Gary Wakerley

Vacant: Development Officer

15. Changes to the Club Constitution:

The Club Constitution needs to be updated if the AGM votes to change Membership categories, as part of the change to membership fees.

There is one proposed amendment to the Constitution.

Proposed: That paragraph 3 of the NGOC Club Constitution be amended as follows:

From:

3. Membership

Membership shall comprise the officers and members of the club. There shall be three categories of membership:

(a) Full membership which includes membership of the national body on a National or Local basis.

(b) Club-only membership for those who wish to take part only in NGOC activities.

(c) Honorary Life Membership.

Senior, Junior and Family memberships shall be available in each category. Additionally, Group membership of NGOC (category (b) above) shall be available.

To:

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(a) Full membership which includes membership of the national body ~~on a National or Local basis.~~

~~(b) Club-only membership for those who wish to take part only in NGOC activities.~~

(b) Club only membership for full members of other clubs who wish to join NGOC as a second club

(c) Honorary Life Membership.

Senior and Junior ~~and Family~~ memberships shall be available in each category.

Additionally, Group membership of NGOC (category (b) above) shall be available.

Proposed by:

Seconded by:

This amendment is not required and will not be voted upon if the AGM decides not to change membership categories as part of the change to membership fees. The vote on membership fees therefore precedes the vote on this proposal

16. Any other business:

NGOC Membership Fees

Following consultation with Associations and Clubs BOF has decided to adopt a 'pay as you play' approach to fund raising, reducing membership fees, simplifying its membership categories, and increasing levies paid on participation at events. SWOA has followed suit, and has likewise revised its membership categories and fee structures, as well as its levies.

Your committee felt that the move towards lower membership fees, but higher participation costs, was an appropriate direction for BOF to take, and one that we should reflect in our own structures. The principle that those who participate more should pay more seems equitable, particularly given the widely held belief amongst orienteers that the benefits that accrue from membership of both BOF and SWOA are limited, if indeed they exist at all.

We therefore wish to propose to club members that membership fees are adjusted so as to be consistent with the principles and actual fees now adopted by BOF and SWOA.

Table 1 below shows current membership fees, those adopted by BOF and SWOA for 2013, and those proposed by the Club.

Table 2 shows current levies, and those adopted by BOF and SWOA for 2013. Changes to BOF and SWOA levies affect entry fees for events, not membership fees. Event entry fees are set by the Committee, not the AGM, and these have been discussed earlier in the Agenda. This information is provided purely as background to the overall matter of fees and levies for 2013.

Proposed: That NGOC Club fees for 2013, and subsequent years until changed by a future vote, be set as follows:

Senior: £4

Junior: Free

Club only Membership to be dropped, except for members of other clubs joining NGOC as a seconded club

Group membership: £9, to be retained at club level only

Proposed by: ?

Seconded by: ?

The committee feels that retaining a membership fee is appropriate, rather than dispensing with it entirely, as SWOA has done. Whilst we receive income from events, we do have some costs which though not fixed, are nevertheless unavoidable and not based solely on participation levels – such as production of Legend, insurances, committee expenses and so on. The committee also recognises that increases in entry fees arising from higher levy impositions will inevitably hit the pockets of very active club members more than they will those of the less active. Retaining a small membership fee is intended in part to ease the burden on those who do most and perform most for the Club.

Current and Future/Proposed Membership Fees

Membership Type	Junior		Senior		Family		2013 Family of 2+2
	2012	2013	2012	2013	2012	2013	
National British Orienteering Member (NBM)	Club: Free SWOA: £ 2.00 Brit-O: £ 4.75* Total: £ 6.75	Club: Free SWOA: Free Brit-O: £ 2.00 Total: £ 2.00	Club: £ 7.00 SWOA: £ 5.00 Brit-O: £ 22.00* Total: £ 34.00*	Club: £ 4.00 SWOA: Free Brit-O: £ 5.00 Total: £ 9.00	Club £ 9.00 SWOA: £ 7.50 Brit-O: £ 31.00* Total: £ 47.50*	No longer available	Club £ 8.00 SWOA: Free Brit-O: £ 14.00 Total: £ 14.00
Local British Orienteering Member (LBM)	Club: Free SWOA: £ 2.00 Brit-O: Free Total: £ 2.00	No longer available	Club: £ 7.00 SWOA: £ 5.00 Brit-O: £ 8.25* Total: £ 20.25	No longer available	Club £ 9.00 SWOA: £ 7.50 Brit-O: £ 14.50* Total: £ 31.00	No longer available	No longer available
Newcomer (LBM)	Free	No longer available	Free	No longer available	Free	No longer available	No longer available

Table 1: Table 1. Current and Future or Proposed Membership Fees

* £1 discount for payment by Direct Debit

In summary:

Junior membership falls from £6.75 to £2.00, or remains as it was for Local members, though members become national members

Senior membership falls from £34.00 (£20.25) to £9.00

Family membership is no longer available, but for a family of 2 adults and 2 children the cost falls from, £47.50 (£31.00) to £14.00

Levies (3 Juniors = 1 Senior)

Level	No of Participants	BOF		SWOA	
		2012	2013	2012	2013
BOF Base	0 - 65	Free	£1		
SWOA base	0 - 30			Free	60p
BOF Lower	65 - 210	£2.15	£1		
SWOA Standard	31 and higher			30p	60p
BOF Higher	211 and higher	£3.55	£1		