

**NORTH GLOUCESTERSHIRE ORIENTEERING CLUB**  
**MINUTES FOR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Held in Room TC119, Oxstalls Campus, University of Gloucester on 14th October 2013

The meeting was formally opened at 8:20pm, following a buffet and an informal discussion about the types of events and coaching we should put on in future. During this discussion time, Chris James told us about his role as Events and Competitions Chair with British Orienteering and Neil Cameron introduced us to the Orienteering Foundation. A summary of these discussions is available separately.

1. **PRESENT:** Pat MacLeod (Chairman/Equipment officer), Greg Best (Club Captain), Alan Brown (Legend Editor), Roger Coe (committee), Caroline Craig (Secretary), John Fallows (committee), John Coleman (Fixtures Secretary), Gill James (Welfare Officer), Carol Stewart (Treasurer), Paul Taunton (Mapping officer), Simon Denman (Membership secretary), Gary Wakerley (committee), Ann Brown, Chris James, Joe Parkinson, Bob Teed, Peter Poole, Nikola Poole, Richard Cronin, Gill Stott, Tom Mills, Stephen Robinson, Steve Williams, Ashleigh Denman, Hilary Nicholls, Neil Cameron, Pat Cameron, Lin Callard.

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Eddie McLarnon, Dave Hartley, Gordon Smillie, Ros Taunton, Alan Richards, Ellen Starling, Shirley Robinson.

2. **MINUTES FROM 2012 AGM:** These were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman, Pat MacLeod.
3. **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:** This had been circulated in advance.

Pat thanked everyone for coming. On behalf of the club, he thanked the committee, adding that they make the Chairman's job very easy. In summarising the last three years of the club, he noted that we seem to be getting more people helping at events now, which is good since Mini League events now need 4-6 people in order to run effectively. He observed that we hadn't heard much from British Orienteering this year, especially compared to last year and the membership changes. As is usual, we have had little interaction with SWOA.

Chris James pointed out that Pat has done much more than the Chairman's role, in his three years as Chairman, for which we are very grateful.

4. **SECRETARY'S REPORT:** This had been circulated in advance. Caroline just added a note from Dave Hartley to thank Pat for leading the committee so brilliantly over the last few years.
5. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** The accounts had been circulated in advance and showed that we were in a good position. Although we made a small surplus, this was only due to receiving around £850 from helping at CROESO. We do however have considerable stock of club tops, tuck shop provisions and orienteering games.

Carol indicated that she would be happy for money to be spent updating our maps or developing urban maps, as had been discussed before the meeting. Although we had £10,000 in the bank at the time of the meeting, which sounded like a lot, Carol noted that we would need around £6,000 in the bank in order to run a big event. We also have a potential £2,000 to £3,000 of expenditure in buying a new printer and upgrading the SI software, as well as needing to thoroughly update the Mallards Pike map.

The accounts were approved (subject to examination) by Gill James, seconded by Chris James.

It was agreed that from January 2014 we will increase the Mini League fees to £5 for seniors (£6 for independents) and £2 for juniors. The Informal and WNL fees will remain at £4/£1. It was also agreed that membership fees will remain as they are in 2013, at £4 for seniors and free for juniors, with no family membership option.

6. **MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT:** This had been circulated in advance, with graphs showing a 10% increase in membership over the last 6 months. In just the last month, 12 or 13 new members had joined. Pat thanked Simon for successfully getting new people into the club.

We could do with publicising our events more, in order to get new people to try orienteering. There

had been lots of independent runners at the Informal event on Saturday, which was encouraging. Greg suggested we add a box to the registration slips, asking "if this is your first event, where did you find out about it?". It was agreed that this would be informative when deciding which publicity methods to employ.

7. **FIXTURES SECRETARY'S REPORT:** This had been circulated in advance. John thanked the organisers for putting on the 31 events we held this year. Pat reported that there is more work in the fixtures role than we might imagine, not least because of how complicated many of the permissions are. Pat also observed that we are running our first big event in several years, with the Caddihoe Chase and VHIs next year.

8. **MAPPING OFFICER'S REPORT:** This had been circulated in advance. Paul highlighted that the current printer has reached the end of the warranty and support agreements and therefore it would be risky to rely solely on that printer. We will therefore need to purchase a new one as a backup, which will have the added advantage of giving us more flexibility in printing maps.

On the mapping side, it was noted that we need decent base maps in order to create urban maps. We also need to ensure we remain legal when choosing base maps to use.

9. **EQUIPMENT OFFICER'S REPORT:** This had been circulated in advance. The equipment we have seems to be going okay. John is replacing SI batteries, as needed. We may need to purchase a new tent at some point, as they are getting quite old.
10. **CLUB CAPTAIN'S REPORT:** This had been circulated in advance. Greg thanked everyone for taking part in team events. He reported that we had a team of 60 lined up for the CompassSport Trophy final, including several new juniors. On behalf of the club, Pat thanked Greg for all his hard work.
11. **LEGEND EDITOR'S REPORT:** This had been circulated in advance. Alan announced that CompassSport magazine had recently declared Legend as having the most humorous articles. Alan also noted that he had copies of his new orienteering board games available for sale.
12. **WELFARE OFFICER'S REPORT:** This had been circulated in advance. Gill added that the coaches planned to get together to discuss future coaching.
13. **DEVELOPMENT OFFICER'S REPORT:** The Chairman's report and discussions on membership and fixtures had covered NGOC's development activities.

14. **AWARD OF TROPHIES AND PRIZES:** Prizewinners were as follows:

**Terry Bradstock Trophy:**

David Lee won this for the tenth time. Congratulations to David.

**NGOC Minileague:**

Blue: Winner Joe Gidley, NGOC M21, 4390 points  
2<sup>nd</sup> Patrick Woodisse, NGOC M40, 4283 points  
3<sup>rd</sup> Richard Cronin, BOK/NGOC M21, 4025 points  
(First lady was 20th, on 2332 points)

Green: Winner Paul Hobby, NGOC M40, 4413 points  
2<sup>nd</sup> and first non-NGOC Paul Hammond, HOC M50, 4363 points  
6<sup>th</sup> and first lady, Rachel Dennis, BOK W45, 4039 points

Orange: Winner Patrick Tate, NGOC M14, 5166 points  
2<sup>nd</sup> Ashleigh Denman, NGOC W45, 4583 points  
4<sup>th</sup> and first non-NGOC Joe Hudd, BOK M10, 3448 points

Yellow: 2<sup>nd</sup> Evie Hastings, NGOC W7, 2717 points (Winner was Independent)  
4<sup>th</sup> Rebecca Ward, NGOC W10, 1858 points  
5<sup>th</sup> Reuben Lawson, NGOC M7, 1766 points

Ultrasport vouchers were awarded to the prize-winners on Blue, Green and Orange; small prizes

were awarded to the Yellow winners and certificates were awarded to the seven Yellow competitors who scored at two or more events (whether Independent or not).

Pat observed that it was good to see new young people doing well and feeling encouraged.

**15. ELECTION OF OFFICERS:**

Gary Wakerley agreed to stand for Chairman. Simon Denman nominated Gary and Carol Stewart seconded the nomination. The rest of the committee were happy to continue in their roles and nobody else asked to stand or was nominated for the committee.

On election to the role of Chairman, Gary thanked Pat for all his work, above and beyond the role of Chairman. He also thanked all the volunteers, remarking that they are the only way we can continue to run the club. Finally, he thanked the committee for staying in place and for the way they run the club and make it look good.

**16. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:** None was declared.

**17. CLOSE:** The meeting closed at 9pm. The Chairman thanked everyone for attending.