

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

Held in Room TC218A, Oxstalls Campus, University of Gloucester on 13th October 2014

The meeting was formally opened at 8pm, following a buffet and some brief talks with discussion. Pat MacLeod introduced the new format for our fixtures and league. Chris James then told us about the latest insights from the Events and Competitions Committee. A summary of these discussions is available separately.

1. **PRESENT:** Gary Wakerley (Chairman), Pat MacLeod (Equipment/Development officer), Greg Best (Club Captain), Gill Stott (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), Chris James, Joe Parkinson, Bob Teed, Richard Cronin, Sheila Miklausic, Tom Mills, Stephen Robinson, Steve Williams, Hilary Nicholls, Neil Cameron, Pat Cameron, John Shea, Samantha Watson, Anders Johanssen, Dave Hartley, Sue Hartley.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Alan and Ann Brown, David Lee, Roger Coe, Eddie McLarnon, Tom Birthwright, Andy Craig, Alan and Ellen Starling, Hilary Nicholls, Ros Taunton.

2. **MINUTES FROM 2013 AGM:** These were accepted as a true record (proposed by Chris James and seconded by Pat MacLeod).
3. **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:** This had been circulated in advance.

Gary thanked the committee for their work over the year. He highlighted NGOC's participation in the Cotswold Way Relay as a good new thing. He also thanked Pat very much for his hard work organising the Caddihoe Chase.

4. **SECRETARY'S REPORT:** This had been circulated in advance and Caroline just highlighted that we had recently restocked our supply of club tops.
5. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** The accounts had been circulated in advance and although it appeared that we had made a loss, Carol added that we had since received over £6000 from the Caddihoe Chase entries and that there was more to come, both from there and from the JK

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

6. **MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT:** This had been circulated in advance and showed that membership has been fairly stable over the last year or so.
7. **FIXTURES SECRETARY'S REPORT:** This had been circulated in advance. Pat reported that we hope to reinvent the Double Gloster (a weekend of one or two badge events, which occurred regularly until about 1995). This is hoped to be on the May Day Bank Holiday weekend in 2015 and to include a Classic race on Saturday, a Gloucester city race on Sunday and a Long O on Monday. We have bought the data for Gloucester and the council are keen. The Long O is hoped to be on Cranham, Painswick and Sheepscombe. Pat planned to ask Dave Hannis next week, whether we could use his campsite at Cranham. Organisers for the individual days are needed, as well as an overall coordinator. With an experienced coordinator, the organisers need not be very experienced. Neil pointed out that in future years we should give more advance notice of events like these, or we risk missing people as they will be busy already.
8. **MAPPING OFFICER'S REPORT:** This had been circulated in advance. Paul reported that the new printer is working well and that we are now more flexible with Pat having the old printer (which now has enough cartridges to last a while).
9. **EQUIPMENT OFFICER'S REPORT:** This had been circulated in advance and there was nothing to add.
10. **CLUB CAPTAIN'S REPORT:** This had been circulated in advance. Greg thanked everyone for taking part in all the team events we've been involved in this year.

11. **LEGEND EDITOR'S REPORT:** This had been circulated in advance. Gill was pleased to have had lots of contributions, including reports on non-orienteeing (but related) events. It was great to see new contributors too.

Gill also noted that the Facebook group is being used more and allows interaction between people, discussing events or bringing upcoming interesting events to people's attention. It could also be used to ask people for a lift to an event.

12. **WELFARE OFFICER'S REPORT:** This had been circulated in advance and there was nothing to add.
13. **DEVELOPMENT OFFICER'S REPORT:** This had been circulated in advance and discussed before the AGM, while introducing the 2015 fixtures plan. There was nothing more to add.
14. **AWARD OF TROPHIES AND PRIZES:** Prizewinners were as follows:

Terry Bradstock Trophy:

Bob Teed won, with Gill Stott second, Andy Stott 3rd and David Lee 4th (having competed in all 4 events).

NGOC Minileague:

Blue: Winner Peter Ward, NGOC M40, 4927 points
2nd and first non-NGOC Mark Burley, BOK M21, 4897 points
3rd Joe Gidley, NGOC M21, 4893 points
6th and first lady, Caroline Craig NGOC W21, 4034 points

Green: Winner Matthew Lawson, NGOC M45, 4982 points
2nd and first non-NGOC Mike Farrington, HOC M55, 4522 points
3rd Dave Hartley, NGOC M60, 4486 points
4th and first lady, Vanessa Lawson, NGOC W40, 4435 points

Orange: Winner Adam Watson, NGOC M16, 6015 points
2nd Ashleigh Denman, NGOC W45, 4474 points
3rd Gaye Callard, NGOC W75, 3036 points

Yellow: 1st Rebecca Ward, NGOC W12, 5439 points (Winner was Independent)
2nd Reuben Lawson, NGOC M8, 4892 points
3rd Jessica Ward, NGOC W9, 4027 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 Yellow competitors who scored at three or more events (whether Independent or not).

15. **ELECTION OF OFFICERS:**

All members of the committee were happy to continue in their roles and nobody else asked to stand or was nominated for the committee.

16. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**

Archive: Caroline announced that she and David Lee would be looking at old NGOC material (including a number of items passed on from a founding member, John Parsons). The intention is to create a comprehensive archive of the club, including recollections from early members. Paul enquired about scanning in things which were in hard copy only, and it is hoped to do this in time.

Woodchester League event: John Shea brought the Woodchester parking arrangement to people's attention. We will be using the National Trust overflow car park. There will be a £3 charge per car (excluding cars of National Trust members). We will ask non-members to pay £1 and NGOC will subsidise the rest, so all National Trust members are encouraged to remember to display their membership card so that NGOC are not paying unnecessarily. On being reminded nearer the time, Gill Stott will send an email to members of NGOC (and notify HOC, BOK, NWO

and SWOC). John also needed a name to use for the National Trust's licence for the event and Gary agreed that his name could be used.

Website: Eddie had asked whether the website was working out okay. Pat MacLeod thought the front page needed more interest and asked whether anyone else had any views. Chris James suggested looking at other clubs' sites for ideas. Neil Cameron reported finding it very easy to use and not wanting to lose that in any revamp. He suggested looking at a Sport England survey and report on market segmentation to identify target markets we think we might be successful with, and see what would make it attractive to those people. The same applied to publicity for events.

Club & Association Conference: Gill and Chris James will be attending this conference, where the subject is local events, and asked whether anyone had anything for them to bring up. The question of how to be successful with publicity was suggested.

Buffet: Pat Cameron thanked Carol and Caroline for their efforts in providing the buffet.

17. **CLOSE:** The meeting closed at 8:45pm. The Chairman thanked everyone for attending.