

**WCOC AGM**  
**7.30 pm Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2013**  
Kirkstile Inn, Loweswater

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**PRESENT**

**Action**

John Taylor, Mike Harrison, Lesley Wornham, Roger Jackson, Jon Eaton, Ian Lowles, David Spencer, Graham Watson, Bob Barnby, Dave Downes, Chris Pollitt, John Slater, Susan Skinner, Lynne Thomas, Margaret Mackenzie, Steve Breeze , Lewis Taylor

**1 APOLOGIES** Anne Burbidge, Dave Fenwick, Katrina Hemingway, Angela Jackson, Margot Pennell, Steve Telford, Debbie Watson

**2 MINUTES OF THE AGM 18<sup>th</sup> Oct 2012.** These were accepted as a true and accurate record. **Proposed** Mike Harrison, **Seconded** Bob Barnby

**3 OFFICERS' REPORTS**

**3.1 Chair**

The Chair reported on a successful year of events. Of particular note were junior highlights – a successful coaching programme, representation both regionally and nationally, and the hosting of the Peter Palmers Relay. In particular thanks were expressed to Andy Bradley for planning the Peter Palmers. As in previous years the school league had been very successful. In addition to a full programme of evening events and Galoppens we held a Level B at Harrop Tarn which despite disappointing numbers had been brilliantly organised by Rob, Bob and Dave.

Outgoing members of the committee Jeff and Anne were thanked for their support over the year.

Ending on a serious note, the importance of good safety arrangements, first aid, admin and planning had been highlighted with several injuries at events. This reinforced all the good work undertaken by WCOC members in providing safe and enjoyable events throughout the year.

**3.2 Treasurer**

Roger presented the accounts and thanked Dave Fenwick for auditing them. It was reported that we had a shortfall of **-£603**, which should be **£1603** since some Treasurer's expenses would be carried into next year's accounts. Following some questions, clarifications were made. Our fee to NWOA had increased to £726 as we were a growing club and so had a larger proportion of the budget to pay. O gear sales was **-£1714** because we had a large stock of club jackets for sale and Trimtex had been paid. Orient8 showed a loss of **-£971.20** because we had used the services of a paid coach and also had the school hall to hire. The Peter Palmer's were down as a loss of **£361.16** since we had paid a deposit for Hawse End but incomes from entries were not in yet. Also subsidies for the WCOC relay

teams for the previous year contributed to the loss. Our main income came from events so we needed to ensure that entry fees were kept at a reasonable level.

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Question from John Slater 'as our calendar year does not match BOFs, at the end of the calendar year can we see if the increased levy charge on Thursday level D events has been (on average) financially detrimental to WCOC club members. Also what is the impact on membership costs as an average for WCOC'. This information to be circulated to all members.

**Treasurer  
and  
Committee**

### **3.3 Membership Secretary**

Membership figures were roughly balanced with some lapsed and new members joining, so we currently had 107 adult, 55 juniors, with 85 adults active and 45 juniors active.

### **3.4 Fixtures Secretary**

In 2013 the Club had continued to provide weekly courses for both the night and summer series. Novice planners continued to be used for some of the summer series. High attendances had in particular occurred at the summer and park series, with the introduction of new areas notably West Lakes. In 2014 more Level D events would be organised with monthly Saturday morning events aimed at novice and non-night orienteers. In addition to planning 4 Galoppens we had hosted a Level B at Harrop Tarn and the Peter Palmers at Hawes End. In 2014 we would be planning and organising Day 2 of the Lakes 5 day and in 2015 Day 2 of the JK. WCOC would also be hosting the NW Compass Sport qualifier in 2015. A question was raised whether we would be holding a Fell series in the Spring, which was mainly attended by fell runners. The Committee would discuss the format of the Spring series.

**Committee**

### **3.5 Access Officer**

It was reported that landowners continue to give permission for land use. Both the NT and Forestry Commission now require copies of course maps prior to events. The Forestry Commission also charge for use of their land.

### **3.6 Mapping officer**

The Club's main mappers, Pete Nelson, Jon Eaton, Andy Warner, Howard Leslie and Jane Hornsby were thanked for their continued effort in producing new maps and updating existing maps. It was reported that we now had a copy of OCAD 11, which Pete Nelson was using. New areas mapped or improved included Rannerdale (PN), Cockermouth and school (HL), Hensingham and West Lakes (JE). It was reported that much finer detail can now be mapped with quality base maps using Lidor contour details. JE stated that we needed to ensure that orphan maps were updated. RJ to decide when areas were likely to be used. It was noted that we may need to pay for some large areas to be

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mapped. The Committee to discuss.

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### **3.7 Lead Coach**

It was reported that an active programme had started after the last AGM. Orient8 had run throughout the Winter with fitness coaching first using an experienced external coach followed by a technical session. We now had lots of useful game resources including o-limator. A First Aid course had been run with 8 participants. Two coaches had attended a coaching conference with the main speaker Stuart Lancashire, demonstrating that many skills are sport transferable. Seven outdoor coaching sessions had been delivered at both TD1-3 to introduce juniors to basic skills coaching and TD4-5 for improver juniors and adult improvers. Attendance had been very good with always 20 people and often 30 in quality orienteering areas. One session had included use of GPS loggers with Hamish Willis. By request coaching sessions had also been given to Paddle School and Cockermouth Guides. Following on from these, requests for coaching next year had been received from 5 other primary schools. We currently had 7 licensed coaches. A course was going to be held in November for new Level 1 coaches, which 5 WCOC members were planning to attend. Lynne was thanked for her work as Lead Coach.

### **3.8 Equipment Officer**

It was reported that we had purchased a new pole for the feather and new sport ident boxes. E cards had been hired out to Wasdale Fell Race for which we had received £270. The old caravan had been replaced with a donated second hand one, complete with awning.

### **3.9 Newsletter Editor**

Graham reported that he was receiving plenty of material and had ideas for new articles/formats. Graham was thanked for his efforts in producing such a quality product.

### **3.10 Social Secretary**

It was reported that we had had a very active year socially. In January the ceilidh, faith supper and awards had been enjoyed by 65 people. Summer socials had included a picnic and games evening in Loweswater and also a BBQ on Nairn beach during the Scottish 6 day with brave folks enjoying a bracing dip. The Peter Palmer had been a mega social weekend. The now regular Pie and Pea supper in October had included an inspirational talk by Chris Hope. Lesley was thanked for her role in co-ordinating the events.

### **3.11 Junior Report**

Katrina reported on some of the successes of juniors in the club. We

currently had 10 juniors in the NWJS. Successes included Charlotte's selection in JWOC. Katrina Hemingway and Katie Lowles had both been selected for World Schools. Alistair and Carys Thomas were both British Sprint champions. Alistair Thomas and Caitlin Irving were Scottish champions. Alistair had also been selected for the JHI. WCOC had entered three relays teams for the Peter Palmers . Katrina was thanked for her report and her role as Junior Representative for the year.

**3.12 Schools League Organiser**

Roger reported on an excellent series with 5 primary and 3 secondary events well supported including 170 children in the final at Cogra Moss. The Cumbria Schools Orienteering final had been hosted by WCOC at Low Rigg and reasonably well attended. For the Cumbria District games held in Carlisle the orienteering section had been won by Carlisle narrowly beating Allerdale. There had been some vandalism with three SI boxes destroyed, but Cumbria Sport were very keen to keep orienteering as one of its sports.

**3.13 Child Welfare Officer**

The Chair reported that Steve Breeze was taking on this role from the AGM.

**3.14 Team Captain**

Margaret was thanked for her 10 years of service as the Team Captain. Vanessa Brierley will take on the Junior part of the role. It was reported that WCOC had finished in 2<sup>nd</sup> place at the Compass Sport qualifier but decided that the final in the Forest of Dean was too far to travel. We also qualified for the Yvette Baker, but as the final was in the South decided against competing in the final. We had entered 3 teams for the Peter Palmer as it was a local event. For the JK and BOC both events were in the South so numbers were reduced.

**3.15 Publicity Officer**

It was reported that publicity for the Club had increased with more leaflets and posters being distributed. We were also on the BBC website. Ian and Katie Lowles had also done an interview for Radio Cumbria.

**4 ELECTION OF OFFICERS.**

Most of the Committee were willing to stand again and duly elected. It was noted that there were 2 further vacancies, to which the Committee could second members.

**Committee**

Dave Downes proposed a vote of thanks to the existing Committee and thanks to those members standing down.

