

WEST CUMBERLAND ORIENTEERING CLUB

Annual General Meeting

Embleton Village Hall, 22 October 2025

Attendees

Scott Ashworth (Chair)	Jon Eaton	Steve Birkinshaw
Pete Nelson	Janette McHendry	Carl Humphreys
Richard Cummings	Mike Harrison	Steve Breeze
Ann Cummings	Dave Fenwick	Janet Evans
Roger Thomas	Jeff Goodwin	Ian Teasdale
Lynne Thomas	Jamie Rennie	John Slater
Jane Hunter	Helen Rennie	Simon Thomas
Phil Newall	George Rennie	Roger Jackson
Adele Newall	Sally Heppell	Nick Evans
Liz Elliott	Deborah Goodwin	Anne Burbidge
30 members in attendance		

Apologies

Paul Tickner

Minutes

1	Minutes of 2024 AGM The minutes incorrectly stated Steve Breeze had been nominated as a committee member. This will be corrected. There were no other amendments and the minutes were approved by the meeting.
2	Chairman's Report Scott thanked everyone involved with the club for their part in making it successful. He noted the significant contributions made by many and picked out the role played by Lynne Thomas in junior development as she stands down from that role.
3	Treasurer's Report Full report is on the club website. Entry fee income had increased this year due to income from the British Relays, Schools events and the Peter Palmer Relays. Costs included entries for Compass Sport Cup, travel and club kit. We received a grant for the club development officer role so this was cost neutral. The cost of putting on the maze at the Keswick Mountain Festival was queried. The event was cost neutral but the grant came in the following financial year and had not been accrued. Deborah will check this. Phil Newall asked if the £13,000 reserve was the 'right' amount. This has been the reserve level for a few years and it is considered appropriate. Simon Thomas asked if the Galloperns are worth the significant effort and low income. Dave Fenwick suggested the Treasurer's bi-monthly committee update be published on the website. It was agreed to publish the committee minutes, which include this report. Scott proposed acceptance of the Treasurer's Report. Approved unanimously.
4	Elections to Committee Committee members present at the September 2025 meeting all agreed to stand for election. Scott assumed the same was true of those not present.

	Scott proposed that Janette McHendry and Helen Rennie jointly take on the Chair role, with no Vice-Chairman. Richard Cummings asked if the constitution prohibits joint chairs. It was agreed it does not. Roger Jackson was proposed and seconded for the one remaining committee post. Proposed committee is Joint Chair Janette and Helen Secretary Paul Tickner Treasurer Deborah Goodwin Committee Members – Steve Birkinshaw, Jon Eaton, Simon Hunter, Michael Billinghamurst, Roger Jackson and Carl Humphreys. Votes were taken on the main officers and the ordinary committee positions en bloc. All were carried unanimously. Jon Eaton reminded the meeting that all committee meetings are open meetings.
5	Q&A for Officers There were no further questions so the meeting adjourned for pie and peas.
6	General Discussion Chaired by Janette and Helen 6.1 Proposal to amend the constitution. Change the period before the AGM reports are provided from 28 to 14 days prior. Proposed by Jon Eaton, seconded by Helen Rennie. Agreed unanimously. 6.2 Proposal from John Slater that a group be formed to review the Thursday event structure and schedule. This should include a potential break in September and October. There was an extended discussion on this general topic with many different views expressed and suggestions made. There was general agreement that we have a good programme of events but that we should make it easier for less experienced members to volunteer. We also need to ensure we have a pathway for juniors and new members. The committee will take this forward and come up with a plan. 6.3 Helen is looking at designs for a new club buff and will circulate designs for feedback. 6.4 Roger Thomas reminded the meeting that WCOC will hold a day of the Lakes 5 Days on 3 August. Roger has mapped Bessy Boot and will plan. Richard and Ann Cummings will organise. Finding a suitable car park is challenging. 6.5 There was a vote of thanks to Carl for organising the pie and peas, and to those who had helped him.
	Meeting closed at 20:56