

WCOC AGM 2012 Minutes

Date: Thursday 18th October 2012

Location: Kirkstile Inn

Time: 7.30pm

1. Present and Apologies

Present: Joyce Hemingway, Roger Jackson, Susan Skinner, Graham Watson, Bob Barnby, John Taylor, Mike Harrison, Margaret Mackenzie, Lynne Thomas, Jon Eaton, Anne Burbidge, Lesley Wornham, John Slater, Kate Charles, David Spencer, Chris Pollitt, Ian Lowles.

Apologies: Debbie Watson

2. Minutes of last Meeting

Graham Watson proposed that the minutes be accepted and John Taylor seconded.

3. Officers' Reports

3.1. Chairman

The chair thanked all those involved in making BOC 2012 such a success. The event was well received by the orienteering population, a credit to those members of the club that helped to produce the top class event. Thanks were also offered to all club members who helped to stage WCOC events throughout the year.

3.2. Treasurer

Roger presented the accounts, and thanked Dave Fenwick for auditing the accounts. The club has a shortfall of £3200 having spent more than usual on subsidising club activities. The treasurer was happy with this shortfall as the bank reserves had been quite high the previous year. The main income for the club is from event fees and with the new BOF levy system being introduced in 2013 the club will see a reduction in the amount it generates from events. Fees for club evening events will be increased to hopefully keep the current level of income. One of the main outgoings is the clubs contribution to funding the NWOA. The treasurer is aware that as a growing club with other clubs in decline that this contribution is likely to increase. Various questions about the accounts were answered before the accounts were formally accepted, proposed by Bob Barnby, seconded by Chris Pollit.

3.3. Mapping

Roger explained how the advance of technology had changed the role of the mapping officer and that these days the officers job was a holding place for OCAD files. The club has had an excellent year with lots of new maps being produced and Roger thanked all those involved. Discussions arose as to the upkeep of maps and a database of the clubs maps. Bob Barnby has been trying to create a database of the clubs maps.

3.4. Equipment

The only new items purchased were E cards and new elastics for the existing cards.

3.5. Team Captain

The club has had a successful year with a 5th place in the Compass Sport Cup, the clubs best ever position and several relay podium positions. The BOC relay was a particular success for the club as WCOC fielded more teams than usual with lots of members running a big scale relay for the first time. The club has also participated in all the junior competitions which all the juniors have thoroughly enjoyed.

3.6. Evening Event Organiser

The club has continued to maintain its weekly event structure, with someone always filling spaces, if sometimes quite late in the day. A lot of the summer series events were planned by new and novice. The sprint series has gone well with the new areas being well received. The night series has most of the planners in place.

3.7. Fixtures

The Forestry Commission (FC) now charges for use of its land and it is felt that the National Trust may soon do the same. There is also an increase in bureaucracy, with the organisations requiring forms to be filled in at the time of booking. The FC are also asking to see maps of the course 2 weeks prior to an event. Following discussions it was felt that they should be sent an all controls map rather than individual courses.

3.8. NW Representation

The NWOA is funded by the clubs in the NW and has running costs of £5000 pa which is mainly used to support the NW Junior Squad. The NWOA has a large surplus of £44000 of which ~£19000 is committed to other projects, at the AGM it was voted to use £15000 of this surplus to fund a professional officer to co-ordinate the lakes 5 day event to be held in 2014. The NW has also lost one of its clubs this year, with the region now consisting of 10 clubs.

4. Election of Committee

The following committee was elected:

	Appointee	Proposer	Secunder
Chair	John Taylor	John Slater	Kate Charles
Vice-Chair	Mike Harrison	John Slater	John Taylor
Secretary	Lesley Wornham	Susan Skinner	Lynne Thomas
Treasurer	Roger Jackson	David Downes	Angela Ruckledge
Junior Representative	Katrina Hemmingway	Rosie Watson	Joyce Hemmingway
Committee	Graham Watson	Howard Leslie	Kim Leslie
Committee	Anne Burbidge	Susan Skinner	Lesley Wornham
Committee	David Spencer	Kate Charles	John Slater
Committee	Ian Lowles	Roger Jackson	Margaret Mackenzie
Committee	Jon Eaton	Lesley Wornham	Lynne Thomas
Committee	Jeff Goodwin	Roger Jackson	Margaret Mackenzie

5. A O B

Mike Harrison asked if anyone had any ideas for changing/ improving the clubs event formats and suggested the following:

- Add a long easy course
- Make some Thursdays more training orientated
- Saturday events during the night series

There was general consensus that these were good ideas and it would be up to the new committee to implement any changes

John Slater suggested that coaching type sessions on such things as mapping, coaching and planning could be useful as part of the club night and would help spread knowledge to interested club members. Again it was decided that this was something for the new committee to discuss.

John Taylor queried if it were possible to replace the fell race series with park race or to run a series of events alongside the fell race series so that orienteering races continued throughout the year. This is another item for the new committee to discuss.

John Slater commented that if the new incentive scheme had been used for the last summer series only 1 person would have benefited and thus unlikely to work

as an incentive. It was decided that the scheme would run for the winter series and then up to the new committee to decide on how to proceed.