

SOUTH WEST ORIENTEERING ASSOCIATION

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MINUTES OF 2012 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held at

Corsley Reading Room, Corsley Heath, Warminster, at 5pm on Saturday 15th September 2012

Those present:

Officers: John Dyson, DEVON, Chairman; Arthur Vince, KERNO, Secretary; Trevor Bridle, WIM, Treasurer and Membership Secretary; Richard Sansbury, QO, Fixtures Secretary.

Committee members: Katy Dyer, BOK; Christine Vince, KERNO.

Club Representatives: BOK: Mark Dyer; Anne Donnell, John & Pat Grenfell, Denis Hamment; NGOC: Pat Macleod, Robert Teed; NWO: Ken Stimson; SARUM: Heather Haskins; WSX: Madeleine Bridle.

1 Apologies: Peter Brett, DEVON (Committee); Jeff Butt, SARUM (Committee and Junior Squad Manager); Roger & Susan Hateley, DEVON; Mark Lockett, KERNO; Erik Peckett, DEVON (Committee); John Shucksmith, WIM. Alan & Liz Yeadon, SARUM.

2 Minutes of AGM on 2nd October 2011

These were accepted as a true record.

[Post meeting note: in para. 3 of the minutes the year of the previous AGM is given as 2009, not 2010 as it should have been.]

3 Matters arising from those minutes

None.

4 Chairman's Report.

John Dyson presented his report, which is attached as Appendix 1.

5 Fixtures Secretary's Report

Richard Sansbury presented his report, which is attached as Appendix 2.

6 SW Junior Squad Manager's Report

The Chairman read Jeff Butt's report, which is attached as Appendix 3, to the meeting.

7 Recorder of Controllers' report

Arthur Vince presented his report, which is attached as Appendix 4. He drew attention to the shortage of controllers in the east of the region.

8 Treasurer and Membership Secretary's report

8.1 The Treasurer presented his report, the audited accounts for the year 1st August 2010 to 31st July 2011 and budgets for the next two financial years

(Appendices 5 and 6). In reply to questions, he said that payment to the English Orienteering Council had increased as the EOC was no longer getting a grant of £2000 from BOF, so an additional £2000 had to be raised from regions – this was calculated on the basis of their membership numbers. Richard Sansbury asked if there was much “churn” in membership – members leaving and new ones joining. He replied that there is no information available on this.

Proposed by Mark Dyer, seconded by Anne Donnell, that the accounts for the year ending 31st August 2011 be approved. Carried nem.con.

9 Membership fees for 2013

The Treasurer proposed, seconded by Arthur Vince, that no membership fees should be charged to individuals and clubs for 2013. The argument for this is set out in his report. He estimated that, based on the number of runs continuing at the same level and subject to the levy increase from 1st January 2013 agreed at the June SWOA meeting, levy income would increase to £6000 in 2012/13 and to £7670 in 2013/14. This would give a deficit of £970 on budgeted expenditure in 2012/13 and a surplus of £600 in 2013/2014. The projected balance at the end of the 2013/14 financial year will be £4469 [see accounts, Appendix 6]. On this basis he was happy to recommend that SWOA should abolish membership fees.

The proposal was carried nem.con.

10 Amendments to the Constitution.

Five amendments had been proposed, the first two being on membership categories:

10.1 Clause 4(a): Replace:

"Membership categories shall be the same as those used by BOF, that is: Club, Senior, Junior and Family" with: "Membership categories shall be Club, Senior, Junior and Family".

Proposed by: Richard Sansbury, QO

Seconded by: Judy and Roger Craddock, and Bob Lloyd, QO.

This proposal was withdrawn at the meeting by Richard Sansbury following the decision to abolish membership fees for 2013.

10.2 Clause 4(a): change “Membership categories shall be the same as used by BOF, that is: Club, Senior,

Junior and Family.” to “Membership categories shall be the same as those used by BOF.”

This proposal was designed to bring SWOA membership categories in line with BOF ones for 2013.

Proposed by: Christine Vince, KERNO

Seconded by: Trevor Bridle, WIM

Carried nem.con

Noted that clubs can still offer a Family membership category.

10.3 Voting at general meetings:

This change was required if Family membership of SWOA was abolished.

Clause 5: change from: “Each individual member (including those within a family) who will be 18 years old or older on 31st December in the year in which the meeting is held shall have one vote each at a General Meeting. Proxy or postal voting is not permitted.”

To:

“Each individual member who will be 18 years old or older on 31st December in the year in which the meeting is held shall have one vote each at a General Meeting. Proxy or postal voting is not permitted.”

Proposed: Arthur Vince, KERNO

Seconded: Christine Vince, KERNO

Carried nem.con.

The fourth and fifth proposals take account of the fact that there is now more than one British Championship event: Sprint and Middle distance now have their own championships; also that for these events a partnership agreement with BOF may be put in place, and the controller is normally appointed by BOF.

10.4 Financial arrangements for Major Events.

Clause 6(c): change from: “The financial arrangements for the National Championships and the JK when held in the region shall be as defined by BOF.” to “The financial arrangements for National Championships and the JK when held in the region shall be as agreed with BOF.”

Proposed by Arthur Vince, KERNO

Seconded by John Dyson, DEVON

Carried nem.con.

10.5 Officials for Major Events requested by BOF:

Paragraph 2(d) vi: Change from:

“ The Association will also organise major fixtures in the South West as requested by BOF and for such events will appoint an Organiser, Planner and Controller. The Organiser shall report to the Executive Committee on the progress of arrangements for such events.

To:

“The Association will also organise major fixtures in the South West as requested by BOF and for such events will appoint or confirm a Coordinator or Organiser and Planner (s) and a Controller if one is not appointed by BOF. The Coordinator or Organiser shall report to the Executive Committee on the progress of arrangements for

such events.”

Proposed by: Arthur Vince, KERNO

Seconded by: Roger Hargreaves, KERNO

Carried nem.con.

11 Election of officers

11.1 Chairman: John Dyson, DEVON; proposed by Arthur Vince, seconded by Christine Vince.

11.2 Administrative Secretary: Arthur Vince, KERNO: proposed by John Dyson, seconded by Madeleine Bridle.

11.3 Treasurer and Membership Secretary: Mark Lockett of KERNO: proposed by Trevor Bridle, seconded by Arthur Vince.

11.4 Fixtures Secretary: Richard Sansbury, QO: proposed by John Dyson, seconded by Anne Donnell.

In the absence of other nominations the above were elected.

Trevor Bridle would continue as SW Junior Squad Treasurer. The Chairman and Secretary told the meeting that they would not be standing for election at the 2013 AGM.

12 Election of Committee

Those proposed (listed below) but absent had previously given their permission.

Peter Brett, DEVON; Jeff Butt, SARUM; Katy Dyer, BOK; Erik Peckett, DEVON and Christine Vince, KERNO: the five proposed by Richard Sansbury, seconded by Mark Dyer. In the absence of other nominations the five were elected. One committee post remains vacant; the constitution allows the Committee to co-opt members as necessary.

13 Honorary Life Memberships

The SWOA Committee recommended that Trevor Bridle and John Shucksmith of WIM be awarded Honorary Life Membership in recognition of their long service as Treasurer & Membership Secretary and Fixtures Secretary respectively. This was unanimously agreed.

14 Any other business

None.

The meeting closed at 5.59 pm.

Minutes recorded by Arthur Vince.

These minutes are issued subject to formal approval at the 2013 AGM.

Appendices

- 1 Chairman’s report.
- 2 Fixture Secretary’s report.
- 3 Junior Squad Manager’s report.
- 4 Recorder of Controllers’ report.
- 5 Treasurer and Membership Secretary’s report.
- 6 SWOA & SWJS accounts for the financial year 1st August 2011 to 31st July 2012.