

SOUTH WESTERN ORIENTEERING ASSOCIATION

SECRETARY: Arthur Vince, 3 Back Lane, East Coker, Yeovil, Somerset.

Tel. 01935 863429. Email arthur.vince@btinternet.com

MINUTES OF 2011 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held in

The Thomas Hardy School, Dorchester, at 4.30pm on Sunday 2nd October 2011

Those present:

Officers: Arthur Vince, KERNO, Secretary; Trevor Bridle, WIM, Treasurer and Membership Secretary; John Shucksmith, WIM, Fixtures Secretary.

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

Club Representatives: BOK: Mark Dyer; KERNO: Scott Collier, Margaret Peckett; WIM: Dick Keighley, Barbara & John Warren; WSX: Madeleine Bridle.

1 Appointment of Chairman for the meeting

In the absence of an elected chairman of SWOA, it was agreed that the Secretary should chair the meeting.

2 Apologies: Peter Brett, DEVON (Committee); Jeff Butt, SARUM (Committee and Junior Squad Manager); John Dyson, DEVON; Roger & Susan Hateley, DEVON; Richard Sansbury, QO; Henry Morgan (British Orienteering (BOF) Director with responsibility for liaison with SWOA).

3 Minutes of AGM on 12th September 2009

These were accepted as a true record.

4 Matters arising from those minutes

None.

5 Amendments to the Constitution

One amendment had been proposed:

To change the name of the Association as given in its constitution from "South Western Orienteering Association" to *South West Orienteering Association*. Proposed Arthur Vince, KERNO, seconded Trevor Bridle, WIM.

This would give the Association a name consistent with the one used by BOF (ref. Articles of Association 44.1 (D)). Approved nem.con.

6 Fixtures Secretary's report

John Shucksmith's report is attached as Appendix 1. Dick Keighley asked if the number participating had increased with the increased number of events – 196 in 2010-2011 against 178 in 2009-2010. [The Treasurer provided the figures after the meeting, from the levy returns. They were: 2009-2010, 11387 Seniors and 5165 Juniors; 2010-2011, 10720 Seniors and 4296 Juniors, a total decrease of 1536.]

7 South West Junior Squad report

Jeff Butt's report as Squad Manager is attached as Appendix 2. (Jeff was away managing the England team at the Junior Home International.) The chairman commented that the Squad was in a healthy financial state and had not drawn on SWOA funds this year. More adults are now involved in running its activities.

8 Recorder of Controllers' report

Arthur Vince presented his report, which is attached as Appendix 3. He commented that not all of the 75 listed controllers in SWOA were active, and that there was a shortage in the east of the region, which could result in a drop in the skills available to clubs.

The BOF Rules governing the appointment of and qualifications for controllers had been revised to deal with the four level event structure. Appendix C version 3, effective from January 2011 now applies. A significant change is that to be appointed or move up a grade an accredited Safety Training course must have been completed.

9 Treasurer and Membership Secretary's report

9.1 The Treasurer presented his report, budget for the next financial year, and the audited accounts for the year 1st August 2010 to 31st July 2011. (Appendices 4 and 5.) He commented that the excess of expenditure over income of £792.26 was less than anticipated as the Junior Squad had been self financing and not taken their budgeted £2000.

10 Approval of accounts

Proposed Dick Keighley, seconded Erik Peckett, that the accounts for the year ending 31st August 2011 be approved. Carried nem.con.

11 Membership fees for 2013

Membership fees for 2012 were fixed at the 2009 AGM, being Senior £5, Junior £2, Family £7.50, Club £10. They were last increased in 2009. The Treasurer proposed that fees should increase for 2013 to Senior £6, Family £9; Junior and club fees to remain the same. This should see the income from fees increase by £780 on the current membership levels. Agreed nem.con.

Noted that the SWOA Treasurer had to collect the club fees as BOF had stopped doing so.

12 Election of officers

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

12.2 Administrative Secretary: Arthur Vince, KERN0: proposed by Trevor Bridle, seconded by Madeleine Bridle.

12.3 Treasurer and Membership Secretary: Trevor Bridle, WIM: proposed by Christine Vince, seconded by John Warren. Noted that Trevor would definitely be retiring at the next AGM and that Mark Lockett of KERN0 was willing to take over from him.

12.4 Fixtures Secretary: Richard Sansbury, QO: proposed by John Shucksmith, seconded by Arthur Vince.

Those proposed but absent had previously given their permission.

In the absence of other nominations the above were elected.

13 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, KERN0: the five proposed by Mark Dyer, seconded by Trevor Bridle. 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.

14 Any other business

14.1 BOF Association and Club Conference: Scott Collier – a BOF Director – urged clubs to be represented at this conference on 15th October. Late registration should be possible. The Secretary said that John Dyson would be attending on behalf of SWOA.

14.2 BOF Membership Structure Review: Scott also reminded the meeting of the current review of the BOF membership structure and asked clubs to make their opinion known.

The meeting closed at 5.19 pm.

Minutes recorded by Arthur Vince.

These minutes are issued subject to formal approval at the 2012 AGM.

Appendices

- 1 Fixture Secretary's report
- 2 Junior Squad Manager's report
- 3 Recorder of Controllers' report
- 4 Treasurer and Membership Secretary's report, and budget for 2009/2010
- 5 SWOA Accounts for the period 1st August 2010 to 31st July 2011