

AGENDA FOR SWOA AGM 2012

Date: Saturday 15th September.
Time: 5.00 pm.
Venue: Corsley Reading Room, Corsley Heath, Warminster, BA12 7PR.

- 1 Apologies for absence.
- 2 Approval of minutes of the 2011 AGM.
- 3 Matters arising from those minutes, unless covered as agenda items.
- 4 Fixtures Secretary's report.
- 5 South West Junior Squad report.
- 6 Recorder of Controllers' report.
- 7 Treasurer and Membership Secretary's report and approval of accounts for the financial year ending 31st July 2012.
- 8 Determination of membership fees for 2013.
Proposal:
Individuals and clubs shall not be charged a SWOA membership fee for 2013.

Proposed by Trevor Bridle, WIM
Seconded by Arthur Vince, KERNO

Remarks:

The SWOA Committee decided at its June meeting to increase the SWOA event levy to 60p per run for 2013, with all competitors counting and three juniors counting as one senior. This decision was taken to bring SWOA policy in line with that of BOF – to raise income from participants rather than from membership fees. The increased levy income is estimated to make up for the loss of membership fees. Based on the number of runs in the financial year 2011/2012, the levy income for 2012/2013 is calculated to be £6014.70 and for 2013/2014, £7671.00.

- 9 Proposed amendments to the constitution. Five have been proposed, see Page 2.
The current constitution is available on the SWOA website in the *Documents* section.
- 10 Election of Officers for 2012/2013 (see Note 1):
 - 10.1 Chairman
 - 10.2 Administrative Secretary
 - 10.3 Treasurer
 - 10.4 Membership Secretary (see Note 1)
 - 10.5 Fixtures Secretary
- 11 Election of up to six Committee members (see Note 1).
- 12 Proposed Honorary Life Memberships (see Note 2)
- 13 Any other business.

Note 1: ELECTION OF OFFICERS and COMMITTEE

Nominees must be proposed and seconded by two different members. Nominations should be sent in writing to the Secretary beforehand. Proposals will also be taken from the floor at the meeting. Nominees must have given their permission; if they are not present at the meeting, the Secretary must have received their permission in writing beforehand. In the case of an election being required, there will be a secret ballot. The constitution allows the offices of Treasurer and Membership Secretary to be held by one person.

Note 2: HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIPS

The Executive Committee is recommending that Honorary Life Membership be awarded to Trevor Bridle and John Shucksmith of WIM, in recognition of their long service as Treasurer and Membership Secretary.

PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION:

1 MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES – first proposal

QO have proposed a change to the constitution following the change in BOF membership structure. This would make SWOA membership categories different from those to be used by BOF for 2013.

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 Craddock, Bob Lloyd, and Roger Craddock, QO

Remarks:

This is only relevant if the AGM votes to maintain a membership fee. If the decision is to not charge a membership fee then this proposed amendment is not required.

We regret the decision by British Orienteering to discontinue the family membership option. One of the sport's attractions is that it works well as an all-age family activity. Many current orienteers have come to orienteering through a family contact, and encouraging families to attend events has historically been the most effective way to recruit new members. We note that the reduction in national fees will benefit individual members but will not benefit families. Many families are financially stretched, and some may use the changes to economise on membership - clubs will have reduced contact with non-members, and they may drift away from involvement. Hence, if family membership is not offered we believe this (a) sends the wrong message (b) may reduce participation.

Note that British Orienteering have confirmed they will maintain the family membership option within their online membership systems, thus this proposal should not create additional work for SWOA or club membership secretaries.

2 MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES – second proposal

This proposal would bring SWOA membership categories in line with the BOF ones for 2013.

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 used by BOF."

Proposed by: Christine Vince, KERNO

Seconded by: Trevor Bridle, WIM

3 VOTING AT GENERAL MEETINGS

This proposal is required if Family membership of SWOA is abolished.

Paragraph 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

The fourth and fifth proposals are to 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.

4 FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR MAJOR EVENTS

Paragraph 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.”

5 OFFICIALS FOR MAJOR FIXTURES 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

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