



East Anglian Orienteering Association

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 12th July 2009
at 12.30, Taverham Hall, Norwich

Present: Caroline Louth (WAOC) Chairman, John T Ward (NOR) Treasurer, Keith Downing (SMOC) Secretary, Paul Lowe (SUFFOC), Neil Carter (SUFFOC), Barbara Fothergill (HAVOC), Tony Biggs (HAVOC), Paul Beckett (HAVOC), John Collyer (SOS), Jenny Collyer (SOS), Bruce Marshall (WAOC), Maria Marshall (WAOC), Robert Dove (SMOC), Leanne Bailey (NOR), Estella Ward (NOR), Graham Ward (NOR), Stephen Searle (NOR), John Ward (NOR), Pat Martin (NOR), Michael Chopping (NOR), Mike George (NOR)

Caroline Louth welcomed everyone to the meeting. She thanked NOR for hosting the meeting and staging an enjoyable event.

1. **Apologies for absence:** Received from Richard Barker, Graham Louth, Clive Coles, Tracy Apperley, Ursula Oxburgh, Colin West, Lyn West, Sally Ward, Pat Bedder, Paul Goldsworthy, Rob Frost, Alan Bedder.
2. **Minutes of previous meeting:** The minutes of 2008 AGM previously circulated were agreed.
3. **Matters arising:** There were none.
4. **Chairman's Report** Caroline opened her report by noting the sad loss of Dave Birkett during the year. She then reported on the major events hosted in the region including the 1st round of the Compass Sport Cup at Brandon and the Yvette Baker final at Sandringham. The region had held First Aid and Coaching courses. Caroline had tried to check regional successes at major events but had noted only Anna Falk (WAOC) as W35 champion at the BOC although she apologised for anybody she might have missed. Thomas Louth had won Bronze at the World Schools Championships in Madrid.

Caroline thanked the EA committee and also representatives on national committees for their work. In particular, Clive Coles had made a major contribution to the introduction of the new fixtures structure, a comment echoed from the floor by Pat Martin, Chairman of the National Fixtures Committee. She thanked Tony Biggs for his idea to produce and then design the 'East Anglian Champion Club' banner which was flying at the event, prior to being presented to its first winning club. She also thanked Keith Downing who was standing down as EAOA secretary.

5. **Treasurer's Report** John Ward started his report by confirming that the accounts for 2008 had been audited by Nancy Powell Davies who he thanked. The region had made a small surplus for the year which was in line with the target to generate funds for the eventual replacement of the SI kit. Income from capitation and event levy had increased due to higher participation. 2009 income would be lower than in 2008 because the region only staged the CSC event in alternate years. There had been income from the regional courses staged but there had also been expenditure.

The auditor had drawn attention to the value of Junior Squad clothing which had sold slowly. The full initial value of the clothing was shown in the accounts but it would be written down in future years incurring a loss unless sales were to increase.

John's projection for 2009 was that income would fall generating a lower surplus but that this would be as expected. As a result he did not propose any changes to fees for 2009.

The accounts were accepted unanimously by the meeting and Caroline thanked John for his hard work during the year.

6 Election of Officers Keith Downing had announced that he was standing down as secretary but John T Ward was happy to continue as Treasurer. The meeting agreed unanimously to confirm John as Treasurer. Caroline's position as Chairman continued for a three year period.

Barbara Fothergill was proposed as secretary by Caroline Louth, seconded by John Ward and unanimously agreed by the meeting.

There were no nominations for the position of vice chairman. The position remains vacant.

Other roles and members of committees and groups are by appointment. With the exception of Clive Coles, all holders agreed to continue in post.

Tony Biggs offered his services as Fixtures Secretary and was supported by all present.

The 2010 positions and holders are:

Position	Holder
Equipment Officer	Bruce Marshall
Junior Squad Coach	Richard Barker
Junior Squad Co-ordinator	Graham Louth
Webmaster	Helen Nisbet
Development committee	Caroline Louth
Coaching committee	Ursula Oxburgh
Rules Group	Andrew Cordle
Fixtures Group	Tony Biggs
Map Group	Robert Dove
Junior Competitions Group	Graham Louth
Senior Competitions Group	Ursula Oxburgh
Trail-O committee	Ann Braggins

- 7 **Bill Stevens Trophy:** This was presented to Keith Downing of SMOC. In making the award, Caroline thanked Keith for his service for 6 years as regional secretary along with all his other work in organising, planning and controlling events over the years. Keith expressed his surprise and pleasure in receiving the Award.
- 8 **East Anglian League:** Caroline presented mugs to the winners of each age group and then announced that the winning club was SUFFOC who would hold the 'Champion Club' banner for the following year.
- 9 **Any other business:** There was no other business and the meeting closed at 13.30