

East Anglian Orienteering Association (EAOA)



Minutes of the **Annual General Meeting** held on 9 July 2017
After the Suffoc event, Ipswich High School.

In attendance: Paul Beckett (Chairman), Barbara Beckett (Secretary), Andrew Elliott (Treasurer) and 16 EAOA members. (The Secretary holds the full list).

1. Apologies for absence were received from 5 members.
2. Minutes of the last AGM (3 July 2016) The Minutes were approved unanimously.
3. Matters arising, noted, with belated congratulations, that Suffoc won the 2015 EA Champion Club contest (and banner).
4. Chairman's Report. See written report. The Chairman thanked the Committee for its support. He also mentioned the thriving Junior Squad, with thanks to all those involved in its success. Paul asked all attendees to publicize in their Clubs the need to support the region in hosting the British Sprints Championships in September. This is a big and high profile commitment for the region and all members are urged to offer to help and to enlist family members as well. It is intended that all volunteers who wish to compete at the event will be able to do so. There are incentives for helpers such as free parking adjacent to the competition area and a food voucher.
5. Treasurer's Report.
Andrew reported that the accounts had been independently examined by Nancy Powell Davies and he and the Committee thanked her for doing this. Andrew noted that the Association is in a good financial position. Profit from JIRCs and BSOC has been used to fund the Junior Squad and to subsidize a Level 2 coaching course. Adoption of the accounts was proposed by Paul Lowe and seconded by Bruce Marshall and the accounts were approved unanimously. Andrew was thanked for his work as Treasurer.
6. Election of Officers
The Chairman had served 4 years, but as there had been no expressions of interest in taking on this role he agreed to serve for another year. Paul B: proposed by Peter Woods, seconded by Paul Lowe and re-elected by unanimous show of hands.
The Treasurer and Secretary indicated their willingness to stand again. There were no other nominations for these positions. There were no nominations for Vice Chairman.
Andrew E: Proposed by June Webb and seconded by Bruce Marshall.
Barbara B: Proposed by Sarah Mansel and seconded by Sue Woods.
Both were re-elected by unanimous show of hands.
7. Amendment to the EAOA Constitution. The proposed amendment had been posted on the EAOA website. The purpose of the amendment is to ensure that the EAOA Constitution indicates that EAOA follows British Orienteering guidelines on safeguarding and protection.
The British Orienteering website states: "By affiliating to British Orienteering members, clubs, associations and other groups agree to abide by the British Orienteering Safeguarding Policy & Procedures". The proposal was for a simple, small amendment to add the words "The Association shall be affiliated to British Orienteering" and to delete redundant and out of date wording.
The amendment was agreed by unanimous show of hands.
8. Bill Stevens Trophy
The Chairman presented the trophy to Andrew Elliott (Suffoc/EAOA Treasurer) in recognition of his work in the key role of EAOA Treasurer.
9. East Anglian League
The meeting noted that it continued to be successful and there had been 6 events in 2016 attracting over 300 individual competitors. The Treasurer undertook to collect the final Club capitation number and the 2016 winners of the EA Champion Club contest will be calculated and announced.

It was agreed that in future the Club participation figures will be posted at each event in order to stimulate increased interest in the competition by club members.

10. Any Other Business

June Webb thanked the Committee for its work on behalf of the Region.

Barbara Beckett
EAOA Secretary
11 July 2017