

Minutes of (online) EAOA committee meeting on 16 January 2026

Apologies for absence: Paul Beckett (Vice Chair/HAVOC), Barbara Beckett (Secretary/HAVOC), Colin West (SOS).

In attendance: Peter Woods (Acting Chair/WAOC), Bob Hill (Fixtures/WAOC), Clive Wilkinson (Junior Squad/Suffoc), Bruce Marshall (Equipment/WAOC). Helen Nisbet (Webmaster/SMOC), Michael Chopping (NOR), Rachel Thomas (SMOC), Caroline Louth (Coaching/WAOC).

- Minutes of previous meeting 14 November 2025– approved as a true record.
- Matters arising. WAOC and NOR now mention vulnerable adults in their event info. BO have a webinar on 29 January about safeguarding **Action - Clubs**

- Updates by Officers:

Acting Chairman – Peter

CSC Qualifier – Brandon 22 February 2026. Michael C is now the Organiser. He reports that that the arrangements are in a good state. Courses are finalised. The start time leader is Richard Powell (WAOC) More help required for registration **Action – Club Reps**

The JIRCS planner is now Paul Beckett

The Urban League and EA League medals are now being made (via Ben Bethell)

As the EA League for 2026 only has 5 events, the meeting agreed that we will allow 3/5 events to count.

The meeting agreed internal controllers for HAVOC events
25th January Langdon Hills – Graham Batty and 8th March Weald Park – Guy Lidbury

The Committee approved Colin Jackson's application for Grade 3 Controller.

Action Barbara to inform BO. **Helen** to add to the EAOA Controllers List
Action Club Reps to check the EAOA Controllers List is still correct.

Vice Chair – Paul B – nil

Secretary – Barbara B – nil

Treasurer – Andrew didn't manage to log into the OpenTalk meeting. He sent a report afterwards.

Fixtures – Bob H – see reports.

Bob reminds Clubs to ensure that postcodes are given for event registrations.

EA Schools Champs in September. It's possible that NOR could offer Blickling in September. **Action – NOR to confirm.**

The EAOA Champs are now confirmed for 1st November.

WAOC confirm that they will organise the YBT Qualifier on 13th March to support the double weekend of the Midland Champs.

FE would like a list of missing posts on the Brandon permanent course. Their ranger was unaware of its existence!

Trail O – David will support any club wanting to include Trail-O at their events.

Equipment – see report. CompassSport Cup will use SUFFOC controls.

Junior Squad – see report.

Coaching – Caroline is preparing a Level 2 course with SEOA. Most of the course is now online with one practical session. . **Action – Club Reps to find more participants.**

Website – Helen has kept the website up to date.

Club reps –

See reports – HAVOC, WAOC, NOR, SOS, SMOC.

AOB –

From Bob: WAOC were having problems with permission for Maulden. They successfully persuaded FE that the risk of anti-social behaviour could be addressed by rewriting the risk assessment.

Dates of next meetings.

Friday 13th March 2026 and Friday 15th May 2026.

Minutes taken by Bruce Marshall
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