

EAST ANGLIAN ORIENTEERING ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting, held on 9th June 2002 at Santon Downham, Thetford.

Present: Tim Eden (Chairman/NOR) Lyn West (Treasurer/SOS) Rachel Thomas (Secretary/SMOC) Kim Eden (NOR), John West (NOR), Mike Capper (WAOC), Maurice Capper (WAOC), Dick Towler (NOR), Andrew Cordle (SOS), Maria Marshall (WAOC), Bruce Marshall (WAOC), Colin West (SOS), Mark Collis (DRONGO/WAOC), Neil Humphries (WAOC), Roger Stenson (NOR) June Webb (SUFFOC), John Webb (SUFFOC), Hannah Gee, Clarissa Napier (NOR).

1. **Apologies for absence:** Heather Sears (Coaching/NOR), Pat & Alan Bedder (NOR), David Roach, Brian Daniel (HAVOC), Ursula Oxburgh (WAOC).
2. **Minutes of the last AGM (2001):** The minutes of the last AGM were accepted and signed.
3. **Matters arising from the minutes:**
 - a. The SI accounts were circulated
 - b. The committee debated the approach to depreciation and agreed to depreciate SI equipment by 25% per year.
 - c. Following debate, no further action was taken about National Trust fees. SUFFOC will continue to take the issue forward with Ickworth. It was suggested that as the NT Head Office has moved to Ickworth, orienteers may find all fees being equalised and raised.
4. **Chairman's report:** The Chairman gave his report illustrating that orienteering amongst East Anglians had been active since the end of last year's foot and mouth disease. He reflected on competitions at home and abroad, the expansion of Sport Ident electronic punching, the creation of the new Norfolk Orienteering club from NOR and WASH. The meeting was also reminded of the orienteering friends who had died during the year.

A significant part of his report focused on the successes of the junior squad and he took the opportunity to thank Colin West for his efforts as Squad Coordinator which had been fundamental to that success.

Tim reminded EAOA that this was his last report as Chairman, and was thanked by the meeting for his work over the past 4 years. (Full text attached to minutes).

5. **Treasurer's report:** The Treasurer informed the meeting that the Region remains in a sound financial position, achieving a surplus of £963 despite the disruption brought about by foot and mouth disease (FMD). Lyn sounded a note of caution that the marginal increase in net worth was due to the capital value of the SI equipment, and that, largely as a result of repaying in full all the loans made by clubs for the SI equipment, the cash reserves are £800 lower than at the end of 2000.

Other contributing factors to the current situation included reduced spending on the Junior Squad, due to lower activity because of FMD; reduced funding for the Start programme resulting in more requests for support from juniors. EAOA's policy of making grants of on-third the personal contribution when requests are made by individuals. A tour report is requested in return. It was noted that this policy applies to seniors and veterans as well as juniors.

A forecast had been prepared for 2002. Although cash reserves were perceived as currently unnecessarily high, income from other sources must be maintained and therefore Lyn proposed that event levies including the SI equipment hire charge remain at the current level, SI dibber hire should rise from 50 p to 75p in line with most other events. No change to capitation was proposed. The sum outcome of these proposals will be a small and planned reduction in the cash held by the region. (full report and accounts attached to these minutes). **Agreed: to accept proposals in full.**

6. Election of officers:

- a. **Chair:** Lyn West was proposed by Andrew Cordle and seconded by John Ward. **Agreed**
- b. **Vice chair:** no nominations received. Tim Eden pointed out the importance of this post, as demonstrated by the need to find a deputy when Tim had difficulty in attending meetings during the past year.
- c. **Secretary:** Rachel Thomas was proposed by Clarissa Napier and seconded by Mike Capper. **Agreed.**
- d. **Treasurer:** John Ward was proposed by Clarissa Napier and seconded by Lyn West. **Agreed.**
- e. Other positions are appointed to the committee:
 - i. Fixtures secretary: Roger Stenson agreed to continue
 - ii. Event standards committee: Andrew Cordle agreed to continue
 - iii. Coaching: Heather Sears agreed to continue as Junior Squad Coach, but finds the Coaching Committee difficult to attend. **Agreed: clubs to ask if there is anybody who will be EAOA's rep on the Coaching committee**
 - iv. Mapping representative: John Ward agreed to continue
 - v. Junior Squad Co-ordinator: Colin West had notified all clubs that due to work pressures he is unable to continue as squad co-ordinator. A volunteer had been found, however, he is unwell and therefore Colin will continue until the situation is clearer.

7. Any other business:

- a. **Thanks to Colin West:** A note was received from Ursula Oxburgh (WAOC) thanking Colin West (together with Eleanor and Lyn) for the transformation in the EA Junior Squad which has taken place while he has been co-ordinator. 'It has become a vibrant, friendly, very supportive squad with which he has achieved quite outstanding success. Juniors love the weekend away and all seem to have had a fantastic time at the British Champs – and came away with 4 trophies.'
- b. **Points East:** Ursula Oxburgh has volunteered to edit the electronic PE. This will be restructured and editions numbered. Deadlines will be implemented. There is a facility to produce a limited number of printed copies.
- c. **Tim Eden:** A vote of thanks was proposed to Tim Eden for his term of office as Chairman, and was supported by the meeting.

Meeting closed.