



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

2pm on Sunday 8th June 2014.

Ludlow Mascall Centre (Teme Room), Lower Galdeford, Ludlow, SY8 1RZ

MINUTES

PRESENT: Pete Ribbans (WOA Chair and Chair of SWOC), Dave Pal (WOA Fixtures Secretary, WOA/DEE), David May (WOA/SLOW), Amy Peltor (WOA Treasurer, BAOC), Bob Dredge (British Orienteering Director), Roger Stein (WOA Information Officer, SBOC), Robert Griffiths (WOA Mapping Officer, MWOC), Mark Saunders (WOA Development Officer, WOA/BOK), Alice Bedwell (WOA/BOK), Gabriella Walsh (WOA Junior Squad Manager and Chair of MWOC), Anne May (WOA Membership Secretary, WOA/SLOW)

1. APOLOGIES – Helena Burrows (WOA Coaching Officer, WOA/LOC), Bridget Stein (WOA Schools Liaison Officer, SBOC), Eunice Carter (WOA Junior Squad Manager, MWOC), David Doherty (SBOC)
2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING ON 16th June 2013 – accepted as an accurate representation of the meeting.

3. MATTERS ARISING

3(3) Schools map list – Bridget Stein now responsible and is maintaining the updated list.

4. REPORTS OF OFFICERS FOR 2013 (circulated before the meeting and all will be included in the final draft of the Annual Report for 2013)

- a. Chair's Report – no comments
- b. Treasurer's Report – very healthy accounts
- c. Membership Secretary's Report

The membership numbers for 2012 reflected a small decrease in membership of all open clubs due to the restructuring of BOF's membership (no more family membership, all family members have to be registered as individual seniors or juniors). However, it is very encouraging that the membership figures for 2013 are stable. It was sad to see that the very successful Croeso 2013 did not see WOA/club membership increasing overall. The number of non-renewals is quite a large proportion of the total membership but it is encouraging to see a goodly number of new members.

Comment on the report: Bob Dredge said it was encouraging that we did not lose many as a result of the restricting of BOF membership. However, the restructuring has brought up a question about helpers who are non-members who help at events: are they covered by BOF's insurance. Probably not. Being currently looked at by BOF. Renegotiation of insurance being discussed at BOF. Bob will keep us informed. ACTION 2014/1: BOB DREDGE

- d. Development Officer's Report - Report accepted, no discussion ensued.

- e. Fixtures Secretary's Report - David explained that the participation figures quoted in his report came from British Orienteering. Report accepted.
- f. Coaching Officer's Report - Report accepted, no discussion ensued.
- g. Mapping Officer's Report - Robert said that a 2nd mapping course was run with Rob Postlethwaite which was a practical course, included surveying. New mapping: not a lot new being done. Amendments to existing maps being done.
He commented that Community Chest grant – easy to get money for mapping from this source.
- h. Secretary's Report - none (no Sec at the moment)
- i. Information Officer's Report – core info added to website but site not fully updated. Roger would be very happy to hand it over to a.n. other. It was agreed that more information should be fed to Roger to put on the site.

Y Ddraig - an issue was produced by Anne May, Easter 2013.

- 5. ACCOUNTS 2013 –Accounts approved without further discussion. Amy was complimented on her clear accounts.

6. REPORTS OF ADVISORS

- a. Welsh League - David Seward did them in the past. David Pal: to avoid clashes, DP is identifying dates for the WL and the info is on the website now for 2015. Recommendation for clubs to provide a link directly to the WOA W L page where the data is up to date.

ACTION 2014/2: CLUB WEBMASTERS

- b. Squad managers: JUNIOR SQUAD: Mark. No comments from SENIOR or Veteran squad managers. PR did not have much time to chase these reports up, but he noted their performances in his Chairman's Report.

Mark commented that there is no feed from schools' orienteering through to the Junior Squad. In MWOC Gabriella is doing after-school orienteering sessions for primary schools in Aberystwyth and some progression through to the Juniors, with those whose parents are willing to help.

It would be good if squad managers could keep feeding information to the WOA webmaster on training dates, selections, results etc and for example send links via email to e.g. juniors' parents.

ACTION 2014/3: SQUAD MANAGERS

- c. Schools Liaison Officer's Report. Report accepted without further discussion.

7. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

- a. Chair: Pete Ribbans (prop AM, 2nd Roger Stein). Accepted, but PR gave notice that it will be his last year on the WOA committee.
 - b. Hon Secretary: nobody put themselves forward. PR to write an email and AM to send it to all current WOA members when meeting is over and AGM report is updated, commenting on new committee and lack of volunteers.
- ACTION 2014/4: PR/AM
- c. Treasurer - Amy Peltor happy to continue. All agreed.
 - d. Mapping Officer – Robert Griffiths happy to continue. All agreed.
 - e. Coaching Officer - helena. Continue – All agreed.
 - f. Technical Officer – Mark. Happy for another to take over as he will be i/c Croeso and is working hard with the Juniors. Probably next year will need to review his post. All agreed.

- g. Information Officer - Roger happy to continue for the present but may be away next year. GW will feed him info for the website.
- h. Fixtures Secretary – David Pal happy to continue in this role.
- i. Membership Secretary – Anne May happy to continue in this role.
- j. Development Officer – Mark happy to continue but warned he will be more involved with Croeso 2016 and with that and his commitment to the Junior squad, would not be able to continue as Development Officer next year.

Comment from Robert Griffiths on elected officers: should there be a limit on the period people can serve on the committee? Discussion followed. No decision made.

- 8. ELECTION OF AUDITOR – Amy to check with Nigel Ferrand that he will be happy to continue.
ACTION 2014/5: AP

9. NOTICE OF MOTIONS

AGM – draft amendments to Constitution agreed at AGM 2013 to be approved. Approved.

10. SUBSCRIPTIONS TO WOA 2015

Amy Peltor proposed:

- keep subs same as current. Agreed.
- keep WOA levy same as current. Agreed.

Roger asked what about affiliated clubs like SPLOT, TROT, referring to WOA Constitution para 4.2.

Amy confirmed that no clubs pay an affiliation fee to WOA. It was agreed that para 4.2 of constitution needs to be changed to reflect what is current practice, for a future meeting to consider.

ACTION 2014/6: PR in due course.

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS - none

- 12. DATE OF 2015 AGM – possibly at SINS 2015 or at the Welsh League event scheduled for April/May 2015.
ACTION 2014/7: PR in due course.