



Annual General Meeting
Minutes of meeting held 8 September 2020 via Zoom

Mike Bennett, Chairman of Hertfordshire Orienteering Club opened the meeting.
Sascha Noar, Club Secretary, was asked to take minutes of the meeting.

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Dave Tookey, Roger Moulding, David Hodson plus Viv Hodson.

2. Roll call for attendees (in no particular order)

A roll call was taken showing 28 attendees.

Mike Bennett	Sascha Noar	Mark Adams
Barry Breed	Jayne Breed	Hugh Wiltshire
Barbara Wiltshire	Ian Jones	Gary Flynn
Ben Bardsley	Penny Parkes	Kevin Parkes
David Dixon	Helen Errington	Peter Errington
Simon Errington	Hedley Calderbank	Eliza Hermann
Margaret Jones	Phil M'Caw	Emese Svab
Andrew Cummings	Alison Saunders	David Saunders
David Heale	Neil Gostick	Stu Levene
Maire Convery		

3. To approve the minutes of the previous AGM.

The minutes for the AGM held on 10 September 2019 were discussed.

Margaret Jones pointed out that the discussion by Simon Errington after the meeting was about RouteGadget, not SI as stated in the minutes.

→ With that one proviso, the Minutes for 2019 were approved.



4. To receive and consider the Secretary's report on the affairs of the Club for the previous year.

There were no comments about the Secretary's report.

→ The Secretary's report for 2019-2020 was approved.

5. To receive and consider the Treasurer's report and audited accounts.

Treasurer Hugh Wiltshire presented the report and clarified the financial year ends 31 May 2020. He explained the committee recommendation to reduce HH membership fees given there had been no formal events between March and September 2020.

On that last point, Maggie queried whether it was necessary to reduce HH fees, given members have been able to continue running with VOC, MapRun activity etc. She thought it unlikely anyone would see the reduction as a reason to join, so why do it?

A lively debate followed. Mike then called a vote on whether to reduce the HH membership fees by half. 20 people voted - 9 voting Yes; 6 voting No; 5 abstained.

→ The recommendation to halve HH fees was approved.

Hedley asked if costs for events planned in Welwyn Garden City had been netted off. Hugh confirmed they had with costs balanced by a matching amount received back.

→ Mike asked if the Treasurer's report was accepted as stated. There were no comments and the Treasurer's report was approved.

6. To elect Officers of the Club and Honorary Life Members.

Regarding Honorary Life Members, Mike stated that no-one had been nominated. Regarding Treasurer, Hugh has completed his three year term and will stand down. Ben Bardsley offered to stand as treasurer.

→ There were no other nominations and Ben was approved as Treasurer.

Chairman Mike Bennett, Secretary Sascha Noar, Club Captain Ian Jones and Events Co-ordinator Stu Levene all offered to stand again.

→ There were no other nominations. The attendees approved all four Officers to continue.

Sascha clarified that three of the Officers will complete their three year term at the end of the new period (mid 2021). Mike added that the Committee will look for replacements nearer the time in 2021.

Mike added that Training Officer Keith Marsden was standing down. Mike thanked him (in his absence) for his considerable services to HH and Orienteering generally. Mike said the position could be co-opted by the Committee and that discussions were ongoing to confirm a replacement.



7. To elect an Honorary Auditor.

Judy Walker had approved and signed off the accounts prepared by the Treasurer, acting as Examiner of the Accounts. Judy has offered to stand again. There were no other nominations.

→ Judy Walker was approved as Examiner of the Accounts.

8. To consider any resolutions, or amendments to the Constitution and to adopt the same if agreed.

Nothing had been submitted to the Secretary so there are no additional resolutions or recommended amendments for discussion.

9. To consider any other business relating to the well-being and/or development of the Club which may require the attention of the Committee in the coming year.

No other matters were raised.

→ With no other matters to cover, Mike closed the meeting.

The Zoom meeting ended. A number of people logged in again for a general discussion.

Further discussion post-AGM

Mike mentioned that Highfield had gone well as a test of new procedures. Kevin said he would finalise results on Wednesday 9 September.

Entries for Ellenbrook will be opened up by 12 Sept. Places for other local events seem to be quickly booked up (e.g. SLOW, TVOC Penn Wood, HAVOC etc.)– so first come, first served!

Emese asked how to easily find information about local events. Sascha agreed that now events were appearing again, a list can be included in future HH newsletters starting October. Various others mentioned looking at the links on the HH website about local contacts which list neighbouring clubs e.g. TVOC, DVOC, SLOW plus SMOC for Milton Keynes.

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