



Annual General Meeting - Minutes

Tuesday 14 September 2021. Virtual, via Zoom

The line opened at 19.55 and the meeting started at 20:05

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 Adam Leaf, Mark Adams, Barry & Jane Breed.

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

A roll call was taken showing 23 attendees.

Mike Bennett	Sascha Noar	Andrew Cummings
Keith Marsden	Susan Marsden	Hugh Wiltshire
David Dixon	Barbara Wiltshire	Penny Parkes
Helen Errington	Ben Bardsley	Tom Cochrane
Stu Levene	Hedley Calderbank	Rachel Sequeira
Neil Gostick	Emese Svab	Frances Goldingay
Simon Errington	David Hodson	Jenny Gostick
Emma Cochrane	Barbara Wiltshire	

3. To approve the minutes of the previous AGM.

These were approved with one correction: Point 7 should read Judy Walker (not Julie).

4. To receive the Secretary's report for the previous year.

This was delivered, including thanks for David Dixon's efforts during Lockdown with DIY-O and Street-O, plus the many volunteers that helped during events.

There was then a request from Frances to double check the details for YBT, which should be as stated on the website. There were no other comments.

The Report has been updated in light of the above and reissued with these minutes.



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

This gave a summary of transactions. Membership fees were halved in 2020-21. The committee recommends a return to normal levels by increasing the HH proportion of fees.

That means club fees for 2021-22 will be:

HH membership	10	5
SEOA fee	3	1
BOF fee	15	5
Total	£28	£11

→ The Treasurer's report and accounts, including new Club Fees, were approved.

There was a subsequent query about plans to use some of the £26k of reserves.

Ben clarified that HH will be subsidising training for members. The committee will take the query (using reserves) forward for more considered discussion.

Hedley commented that the reserves were circa £10k about 12 years ago, so has steadily increased each year.

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

Mike stated that no Honorary Life Members had been nominated.

Stu Levene as Events Organiser, and Ben Bardsley as Treasurer, both offered to stand again and complete their term.

→ With no other nominations, the attendees approved both Officers to continue.

The other three core Officers have completed their three year terms and step down. Three candidates have offered to stand and were seconded.

Chairman – David Dixon

Secretary – Adam Leaf

Club Captain – Tom Cochrane

→ There were no other nominations or volunteers wishing to stand. The attendees then approved all three Officers unanimously.



As a result of taking over as Chairman, David Dixon needs to step down from the Street-O coordinator position.

The role of Newsletter Editor is separate to Secretary. Sascha asked that someone take over as Newsletter Editor. He agreed to continue in the short term, but a replacement is sought.

As incoming Chairman, David thanked the three officers standing down for their various efforts over the last three years. He also asked for volunteers to approach a committee member at any time, to discuss the available roles.

Mike gave his heartfelt thanks to Keith Marsden (Training officer) and Frances Goldingay (Junior officer) for their long and distinguished service over many years, following confirmation they were stepping down.

Alex Soulsby (Training) and Jennie Soulsby (Juniors) have offered to replace them and were approved by the Committee before the AGM.

Mike thanked those who had served on the committee, especially those who were now standing down.

7. To elect an Honorary Auditor.

Judy Walker has offered to stand again and was approved as Honorary Auditor.

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.

The earlier query encouraging the positive use of the reserves is carried forward for the Committee to consider as part of ongoing matters.

10. Closing remarks

Mike then closed the formal meeting with a repeat of thanks for the volunteers. The official business was therefore completed and the official meeting closed.

[AGM ends]