



Hertfordshire Orienteering Club

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Annual General Meeting

Tuesday 9 September 2025, Virtual, via Teams, 20:00 Start

Minutes

1	Apologies: David Hodson, Viv Hodson, Nigel Quinton, Dave Tookey, Jane Breed
2	Roll call of attendees: Ben Bardsley (Chair), Hedley Calderbank, Hugh Wiltshire, Neil Gostick, Tom Cochrane, David Dixon, Elizabeth Disney, Barbara Wiltshire, Eliza Hermann, Kevin Parkes, Penny Parkes, Andrew Cummings, David Heale, Tim Bywater-Lees, Roger Moulding, Laura Parkes, David Saunders, Alison Saunders, Mark Adams, Emese Svab, Barry Breed, Adam Leaf, Mike Bennett, Jennie Soulsby, Alex Soulsby, Matthew Dixon, Daniel Hitch, Lucy Allard.
3	To approve the minutes of the previous AGM Accepted as a true and accurate record. Noted that an Honorary Auditor was not able to be appointed at the 2024 AGM and this was deferred for committee decision. Roger Moulding was subsequently appointed by the committee and he examined and signed the 2023-24 accounts.
4	To consider the Secretary's report on the affairs of the Club in the last year The Club Report for last year (sent to all club members on the Groups.io mailing list and published on the club website) was presented and noted. This included information on membership numbers, events organised by the club, achievements in team events, junior development and club training activities. At the meeting, contributors to the report highlighted the most important matters relating to their role. These contributors were: • Ben Bardsley • Hedley Calderbank • Neil Gostick • Tom Cochrane • Jennie Soulsby • Alex Soulsby



To receive and consider the Treasurer's items:

- **Report 2024-25**
- **Audited financial accounts 2024-25**
- **Proposal on membership fees 2026**

The Treasurer presented his report and financial accounts (sent to all club members on the Groups.io mailing list and published on the club website). He explained the items where there were significant differences from the previous year.

Overall, the Club delivered a substantial surplus, mostly due to the Ace of Herts, Jack of Herts and Yvette Baker Trophy events. The Saturday Series events and Street-O continued to operate close to overall break-even (though with significant variation between individual events).

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The accounts have been independently examined, by the Honorary Auditor/Examiner, Roger Moulding who believes that they give a true and fair view of the club's financial affairs.

The 2024-25 accounts were proposed to be accepted. This was carried without dissent.

In view of the surplus and the healthy bank balances, the Treasurer proposed to keep the Club membership fees the same for next year as they were this year. This was accepted by the AGM. These Club membership fees are:

	Senior	Young Adult	Junior	Family
Full year	£10	£7	£5	£30
After 1 May	£7	£5	£3	£20
After 1 Sept.	£3	£2-50	£2	£10

For the same reason, the Treasurer recommended that there was no reason to increase the entry fees for Saturday series events in 2025-26.

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

None submitted.

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To elect Officers of the Club and Honorary Life Members

The following nominations had been received, in writing, to the Secretary prior to the meeting. The Chair confirmed that none of those nominated would exceed the maximum period of tenure laid down in the constitution (3 years - Chair; 6 years - others).

- Chair – Ben Bardsley, nominated by Hedley Calderbank, seconded by Mike Bennett.
- Secretary – Hedley Calderbank, nominated by Ben Bardsley, seconded by Mike Bennett.



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- Treasurer – Hugh Wiltshire, nominated by Ben Bardsley, seconded by Hedley Calderbank
- Captain – Tom Cochrane, nominated by Ben Bardsley, seconded by Hedley Calderbank
- Events Coordinator – Neil Gostick, nominated by Ben Bardsley, seconded by Hedley Calderbank

The above five individuals were elected unopposed into the above roles.

Therefore, the authorised signatories for the current account are unchanged, being: Ben Bardsley, Tom Cochrane, Hugh Wiltshire.

Authorised signatories for the savings account are also unchanged, being: Ben Bardsley, Hugh Wiltshire.

All other Committee roles were discussed with current individuals in place, and all individuals agreed to continue in their roles. This was supported by the AGM.

The Chair thanked all members of the Committee for their contributions.

8	To elect an Honorary Auditor Roger Moulding was re-elected as Honorary Auditor/Examiner of the accounts for the forthcoming year.
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 Chair invited all members to put forward issues for the committee to consider, but nothing was raised.
10	Closing remarks The Chair thanked members for their attendance and closed the meeting at 20:48.

Signed:

Ben Bardsley (Chair)

Hedley Calderbank (Secretary)