

Minutes of Thames Valley Orienteering Club Annual General Meeting

Brill Village Hall, 17 November 2007

Apologies

Apologies had been received from Steve Stone, John and Lois Farren.

Minutes of the 2006 AGM

Approved with no amendments or objections.

Chairman's Report

Colin Duckworth reported a successful year. The club had staged one regional, one score and four district events, another good Summer Series, and the first Saturday Series, aimed at widening participation. The club boasted **five** British Champions. We had attended the Oxfordshire Youth Games at Radley College had given many people a taste of orienteering. Burford School had yet again won the junior schools class at the British Schools Championships. We were working towards ClubMark and continued to supply officials to events all round the country. Colin concluded by saying that the success of the club was built on the efforts of everybody who helped, and thanked the members for continuing to do so.

Treasurer's Report

In John Farren's absence, Lyn Blackie presented the accounts and his report. The club's finances continued to be buoyant. In the past three years we had recorded a consistent operating surplus (before purchase of Emit kit) of £1500–£1900; this year's figure was £1922. The Summer Series had made a profit; the Saturday Series had made a loss, but smaller than anticipated. Five of the six 'main' events had produced profits. However, there was an ominous sign: in the last three years, our income from events had reduced from £14,000 to £10,700 to £7,600. John predicted that this year our operating surplus would be less than £1000. At the year-end the club's balance stood at £12,200, very close to the record figure recorded in 2003 before we invested in Emit kit.

John Worth proposed that the accounts be accepted, Geoff Geere seconded and nobody dissented.

Membership Secretary's Report

Yvonne Hodson distributed a chart showing the distribution of membership against age. She was pleased to report a small rise in membership this year. She praised the initiatives of the Saturday Series and attendance at the Oxfordshire Youth Games, and was keen for them to continue. She noted our commitment to obtain the Sport England ClubMark.

Club Captain's Report

Neville Baker reported on the year's team competitions. In our CompassSport Cup heat at Harewood Forest we had been involved in a very close three-way battle, with just 67 points (in roughly 2300) covering the first three teams. Southdowns went through to the final, with TVOC second and Southampton third. Anne Edwards, Inara Gipsle, Jim Prowting, Roger Baker and Neville Baker had won their courses. The JK relays at Caerwent proved complicated when we were drafted in to help. The M165+ team of Roger Baker, Mikhail Gryaznevich and Roger Thetford won; the Men's Short team finished 2½ minutes down, but had lost more than that because the last-leg runner was still helping at the finish when his incoming runner arrived. In the British Relays at Pwll Du the M40 team of Nigel Bunn, Steve Long and Roger Thetford took second place in a sprint finish.

Election of Officers

Chairman: although Colin Duckworth had served for four years and was ready (again!) to step down, nobody volunteered to replace him. He was proposed by John Spence, seconded by Yvonne Hodson, agreed to carry on for 'one more year' and was elected *nem con*.

Vice Chairman: Neville Baker was proposed by Colin Duckworth, seconded by John Thompson and was elected *nem con*.

Secretary: Steve Stone was proposed by Colin Duckworth, seconded by John Thompson and was elected *nem con*.

Treasurer: John Farren was proposed by Roger Baker, seconded by Colin Duckworth and was elected *nem con*.

Captain: Neville Baker stood down because he is taking over from Paul Greenough as Fixture Secretary. John Worth was proposed by Colin Duckworth, seconded by John Thompson and was elected *nem con*.

Any Other Business

In accordance with the goals for ClubMark, Colin Duckworth proposed that the club should adopt the British Orienteering policy on Protecting Young and Vulnerable People:

The Thames Valley Orienteering Club is intent that children and vulnerable adults will find orienteering a safe environment in which to have fun, learn and develop. The club will do this by adopting and promoting the British Orienteering Policy on Protecting Young and Vulnerable People.

This was passed *nem con*.

Colin Duckworth proposed the following TVOC Equity policy:

TVOC is committed to ensuring that equity is incorporated across all aspects of its development.

The club respects the rights, dignity and worth of every person and will treat everyone equally within the context of their sport, regardless of age, ability, gender, race, ethnicity, religious belief, sexuality or social/economic status.

The club is committed to everyone having the right to enjoy their sport in an environment free from threat of intimidation, harassment and abuse.

All club members have a responsibility to oppose discriminatory behaviour and promote equality of opportunity.

The club will deal with any incidence of discriminatory behaviour seriously, according to club disciplinary procedures.

This was passed *nem con*.

The meeting closed and was followed by the Annual Dinner and Prizegiving.