

Minutes of Thames Valley Orienteering Club Annual General Meeting

Merry Bells Wheatley, 29th November 2008

Apologies

Apologies had been received from Andrew & Liz Chalmers, Neville Baker, Roger & Ruth Baker, John Worth, Martin Ricketts.

Minutes of the 2007 AGM

Approved with no amendments or objections.

Chairman's Report

Colin Duckworth gave the following report.

“Let me start by welcoming Anthony Roberts and the OUOC President and Secretary, Ali Crocker and Chris Embrey. Anthony is the Countryside Officer for Oxford City Council and a key contact for the club, particularly for our use of Shotover.

We have had some success as a club in competition and you can see some of the spoils behind me. The Club captain will detail our success in his report shortly. We now have a new club strip, after much discussion.

In the past year the club has put on a remarkable 32 events, ranging from the Harvester Relays, the Chiltern Challenge regional event, 4 district events, 15 Saturday series and 11 Summer series events. As a club we should be extremely grateful to the organisers, planners, controllers, mappers and helpers who have made this possible. They tend to be the same people, regularly supporting the club, including most, if not all, of the people here tonight.

For a second year we demonstrated orienteering at the Oxfordshire Youth Games at Radley College in July, a particularly wet day, as I recall. Burford School, once again, has won the primary school section of the British Schools Championship.

Our newsletter, edited by John Last for many years, won an award from Compass Sport as one of the best in the country. John has now decided to stand down and Ian Buxton has volunteered to take over the role from now on. Many thanks to John for his efforts over the years.

Also supporting the club have been the club officials and those who turn up to the club meetings every second month.

It is now time for many of these officials to pass on the task to a new group. For all those who have contributed for many years, thank you.”

Treasurer's Report

John Farren gave the following report.

“The most noticeable feature of the accounts for this year is that there was a deficit of £757. This follows 4 years of surplus. The deficit is the result of three unusual expenditures and losses during the year which are unlikely to be repeated. Namely, a fairly large purchase of Emit equipment (£1800), the professional mapping of the new Nettlebed area (£900) and the loss on the organisation of the BOF Harvester Relays (£265). While we expect to purchase some Emit equipment in the coming year, it will most likely be less than £1000 and the unallocated mapping costs will be small.

All other income and expenditure figures were normal with only slight increases in expenditure for the Newsletter and trophies. Income from membership fees, and from our traditional events were, slightly down. The prospect for the coming year is that we will return to making a small but comfortable surplus.”

The accounts have been reviewed and signed off.

Accounts accepted – Proposed by Colin Duckworth, seconded by Geoff Geere

Membership Secretary’s Report

Yvonne Hodson gave the following report.

“This year, we were unable to maintain the slight increase in membership during 2007 and numbers have fallen back into the previous gradual decline. The main reduction this year is in seniors. It's possible that the changes in the BOF membership structure may have been a contributory factor. The spreadsheet display for age groups for men shows a distinctive movement of numbers into the higher age groups. This follows the trend reported on in Newsletter items in the past.

Ideas for increasing membership are always welcome but need support too!”

The spreadsheet mentioned above was distributed at the meeting. Electronic copies are available from Yvonne.

Club Captain’s Report

John Worth was not at the AGM so Colin Duckworth read Johns’ prepared report.

“At the Compass Sport Cup qualifying round at Yately & Minley in January we came 2nd behind SLOW.

At the JK Relays we came 3rd in the M120 class (Nigel Bunn, Steve Long, Roger Thetford).

At the British Relays we came 1st in the M50 class (Dave Kingham, Mikhail, Jim Prowting). In the Mixed Ad Hoc, Danial Fopma was in the winning team.

At the Harvester Relays we came 2nd in the A class (Anti Salmi, Mikhail, Mikko Heinonen, Tuomas Tula, Steve Long, Roger Thetford, Nigle Bunn).

Individual successes came in the Southern Nights with Toumas (M21) and Jim Prowting (M60) both winning. Neville Baker (M55), Roger Thetford (M45), and Nigel Bunn (M40) all came 2nd.”

Election of Officers

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

Vice Chairman: Neville Baker was willing to continue and was proposed by Colin Duckworth, seconded by Roger Thetford and was elected *nem con*.

Secretary: John Last was proposed by Colin Duckworth, seconded by Lyn Blackie and was elected *nem con*.

Treasurer: Martin Ricketts was proposed by Roger Baker, seconded by Lois Farren and was elected *nem con*.

Captain: John Worth was willing to continue and was proposed by Colin Duckworth, seconded by Margaret Thompson and was elected *nem con*.

Any Other Business

None

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

Special mention should be made of those juniors who supported the club in both the Compass Sport Cup and Yvette Baker Trophy.

Fiona and David Bunn, Chloe and Louise Jubainville, and James, Charlie and Sam Oakley.