

GMOA AGM 6 May 2021

Present

Sue Birkinshaw, Marie Roberts, Peter Brooke, Grahame Crawshaw, Pete Lomas, Rae Lomas, Janette Proud, Lee Ward, David McCann, John Britton, Caroline Barcham, John McIntosh, Ian Gilliver, Paul Turner, Peter Ross

Apologies

Andrew and Margaret Gregory

Minutes of previous AGM

Previously circulated and approved unanimously as a true and accurate record.

Chair's Report

Previously circulated and gratefully accepted with two minor alterations. The reference to the video project should include Bramhall (as well as Queens Park Bolton and Woodbank Park), and the paragraph about Trail-Os and the Green and Blue courses at Clowbridge should be less ambiguous.

Treasurer's Report

The Statement of Accounts was presented by David McCann. Income was very nearly double the previous year at £3,926. The GMOA made a surplus over the year and now have a healthy reserve in the bank. This is money which may be used in the future, if necessary, to pay for the work which cannot be covered by volunteers.

The Accounts were accepted: proposed by Sue and seconded by Caroline.

Appointment of Auditor

Andrew Addis will audit the accounts on a bi-annual basis meaning that these accounts will be audited next year.

Map sales & payment

Map sales peaked three times during the year coinciding with the three periods of lockdown. Cumulative sales were double the previous year. All the paper maps were printed individually and folded into envelopes which were then addressed by hand, stamped and posted. (A tremendous effort that lasted pretty much day by day over the whole year).

PayPal is now the popular method of payment possibly because it is most convenient for smartphones users in contrast to its cumbersome behind-the-scenes administration.

Postwatchers Report

Excellent news. All the Parks are up-to-date and the GMOA are not in breach of their maintenance contract with the local Authorities. Well done the postwatchers!

(Well done Sue who visited 40 sites and updated the website with a myriad of details including post codes, telephone numbers and contacts)

Course Maintenance Report

Report previously circulated by John Britton. No fewer than 119 Park visits were made over the year and in addition to the regular maintenance every post plaque now sports a QR code. (An extraordinary feat of commitment and perseverance).

The maps have been maintained too. On average three updates per week.

Some maintenance work on the website was carried out by (the knowledgeable) Ian Watson.

The MOBO QR codes are fast becoming unusable and their usage is low. Maybe time to abandon them. Decision to be made at Committee.

Some parks have a unique style of posts which makes it difficult to maintain them to the GMOA standard. Discussion to continue at Committee.

The GMOA Facebook page is updated periodically but there is no Twitter account. Discussion to continue at Committee.

Election of Officers:

The following were proposed by Paul Turner and seconded by Grahame Crawshaw.

Chair: Sue Birkinshaw

Vice-Chair: John Britton

Treasurer: David McCann

Secretary: Peter Ross

MDOC and SELOC Chairs: Marie Roberts and Peter Brooke (Paul Turner as deputy)

Committee Members: Caroline Barcham and John McIntosh

A.O.B.

BOF/POC website

The new BOF/POC website has been designed to accept payment for POC maps. Should the GMOA sell its maps this way. Decision to be made at Committee.

Big Bold Poster

A big bold poster is required for the Parks with sign boards.

David McCann to supply some art work.

Vote of thanks

A vote of thanks for the superlative efforts made over the previous year by John, David and Sue was made and passed unanimously.