

MANCHESTER & DISTRICT ORIENTEERING CLUB

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Thursday 20th October 2022 - The Griffin, Heald Green SK8 3BE

Present: Sue Birkinshaw, John Britton, Jennifer Britton, Julie Brook, Peter Cull (Treasurer), Ian Gilliver, Peter Hayes, Hazel Hindle, Trevor Hindle, Rae Lomas, Pete Lomas, Dave Mawdsley, Steve Nicholls, Marie Roberts, Trevor Roberts, Chris Rostron, Eddie Speak (Chair), Kath Speak, Andy Thornton, Paul Turnock, Paul Watson. Minutes were taken by Marie Roberts.

1. Apologies: Graham Heap, Dave McCann, Jane McCann, Tony Wagg (Secretary), Grahame Crawshaw, Irene Crawshaw, Margaret Gregory, Andrew Gregory, Hanno Rostron.

2. Minutes of 2021 AGM: Accepted.

3. Matters arising: 6. #2 Relay Fees: In practice, relay entries were not charged to participating members this year due to a failure in communication with the incoming club captain regarding the club's relay subscription scheme so the club covered these costs rather than presenting members with a retrospective bill. The request for a relay participation report has been carried over to 2022-23 to inform discussion of future relay charges.

4. Financial Report 2021-2022: Audited accounts were circulated. Key points were:

(a) The club made a net profit of £1,811 and with over £40,000 in the bank, is in a strong position to invest in any projects for the benefit of its members.

(b) There was considerable outlay on consumables (£3100) as well as software licence renewals but the club also made a substantial sum from map printing (£1700) and equipment rental to other clubs.

(c) The club also paid £1423 in training costs for three new club coaches and £400 in grants to juniors and elite competitors travelling abroad.

(d) The Treasurer pointed out that there is no representation in the accounts of the club's fixed assets in its stores and paper stocks, nor of the value of all the unpaid work put in by all its volunteers.

The Treasurer thanked the committee for their support in his first full (non-Covid) year in office and acknowledged the work of the club's long-standing auditor in approving the accounts.

The report was accepted.

CASC: The club has been registered as a Community Amateur Sports Club (CASC) since 2004. This means it is excluded from corporation tax and is therefore subject to periodic scrutiny by HMRC. The Treasurer reported that he is currently completing such a review and the club may have to be registered as a Trust and appoint trustees.

Lakes 5-Day 2022: The Club is due to receive a share of the profits from NWOA.

5. Financial plan for 2021-2022:

The club has more money than necessary for its immediate needs. This strong balance could be used to support projects for the benefit of the club. Such projects need the input of an enthusiastic individual. Local event fees should remain the same.

6. Membership Fees: These remain unchanged at £10 for seniors but free membership remains for all juniors, and for seniors during their first year (accepted unanimously).

7. Chairman's Report:

(a) Notable achievements: John Britton (M70) is the club's highest ranking member in the UK (33rd). Chris Rostron (M75) and John Britton were 3rd in their respective classes in both the British Night Championships and the British Middle Distance Championships.

In the JK in South Wales, Peter Taylor-Bray (M21E) was 3rd in the Long race and 3rd overall. Liam Corner (M50) achieved 2nd place in the Sprints and Jillyan Dobby was third in W70. Sue Birkinshaw (W85) took 3rd place in both the Sprints and the Long race. There was also success at the JK Trail O for Ben Kyd (M20), River Edis-Smith (M21), John Kewley (M55) and Dominic Wathey (M18).

The club has built significant depth of expertise in the Trail O disciplines of Pre-O and Temp-O with successes from Ben Kyd, River Edis-Smith, Dominic Wathey and Sam Drinkwater and others, coached by John Kewley. John own successes include a 3rd position overall in the Falco Cup. He also joined Ben Kyd and Dominic Wathey to represent the UK at the 2022 World Trail-O Championships in Poland. An IOF advisor for Trail-O, John is co-ordinating the Trail-O element of JK23 in Lancashire and the Lakes.

At the British Sprints in Leeds, Mark Burley was M35 British Champion.

Fallibroome and Cheadle Hulme Schools took home medals from the British Schools Championships.

At the recent NW Sprint Champs, Anna Drinkwater (nee MacKenzie) won the Women's Open class and Liam Corner was NW Champion in the Men's Veteran class.

The club's CompassSport Cup heat hosted by WCOC at Hawse End was a long drive away and with heavy rain on the day, there was not only a very low entry from club members but several no-shows, so it was not a surprise that we were the lowest scoring club.

(b) The Night Street League returned for a full season post-Covid with some new features including online pre-entry.

(c) Lakes 5-Day. MDOC provided central services in some very hot weather. The club will receive a donation for this work and the committee will determine how this is to be used and distributed to helpers.

(d) Development. Pete Hayes is now qualified as a Level 2 Coach and can commence his schools development work again. Hopefully the remaining two trainees, Cecilia Fenerty and David Wathey, will be able to complete the final part of their training by December. The club also has six new qualified first aiders and it is hoped that more will be able to attend a training session held by DEE in the new year.

(e) Membership numbers are down by 19, but this is largely down to Fallibroome pupils moving on and new pupils not having joined as yet.

(f) Events. The club held two major weekends of urban orienteering:

i) Tytherington and Manchester East (UKUL), with highly enjoyable courses planned by Jillyan Dobby and Trevor Hindle.

ii) Macclesfield East (NW Sprint Champs) and Knutsford, expertly planned by Paul Watson and Trevor Hindle respectively.

The club's programme of Saturday morning, Summer Evening and Night Street League returned post-Covid for a full season.

(g) Mapping. The largest mapping project of the year was the extension to the Manchester City map. This is to be further extended for 2024. A contract is out to map the final section of Birchwood. Urban

mapping and events are being driven by Trevor Hindle. Eddie Speak also mapped the complex estates of NW Macclesfield for the 2021 NW Sprint Champs.

(h) Volunteers. The club is finding it increasingly difficult to find volunteer planners and organisers.

8. Election of Officers and Committee

The following were elected:

Position	Name	Proposer	Seconder
President	Frank Rose	S. Birkinshaw	E. Speak
Chairman	-- (*)	--	--
Vice-Chairman	--	--	--
Hon Secretary	Tony Wagg	M. Roberts	K. Speak
Hon Treasurer	Peter Cull	J. Brook	E. Speak
Fixtures Secretary	Sue Birkinshaw	J. Brook	T. Hindle
Junior Representative	Catriona Beynon	D. Mawdsley	P. Hayes
Junior Representative	Dominic Wathey	D. Mawdsley	P. Hayes
Club Captain	Liz Hamer-Davies	I.Gilliver	E. Speak
Committee (7 elected members)	Julie Brook	E. Speak	S. Nicholls
	Simon Freytag	J. Brook	K. Speak
	Alison Fryer	E. Speak	J. Brook
	Pete Hayes	A.Thornton	T. Hindle
	Graham Heap	I.Gilliver	T. Hindle
	Trevor Hindle	J. Brook	S. Nicholls
	Paul Watson	S. Birkinshaw	H. Hindle
Auditor	Andrew Addis	D. Mawdsley	E. Speak

*On the advice of BOF, email correspondence will continue to be directed to the past chair and redirected as appropriate.

Sam Drinkwater is stepping down as newsletter editor.

Sue Birkinshaw and Trevor Roberts both thanked Eddie for holding the fort as chair.

9. AOB:

(a) Club archives. The club's paper archive is kept by Sue Birkinshaw, but records are increasingly digital. It was asked if we should have a digital archivist and whether storage on a cloud server was suitable. Microfilm has a longer shelf life.

(b) Technological accessibility. Sue B. asked whether not having a suitable mobile phone made MapRun events non-inclusive. Accessibility is a CASC requirement. A short discussion ensued of the merits of printing paper sheets for those without the technology or the club buying a few cheap mobile phones.

(c) Club Socials. Rae Lomas asked if those present felt the time was right for these to be resurrected and the meeting agreed to a New Year Social, subject to a venue being found at short notice.

(e) Fixtures Group. It was suggested that the club change its constitution to replace the role of Fixtures Secretary with a Fixtures Group.