



East Anglian Orienteering Association

Minutes of the **Annual General Meeting** held on 22 May 2011
At the SOS event at Highwoods, Colchester

In attendance: Caroline Louth (WAOC, Chairman), Barbara Fothergill (Secretary/HAVOC), John T Ward (Treasurer/NOR), Bruce Marshall (WAOC), Maria Marshall (WAOC), Paul Beckett (HAVOC); Paul Lowe (Suffoc), Tony Biggs (HAVOC), Mike Chopping (NOR), Andrew Cordle (SOS), John Williams (SOS), Richard Barker (SOS), John Collyer, Jenny Collyer (SOS), Leanne Bailey (NOR), Nancy Powell Davies (SOS), Dave Skinner (SOS), Colin West (SOS), Eddie Banks (SOS), Stephanie Ware (SOS), Rod Mansel, Sarah Mansel (Suffoc), Clive Wilkinson, Sally Wilkinson (Suffoc), Alan Bedder (NOR)

1. Apologies for absence

Keith Downing (SMOC); Lyn West (SOS); Ursula Oxburgh (WAOC); John J Ward (NOR); Brian and Jane Daniel (HAVOC); Keith and Mary Ryder (HAVOC); Chris Shaw (HAVOC); John and June Webb (Suffoc).

2. Minutes of the last meeting (11 July 2010)

The Minutes were approved unanimously

3. Matters arising

None

(Secretary's note – please note that the order of the Agenda was altered slightly)

4 Chairman's Report

Caroline thanked SOS for providing the venue and also for putting on the event. She thanked NOR for their hard work in putting on the Midlands Champs. She said that there were some Regional successes in the Short courses at the British Champs ie Pat Martin M65, Alex Birkett M12 and Rosie Shaw W60. Caroline said that the new Event Safety Workshops for Organisers have been rolled out in the Region. She had thanked the outgoing RDOs (Mike Chopping and Helen Errington) for their work in the Region. The new role of BOF Participation Manager (Eastern) has been filled by Natalie Shaw who had attended the EAOA Committee meeting on the previous Friday. Caroline thanked Lyn West who has been the EA Region BOF Liaison Director and is now moving on to liaise with a different region. Caroline said that Judith Holt will be taking over and will attend some EAOA Committees. Caroline also thanked the EAOA Committee for supporting her during her time as Chairman.

5. Treasurer's Report (Secretary's note – this report will be posted on the Website).

John reported that the accounts have been independently examined by Nancy Powell Davies and he thanked her for doing this. The Region has the biggest surplus for some time due to hosting the CompassSport Cup. Sales of junior squad clothing have increased slightly. The Region is in a sound financial position. John mentioned that the surplus will be lower this year as WAOC have purchased their own SI kit so the hire fees will decrease. John proposed a change to the capitation fee so that a family will be counted as 2 adults instead of as a single unit. He proposed that the new Treasurer would calculate the figures (it will be slightly cheaper per senior and slightly more per family) and put the proposal to the 2012 AGM. It was put to the vote and agreed.

Approval of accounts - Caroline Louth proposed, John Collyer seconded – Approved

6. Bill Stevens Trophy

Caroline awarded this to Paul Lowe in recognition of his 3 years as EAOA Chairman and his contribution to orienteering in his Club and in the EA Region.

7. East Anglian League

It was noted that numbers of participants are rising. Tony Biggs said he would try to encourage Clubs to spread the events out more next year. The Club winner for 2011 is Suffoc and Caroline presented the Banner (HAVOC was 2nd).

8. Amendments to the Constitution

The proposed amendments to the Constitution had been posted on the EAOA website as notification to the members in accordance with the Constitution.

Caroline explained that this had begun as an exercise to update a few items to both bring the Constitution up-to-date and to help the region to manage its business more easily. However, a closer reading of the Constitution had revealed some inconsistencies and errors and the intention was to correct those errors.

Proposals 1, 2 and 3 were each put to a vote and agreed unanimously.

A further proposal (No 4) was put to the meeting. This was to change the word "audit" or "auditor" throughout to read "examine" or "independent examiner". This amendment was sought by Nancy, who explained that although

she is a qualified management accountant she is not qualified to audit the accounts of companies or large charities. This was put to a vote and agreed unanimously.

The Secretary will make the amendments and arrange for the revised Constitution to be posted on the EAOA website.

9. Election of Officers

The Chairman and Treasurer had served 3 years and were required to stand down. John Ward had indicated his willingness to stand as Chairman and Andrew Elliott (Suffoc) had indicated his willingness to be Treasurer. There were no other offers to stand as Chairman or Treasurer. There is no Vice Chairman and there were no offers to stand.

Caroline proposed John Ward and Bruce Marshal Seconded – John Ward was elected

Clive Wilkinson proposed Andrew Elliott and Tony Biggs Seconded – Andrew Elliott was elected.

Other roles and members of groups and Committees are by appointment; Richard Barker stood down as Junior Squad Coach and has been replaced by Clive Wilkinson

10. Any Other Business

John Ward thanked Caroline for serving as Chairman over the last 3 years.

Barbara Fothergill
EAOA Secretary