

EAST ANGLIAN ORIENTEERING ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE AGM HELD ON 23RD JUNE 2018 AFTER THE WAOC EVENT AT HINCHINGBROOKE COUNTRY PARK

In attendance: Paul Beckett (Chair), Barbara Beckett (Secretary), Andrew Elliott (Treasurer) and 13 EAOA members (The Secretary holds the list).

1. Apologies for absence were received from 7 members.
2. Minutes of the last AGM (9 July 2017) were approved unanimously.
3. Matters arising. Nil
4. Chairman's report. See written report (copied in below). Paul emphasized that the British Sprints in September 2017 had been a successful event for the Region and he wished to thank all of the hardworking officials and volunteers. He said that he was standing down as Chair. Attendees thanked Paul for his work as Chairman.
5. Treasurer's report. Andrew circulated the Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31 December 2017. The net surplus was £2027, which was a bigger surplus than expected and due to the British Sprints. He noted that there is now more income from levies than from equipment hire. The Association also spent more on the Junior Squad. He thanked Nancy P-D for inspecting the accounts.

Attendees gave a vote of thanks to Andrew and to Nancy.

6. As noted above, Paul was standing down. He said that Peter Woods (WAOC) was unable to attend the AGM but had agreed to stand as Chairman. Paul B proposed and Paul Lowe seconded Peter as Chairman. Approved by unanimous show of hands.

Andrew and Barbara had agreed to continue as Treasurer and Secretary respectively.

Andrew – proposed by Ros James and Seconded by Bruce Marshall. Approved.

Barbara – proposed by Helen Bickle and seconded by Maria Marshall. Approved.

7. Bill Stevens trophy. Paul awarded this trophy to Peter Woods in recognition of the tremendous amount of work he put in as Organiser of the British Sprints.
8. EA League Champion Club – awaiting report.
9. AOB. Nil. AGM closed at 2pm.

Barbara Beckett, EAOA Secretary, 3 July 2018

Chairman's Report by Paul Beckett

While chairing the meetings of the East Anglian Committee I have become aware of the wide range of East Anglian orienteers contributing to the sport in different ways. Volunteering is essential to our sport and needs to be enjoyable and appreciated for it to be sustainable. We try to do that in East Anglia and to strike the right balance between contributing to the wider sport and operating within our volunteer resources and the limitations of our terrain. We also combine as a region to stage training sessions for orienteering volunteers to update their skills for coaching, planning and controlling.

A key volunteering opportunity in the past year was Saturday 30th September 2017 when the East Anglian region came together to stage the British Sprint Championships at Campbell Park, Milton Keynes. This complex and high-profile event was a major undertaking for a

relatively small region and we needed over 100 volunteers from all clubs in the region. The event was a great success due to the hard work of many volunteers with special mentions to Peter Woods, Graham Louth, Dorian James and Robert Dove for key contributions as lead organisers, planners and mappers. The event made a modest financial surplus which will be re-invested in East Anglian orienteering.

Our juniors have been doing well under the coaching guidance of Clive Wilkinson. 17 juniors attended the JIRCs in Surrey in Sept 2016 and the East Anglia squad finished a creditable 6th overall out of 12 regions. Alex Wetherill was selected to attend a training camp at Lagganlia in summer 2017 and Barney Steventon-Barnes has been selected for Lagganlia in summer 2018. We continue to use EAOA funds to support our juniors at camps, training, inter-regional events and when selected for international contests.

Orienteering competitions across the region have continued to be popular during 2017/18 with good attendances at the East Anglian League events (7 events in 2017 attracting 291 different entrants and 6 events scheduled for 2018) and at the East Anglian Championships at Writtle Forest in March 2018 (223 entrants). Traditional forest orienteering events remain popular but Clubs have also offered a range of sprint, urban and relay formats that make good use of East Anglia's limited terrain, e.g. recent urban events at Norwich and St. Neots. The low-key summer events I have attended this year have also reminded me that with ingenuity we can set interesting orienteering challenges in our East Anglian terrain.

This is my last Chairman's report as I am standing down at this AGM after five years in the role. I would like to thank all the East Anglian committee members for their work and support during this period, particularly my wife Barbara who has provided excellent support as EAOA secretary. I will continue to support EAOA in the future and look forward to further enjoyable orienteering in our East Anglian region during 2018-19.