

Minutes of the EAOA AGM held online on 21 June 2023

In attendance: Peter Woods (Chair/WAOC), Paul Beckett (Vice Chair/HAVOC), Barbara Beckett (Secretary/HAVOC), Andrew Elliott (Treasurer/Suffoc), Michael Chopping, Bruce Marshall, Helen Nisbet, Rachel Thomas, Sarah Mansel, Daniel Cowley.

1. Apologies for Absence: David Coton, Clive Wilkinson.
2. Approval of the Minutes of 2022 AGM – approved.
3. Matters arising. Nil
4. The Treasurer confirmed that no capitation fee from the Clubs was required this year.
5. Chair's report. The Chair ran through past events, mentioning that Suffoc hosted the EA Champs and EAOA had held a CSC heat for the 2nd year running. NOR and WAOC would be competing in the CSC final in the Forest of Dean. NOR, SOS, Suffoc and WAOC had qualified in the YBT Qualifier (hosted by NOR) and at least 2 of these Clubs would be taking a team to the Final. SMOC would be hosting the Peter Palmer Relays in September (with EAOA support). The Region would be hosting the Midland Champs in 2024 as well as BUCS and the JHI. The British Sprints would be back in EAOA in 2025.

Peter concluded his report by awarding the Bill Stevens trophy to Michael Chopping for the huge amount of work he has done for the benefit of orienteering in the Region including Controlling, Coaching, running courses etc.

6. Treasurer's report. Andrew ran through his Financial Report, noting that the EAOA bank account was reducing gradually as planned. The Middle-Distance Championships had brought in revenue, but other revenue has reduced, and funding the Junior squad to compete in the JIRC's in NI made a planned loss. The accounts were due to be formally inspected by Chris Shaw of HAVOC.
7. Election of Officers. The Chair, Secretary and Treasurer had expressed their willingness to serve another year, although the Chair noted that he expected to stand down in 2024. They were proposed by Michael Chopping and Seconded by Helen Nisbet and duly re-elected.
8. AOB. There was discussion about disseminating the EAOA Committee Minutes more widely. Attendees had no objection. It was agreed that Helen would advertise the date and time of each EAOA Committee meeting on the website and that the latest set of Minutes would then be posted also. The Treasurer asked that financial information should be omitted. Agreed.

The Secretary asked whether a Controllers' course could be put on as EAOA needs more Controllers urgently. Michael agreed to do this in September or October; he needs more than 3 participants to make the course viable and asked Clubs to advertise for potential attendees.

The next EAOA Committee meeting is on 15th September 2023.

The AGM closed at 20.07.