

**MINUTES NWO Annual General Meeting  
Tuesday 12 October 2021 @ The White Hart, Stratton**

**Present:** Neil Fraser, Antonia Holt, Jeremy Holt, Andrew Law, Doug Stimson, Ken Stimson, Stuart Fisher, Roger Bryan, Janet Livingstone, David Livingstone, Pete Gilder, Nina Stimson, Anne Saunders, John Orton, Steve Jackson, Keith McCarthy

All reports, proposed constitutional changes and the minutes of last year's AGM had been circulated prior to the meeting.

1	<p><b>Apologies</b> Apologies were received from Kate Orton.</p>
2	<p><b>Minutes of Meeting held on 14 October 2020</b> All present agreed that the minutes were a true and accurate record.</p>
3	<p><b>Proposed amendments to the Club Constitution</b> Items 4 (club officers and club business) and 10 (Safeguarding) were amended and the latter simplified in line with advice from British Orienteering. AH proposed that the amendments be accepted, NF seconded and all those present unanimously agreed.</p>
4	<p><b>Treasurer's Report and Statement of Accounts &amp; Appointment of Accounts Verifier 2020-2021</b> Total Club funds at the end of 2020/21 were £5932.62, down £94.45 on last year. There was less expenditure on equipment this year - £777.13. NWO event income was down this year, due to the pandemic. However the regional Highworth event made the largest profit of any regional urban since 2013. £336 was spent on mapping Calne which will be the Club's next regional urban event in 2022. DS will be stepping down as Treasurer and will ensure a smooth handover. DS will also be arranging for the auditing of the accounts for the past year.</p>
5	<p><b>Equipment Report</b> SF circulated a full inventory of all equipment totalling £23,119.12. Recent purchases included equipment purchased at a low price in May from Octavian Droobers and these are listed in the report: 22 of the 86 new controls are now in use, and the club now has sufficient to hold a regional event. Following the decision to investigate purchasing pay as you go phones, SF will report back to the next meeting on his findings. <b>ACTION SF: JO requested that all planners receive a list of the controls' numbers</b></p>
6	<p><b>Membership and Activities Report &amp; Trophy recipients</b> KS reported that membership was down 14%, and there had been a significant drop in junior membership. Following a meeting with SWOA, NF confirmed that there was a general decrease in membership in all regions. It was encouraging that about 80% of the NWO membership had attended at least one event. KS highlighted the success of the 16 informal urban events (6 last year) that had been organised. A one-off event for Swindon schools was held at Lydiard Park. As a result of the lack of events, there were no club awards.</p>
7	<p><b>Chair's Report</b> NF read through his report, rounding up the NWO year. Successes included: the score events</p>

	<p>which were easier to manage logistically in covid times, the urban event at Highworth, the Midsummer evening score event at Badbury, the schools event at Lydiard, the summer relay event, extra equipment obtained from Octavian Droobers and a return to face to face meetings. Frustrations included the difficulty in obtaining permissions from landowners to hold events. NF thanked the committee and all club members for contributing to and supporting events.</p> <p>NF then presented the “Services to the Club” award to Pete Gilder and John Orton for all their hard work in organising the fantastic urban series of events throughout the summer, utilising the new maprun techniques.</p>
8	<p><b>Membership Fees 2021-22</b> It was proposed by KS that NWO membership would incur only BOF fees with no additional costs. This was seconded by SF and agreed unanimously.</p>
9	<p><b>Election of Chair 2021-2022</b> NF was happy to continue as Chair. His continuation was proposed by NS and seconded by AS. All those present agreed unanimously.</p>
10	<p><b>Election of Treasurer and Secretary</b> Steve Jackson was elected as Treasurer (proposed by NF, seconded by AH, agreed unanimously). Roger Bryan was elected as Secretary (proposed by NF, seconded by KS, agreed unanimously).</p>
11	<p><b>Committee Members and Club Officers</b> Janet Livingstone and Andrew Law were stepping down from the committee, Andrew after many years.</p> <p>NF proposed that Abi Pack, who has completed training as a coach, and is very interested in working with the juniors, be invited to join the committee. This was seconded by PG and agreed unanimously.</p> <p>To sum up, KS proposed that the following committee members be approved for 2021-2022. This was seconded by JL and agreed unanimously:</p> <p>Roger Bryan (Secretary), Stuart Fisher (Equipment Officer), Neil Fraser (Chair), Antonia Holt (Fixtures Secretary), Doug Stimson, Ken Stimson (Membership Secretary), Abi Pack, Steve Jackson (Treasurer), Anne Saunders, Pete Gilder.</p>
11	<p><b>AOB</b> The club recognises the contribution of Sam New who planned the Lydiard Relay and planned an urban course in Devizes at very short notice. Sam achieved second place in the Men's Open event at the Scottish 6 days.</p> <p>JO thought that the method of running the urban series should be a discussion point at the next NWO meeting. How should they develop? Virtual or not? Also the link with running events with others such as Beat the Streets could be looked into moving forward. <b>ACTION: committee</b></p>
12	<p>Next Meeting: Wednesday 10 November 7.30pm. It was agreed that this meeting should take place on zoom.</p>

The meeting closed at 8.10pm