



# South Midlands Orienteering Club

## Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2014**

**at Woodley, Forest Road, Hanslope**

**Present:** Rob Askham, Richard Askham, Freya Askham, Milly Askham, Keith Downing, Helen Nisbet, Don Nisbet, Rebecca Nisbet, Ros James, Will James, Dorien James, Ann Harris, Steve Hardy, Karen Vines, Kevin Hopkins, Karen Hopkins, Tamar Hopkins, Isaac Hopkins, Rosie Shaw, John Shaw, Haydn Leaker, Richard Pownall.

**Apologies for Absence:** Robert Dove.

**[1] The Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting were approved.**

**[2] There were no matters arising from [1].**

**[3] Officers Reports**

**Chair: Keith Downing**

Keith gave a review of the year's activities – summarising that the club is thriving on all fronts. He thanked all of SMOC's volunteers, especially our organisers and planners. A key event for SMOC was Rushmere – resulting in it being a possible venue for the British Middle in 2017. He finished by thanking all the committee for their work throughout the year.

**Mapping Officer: Robert Dove**

Robert sent his apologies and his report was read out:

**Rushmere** - The Rushmere first draft produced for Radio Orienteering was updated by Steve Hardy and myself for a successful event. The aim of this first draft was to provide a hastily produced map showing general layout and restrictions to access or route choice, but without a lot of the detail to be found on foot orienteering maps. In fact the update required relatively little changing so many thanks to Antonio Franco, Ian McDonnell and Steve Hardy for a much more complete initial survey than had been expected.

The area is now being offered for 2017 British Middle Championship along with Campbell Park for the Sprint to make a weekend event. This would be an EAOA event rather than a SMOC one. We await a decision from BOF on whether to accept the offer.

**Twywell** - Keith Downing and I resurveyed the area, especially the contours in the Southern section, for a successful event.

We are currently resurveying the South Eastern wooded area with greater detail and accuracy for the TrailO.2014 British Championship. For various administrative reasons this event is now in limbo but may take place in March next year.

**Areas - Stanwick Lakes:** I am expecting the permanent orienteering course to become operational soon.

**Bedford:** Steve is involved with a number of projects the county.

**Brackley CE primary school:** Map produced for school use.

**Eaton Bray Academy:** Map updated for club member Lois Matthews.

**Mapping Software** - OCAD now has a freeware competitor, Open Orienteering Mapper. (OOM). Steve Hardy is using it successfully so I propose that we progressively convert to OOM. Consequently I will not update our OCAD copies. OOM is similar in operation to OCAD though as expected there are a number of differences. Files can be exchanged between the two. Please contact Steve if you want information or help.

**Mapping Training** - I have been asked by EAOA to look into providing a regional course. I have found that is a BOF course in process of being launched and will follow up. Steve and I are considering running some club night sessions as basic introductions.

**Mapping assistance** - As always, assistance with surveying and drawing will be welcome and would help with your competitive skills. Anyone interested, please contact me,

#### **Treasurers Report: Dorien James**

The balance sheet and P&L activity analysis were distributed from both the year ending 2013 and to date as at 21<sup>st</sup> June.

The Treasurer reported that the club turned in a profit for the year ending Dec 2013 of £627.50 and that our funds stood at £10,472.07. This was an increase of £586.49 on the previous year. Again the Greensand Ridge Relay continues to be our main income generator, followed by Keyne-O.

As at 21<sup>st</sup> June 2014 the club continues to raise a profit - £134.89 so far for the current year.

The Treasurer proposed that the club investigate the purchase of a SI kit.

He also proposed that membership fees should remain the same for 2015.

**The Treasurer's Report and proposals were unanimously accepted by the Meeting.**

#### **[4] Election of Officers**

Chair: Keith Downing      Proposed by Rosie Shaw, seconded by Freya Askham.

Secretary: Helen Nisbet      Proposed by Rosie Shaw, seconded by Freya Askham.

Treasurer: Dorien James      Proposed by Rosie Shaw, seconded by Freya Askham.

**The above were elected unopposed.**

**[5] Any other business**

Presentation of trophies:

Senior Men: Keith Downing

Open Women: Freya Askham

Junior Men: James Nisbet

Family: Jones family

Senior Women: Debbie Charlton

Club Champion: Richard Pownall

Junior Women: Rebecca Nisbet

Handicap: Robert Dove