

Minutes of SMOC AGM

On Saturday July 1, 2pm at Woodley, Forest Road, Hanslope, MK19 7DE

Present: Freya Askham, Ros James, Dorien James, Ric Brackenbury, Helen Nisbet,

Don Nisbet, Rob Askham, Todd C Rae, Sue Rae, Sandra Mather, Ann Harris, Jaya Dalal, Harper Hutchinson, Nick Emery, Jane Emery, Ian Byrne, Rob Haddock

Apologies: Debbie Charlton, Rachel Thomas

Review of the last AGM minutes

The minutes of the 2022 AGM were approved (proposed by Dorien, seconded by Helen).

No issues arose from the AGM 2022 Minutes.

Accounts

Dorien James (Treasurer) presented the annual accounts for the past year. We made a slight loss of (373.62). This year we are likely to make a surplus of about £375.

SMOC Accounts Year Ending December 31 2022

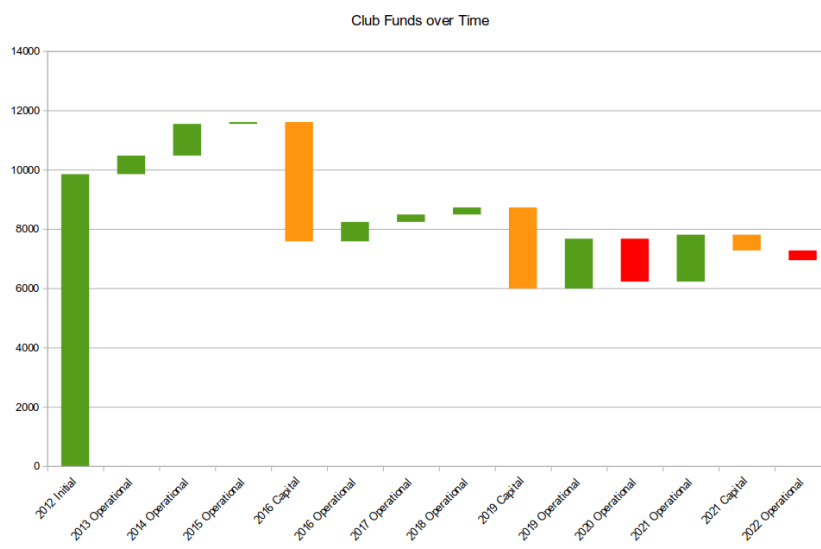
The club made a loss of £373 on the year:

	31-Dec-21	31-Dec-22
SMOC Deposit	4,870.26	4,870.75
SMOC Current	2,443.80	2,021.93
Cash Float	50.00	50.00
(Owed to) / due from Dorien and Ros	(29.16)	0.00
(Owed to) / due from SI	(63.60)	0.00
(Owed to) / due from BO	0.00	(45.00)
Total SMOC Funds	7,271.30	6,897.68
Movement on Club Funds for the Year		(373.62)

The loss was primarily caused by investment of £950 in First Aid training. Entry costs for the CompassSport Trophy and British Long Relays were the other main cost. The Greensand Ridge Relay and MK Urban were the main revenue sources.

Category	Sum - Amount
01 MEMBERSHIP AND OVERHEAD	(56.37)
03.1 LOCAL EVENTS – STANTON LOW	26.88
03.2 LOCAL EVENTS – BUCKINGHAM	(13.41)
03.3 LOCAL EVENTS – FURZTON	44.18
03.4 LOCAL EVENTS – HOWE PARK WOOD	17.20
04.1 REGIONAL EVENTS – MK URBAN	546.50
05 GREENSAND RIDGE RELAY	919.00
07 CLUB NIGHTS	(11.05)
08.1 SUMMER SOCIAL	(119.41)
08.2 WINTER SOCIAL	(81.00)
09 TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT	(999.04)
10 EQUIPMENT	(159.10)
11 CLUB TEAM EVENTS	(488.00)
Total Result	(373.62)

Overall our net asset position remains within the range of recent years:



Dorien James
Treasurer
1 July 2023

Chair's report - July 2022 to June 2023

Since our last AGM in July 2022 we have had two Regional events, our Urban at Campbell Park and our league event at Rushmere. We also rounded off our 2022 Keyne-O series with Howe Park Wood. We're now well into the 2023 Keyne-O series, with fixtures at Linford Wood, Caldecotte Lake and Shenley Wood already done, and Stanton Low due on July 23. We're also looking forward to our Milton Keynes urban event on August 19, which will be starting and finishing next to the Open University.

Thanks to everyone who has stepped up to organise and plan these events, our excellent mapping team, and all the volunteer on-the-day

helpers, too – we really couldn't do it without you.

Alongside these events, we've had a series of great club nights. Big thanks to Debbie for coordinating these. MapRun 'virtual' technology continues to be a draw, especially for younger adults (or is it the pub afterwards that they really like?).

Continuing our club night activities into winter meant that we could all get a taste of night orienteering, including a challenging visit to the deep, dark forests of Woburn with Freya, and a lovely tour of Bancroft Park organised by Sandra.

2023 began with a New Year's MapRun activity in Buckingham, followed by tea and cakes at Freya's. That gave us the chance to present the Club Championships trophies for 2022, having determined our 2022 Club Champions at TVOC's Wendover Woods event in October.

This also got us back on track to have our 2023 club champs at a spring event – we used the Happy Herts Egypt Woods regional for this – and we'll be handing out the trophies to this year's winners later today.

Talking of Champions... we put up a good showing at our CompassSport trophy heat – held at Beacon Hill. We didn't qualify for the final, but there were excellent individual performances, including some by our newer members, so there's lots to build on for next year! More to the point, it was lovely to see so many members gathered around the club tent before and after their runs, which made for a great atmosphere.

Of course, CompassSport is far from being our only team outing – we've also managed a couple of relay teams this year. Three Lionesses (Helen, Debbie and Freya) did the Vet Women's class at the JK at Dale Park. And three Lions (Dorien, Ian and Richard) completed the M60 class at the British Relay Championships at Hambleden. We like to encourage participation in the major relay events, and we're happy to pay entry fees for anyone who's keen to have a go. Contact the club captain, Dorien, if that's you.

Talking of relays – we held another successful Greensand Ridge Relay on June 17.

It's not orienteering – participants are allowed (and strongly encouraged!) to check out their route before their run – but as well as contributing to club fitness and club funds, it's a great social event. A big thank you to Richard for organising, and to everyone who volunteered, and well done to this year's team, SMOC Runners, who managed a clean run in a

respectable time, despite the very hot weather.

The big multi-day events are yet another chance for us to get together, as well as enjoying lovely, and challenging, terrain further afield. Five SMOCies travelled to the Lakes last summer for five days of competition, and we had 14 members at the JK in the South Lakes over Easter. Our multi-day numbers are definitely on the up again - 18 of us are entered for this year's Scottish 6-Day event.

Other notable achievements by members: Freya was awarded East Anglia's Bill Stevens trophy last year for her diligence in organising last year's British Middles.

And well done to both Freya and Helen, who won their classes at the East Anglian championships at Bromehill last November. Further congratulations are also due to Helen, who was our only winner in the East Anglia League, having achieved the top score for W60 in three league events in 2022.

Representing us even further afield, well done to Ann, who was second in her class at the Viana do Castelo City Race in Portugal just last weekend (June 25).

But of course it's not all about competition glory. It's also very much about volunteering, so a big thank you to everyone who has contributed to all the things the club does throughout the year.

Our recent efforts have included: improvements to the 'new member' pages of our website - making us an even more welcoming club (many thanks to Sandra and Helen for leading that one!). Our news section is also looking a lot livelier, so thank you to Ann for coordinating that, and to everyone who's contributed with stories.

We also continue to 'give back' to the wider sport, putting on events such as training sessions for the regional junior squad and activities for local schools and youth clubs. Our current efforts include Freya's organising and Dorien's planning for this year's Peter Palmer junior relays at Stowe, which take place on September 10.

So, a big thank you to our key officers, to the mapping team, and the whole SMOC committee, and to everyone else who plays a part in making us the active, friendly and all-round fantastic club that we are.

Ros James

Election of officers

Current elected officers will stay in post for another year.

Any other business: No further items of business were raised.

Date of next meeting: Our next committee meeting is scheduled for Friday July 14 at 7.30pm, via Zoom.