

**Minutes of the WAOC Annual General Meeting**  
**16th March 2013**  
**St Matthew's Church Hall, Cambridge**

**Present:** Peter Woods, Sue Woods, Anne Duncumb, Ursula Oxburgh, Philip Levi, Mike Dudley, Seonaid Dudley, Oliver Hague, Helen Hague, Daniel Hague, Sam Hague, Peter Allen, Lakshmi Chand, Gopal Chand, Jaya Chand, Caroline Louth, Graham Louth, Tim Mulcahy, Rakesh Chandraker, Cath Pennington.

**1) Apologies for absence**

Rachel Pocock, Bob Hill, Ian Lawson, Stephen Borrill, Robert Campbell and family, Iain & Andrew Stemp, Hally Hardie, Bruce & Maria Marshall, Peter Duthie, Anne Braggins, Mike Capper, Alice Hodgkinson, Mike & Hazel Bickle, Helen Bickle, Ron Oxburgh

**2) Minutes of the last AGM 2012**

The minutes of the last AGM were approved as an accurate record of the proceedings. Motion for approval was proposed by Ursula Oxburgh and seconded by Mike Dudley.

**3) Chairman's Report – Tim Mulcahy**

Tim is stepping down after three years as Chairman. He reflected on the achievements of past year, maintaining momentum on the competition front and in terms of club development.

Tim described how in 2012 the club qualified for the Compass Sport Cup final in September at Teviothead. He proudly noted that this was the second time in three years. In probably the worst orienteering conditions anyone could remember, each of the dozen or so WAOC competitors completed their courses without mis-punching. Outstanding achievements were Mike Bickle finishing 3rd on Green Men with 98 point, Edward Low's excellent effort to complete the Orange course aged only 10 and Hally Hardie – an evergreen M70 - overcoming the physical challenges on his course in under two hours.

WAOC once again triumphed in retaining the Icenian Trophy at the Thetford Thrash in February and battled hard to finish 4<sup>th</sup> out of 7 clubs in 2013 Compass Sport Cup qualifier.

Tim also wished specially to mention the performance of the WAOC Wingdings mixed ad-hoc relay team at British Champs Relays, where Steve Hinshelwood, Graham Louth and Catherine Hemingway combined to come in 3<sup>rd</sup> position to pick up Bronze medal – a fantastic achievement, only 6 seconds behind 2<sup>nd</sup> place.

In terms of Club development, the Club Nights programme continues with collaboration from CUOC and nurtured by Peter Allen. It is hoped to put on a new urban event in Ely in 2014 and completely new map will need to be created to support this.

Tim thanked the committee for their work this year and previous years, especially Cath as treasurer, Anne for membership responsibilities, Bob Hill for stepping in a fixtures secretary, Chris Morley and Peter Allen for their work on club nights, Mike and Seonaid on publicity, Ben Holland for managing the website and Peter Woods for convening events and ensuring they get put on. Mike Capper is retiring as Jabberwaoc editor. Tim reflected, *“He has produced a consistently high standard of excellent editions of this magazine for sharing club news and members’ activities and achievements. He will be a hard act to follow but luckily we have Hazel Bickle willing to take the baton from Mike.”*

#### **4) Captain’s Report – Graham Louth**

Graham provided a run down on competition actives, focussing primarily on events outside of the East Anglia region.

The JK 2012 saw 23 club members take part with Hazel Bickle finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> overall in W60. The club entered 5 relay teams with WAOC Whizzers coming in 4<sup>th</sup>.

British Champs in the Lake District had 16 club competitors with 2 podium finishers – Hester Dewhurst and William Louth.

The Compass Sport Cup qualifier at Fineshade had an excellent turnout with WAOC; first and second place were taken by two of strongest orienteering clubs – Derwent Valley and South Yorks. WAOC was just pipped to 3<sup>rd</sup> place by LEI. Good performances by Catherine Hemingway, Tim Mulcahy, Rachel Pocock and Rob Campbell.

In the Yvette Baker trophy qualifier, WAOC was beaten by arch-rivals SOS. This was due to sheer numbers. To be effective in Yvette Baker we need more juniors!

Finally congratulations to Rachel Pocock, selected to run for England in W40 at Interland in the Netherlands in March and finishing 6<sup>th</sup> in her class.

#### **5) Treasurer’s Report & Acceptance of Accounts**

Club Treasurer Cath Pennington presented the annual accounts and thanked Philip Levi for reviewing the accounts. The meeting approved the accounts as presented with Caroline Louth proposing the motion and Peter Allen seconding.

Points to note from the accounts include allowances for increased costs due to toilet hire, changes in the BO Levy and greater uncertainty about Forestry Commission charges. The club provided support for Tom Hemingway’s attendance at Lagganlia in the form of a grant. In the junior fund there has been no change in the balance, and in future this fund will be used for coaching of juniors at Club Night. Huntingdon money will be used in the coming year to fund the Ely urban event. The Future Coaching fund represents coaches fees that have been waived.

Philip Levi raised a few points from the floor. He noted how expensive room hire at the Athletics Centre appeared to be for club nights (this has been addressed), and the

costs of improving quality, eg maps, coaching etc. he was pleased to see the grant for Tom and emphasised how fortunate the club is to have the accounts organized so thoroughly by Cath.

## 6) Awards and Presentations 2013

### Chairman's Awards 2013

As ever it has been difficult to choose a winner for each of the categories at the Chairman's discretion. The following reflect the Chairman's choice:

#### The Owl

is for outstanding senior performance. Awarded to Graham Louth. At the time of nomination Graham was 7th in the WAOC BOF rankings and 64th overall out of 469 in the M50 class, i.e. in the top 14% in M50. Graham excels in Sprint orienteering in which there is little room for error. He is also acknowledged here for his dedication as Club Captain and his outstanding achievement in leading the club to two Compass Sport Cup finals in the past three years

#### The Chairman's Cup

is for our most outstanding junior orienteer. Awarded to **William Louth** for his excellent performance finishing 10<sup>th</sup> in his class, M14, at the JK2012, and for his impressive finish in the Compass Sport Cup qualifier at Fineshade. Most striking is his 11<sup>th</sup> place on the Brown course in the year's Icenian.

#### The Tortoise

is for outstanding contribution to the Club and its affairs. Awarded to **Peter Allen**. Peter receives this award for his consistent and enduring commitment to organising the weekly Club Night as well as his contributions to both the WAOC Development Subcommittee and Main committee.

In 2011 Peter took over the Club Night reins from Caroline, Ursula and Chris and has developed this event from its origins to its current weekly success through his determination, enthusiasm and inspiration in nurturing close relationships with CUOC. In the relatively short time that Peter has been a WAOC member he has certainly made his mark and through "rain, wind and snow" has sustained the momentum of the Club Nights - no mean feat as organising a Club Night event demands much the same workload as a regular orienteering event - but virtually every week!

### **WAGAL Champions 2012** (based on a minimum of 3 events)

Junior men	1 Sam Hague	2 Dan Hague	3 Ed Low
Junior women	1 Jaya Chand		
Senior men	1 Brian Cowe	2 Sean Blanchflower	3 Ben Green
Senior women	1 Alice Hodgkinson	2 Helen Bickle	3 Lakshmi Chand
Veteran men	1 Mike Bickle	2 David Cooper	3 Bob Hill
Veteran women	1 Ursula Oxburgh	2 Seonaid Dudley	3 Sue Woods

### **Compass Point Masters - class winner**

W75 Ursula Oxburgh

### **East Anglian Champions 2012**

M18 Thomas Louth

M45 Steve Hinshelwood

W45 Rachel Pocock

W70 Seonaid Dudley

M20 James Haynes

W60 Jane Howsam

### **East Anglian League Winners 2012**

M10 Sam Hague

M45 Dil Wetherill

W70 Seonaid Dudley

M35 Ben Green

M60 Mike Bickle

### **Juniors** - Colour coded badges

Ellie Low White

Daniel Hague Yellow

Sam Hague Orange

Oliver Hague Orange

## **7) Election of Officers**

Rakesh Chandraker was re-elected by the meeting to serve another year as Secretary. Proposed by Peter Woods and seconded by Anne Duncumb

Cath Pennington was re-elected by the meeting to serve another year as Treasurer. Proposed by Caroline Louth and seconded by Seonaid Dudley.

Tim Mulcahy stood down as chairman. Peter Woods was the only candidate for the role and was proposed by Peter Allen and seconded by Anne Duncumb and elected by unanimous show of hands.

Tim added a last reflection "*Finally, I wish my successor all the very best over the next three years of office as Chairman. As a committed orienteer and very experienced committee member I know he will do the very best of jobs in ensuring the future prosperity of the club.*"

## **8) Officer Vacancies**

**Events Convenor.** With Peter Woods taking on the role of chairman, Peter Allen has agreed to take on the role of events convenor.

**Jabberwaoc Editor.** Mike Capper is stepping down as Jabberwaoc editor and Tim has indicated that Hazel Bickle will kindly take on the job.

**9) Any Other Business**

The following upcoming events were reported:

- 14<sup>th</sup> April - Wimpole event (information on website)
- 27<sup>th</sup> April - Planners course (please contact Caroline Louth for more information)