

Minutes of NWOA AGM

Saturday 1st October 2016 Caton Village Institute

Present:

Miriam Rosen (SROC) - Acting Chair, Judith Holt (BOF), Dick Collins (SROC) – Hon. Sec, Steve Round (SELOC) - Treasurer, Caroline Barcham (SELOC), Mark Edwards (SROC), David Maliphant (BO/LOC). Dave McCann (MDOC), Jean Payne (DEE) , David Rosen (SROC), Ian Smith-Ward (LOC), Eddie Speak (MDOC), Graham Watson (WCOC), Angela Whitworth (BL), Dick Whitworth (BL), and Hamish Willis (PFO).

1. Apologies for absence

Richard Tiley, Pete Owens, Sue Butterfield, Sue Roome, Roger Smith

2. Minutes of AGM held on 17 October 2015

These were accepted as a correct record. Prop.ISW , Sec. ME.

3. Matters arising from the Minutes

There were no matters not covered by later items.

4. Reports

Chairman The Chairman reported that it had been a very busy year. He had been a day Organiser for JK2015, planned the SLMM, helped at WOC 2015 and acted as lead coach on the Gothenburg tour.

The new web-site had gone live in October 2015. Jon Carberry had retired after 15 years as lead coach for the junior squad and was to be thanked for his hard work. The Chairman had been lead coach for the bi-annual trip to Fredrikstad which had included participation in the spectator races at the World Championships. RT had also taken on the job of Co-ordinator for BOC 2017 and arrangements for this were progressing well. Work has also been undertaken to secure areas and permissions for L5D2018.

SR commented that the Chairman was to be commended for undertaking the amount of work which had been required for the Norway trip.

AW asked why we had not sent anyone to the Euro Youth Champs. JH replied that there were specific policies on this which were being reviewed.

Coaching RT is acting as lead coach following the retirement of Jon Carberry. He is communicating with club coaches. There will be a coaching conference at Manchester Metropolitan University in January 2017. HW volunteered to act as NW coaching representative at the annual coaching conference.

Junior Squad Sue Roome submitted a report outlining squad activities.

Fixtures JP outlined the fixtures situation. Dick Towler still has some involvement with this. JP reported that the make-up of the British Champs (Sprint-Middle weekend, Long-Relay weekend) may change.

Lake District Access MR reported that RT had submitted a report. This thanked Clubs for the use of their areas. However, it had been a quiet year with only 6 area uses (compared with 70 in 2007). The Forestry Commission continues to make no charge for groups of less than 20. The National Trust expects 3% of the entry fees for larger events.

Co-ordinator of Controllers MR reported that Roger Smith had submitted a report. In January Derek Allison had held a level C controllers course at Great Tower. Eight new grade C controllers had been appointed and two more await confirmation. In the coming year there is a need to hold a controllers one-day workshop and to increase the number of level B controllers.

5. NWOA Accounts 2015-16

SR presented accounts for the last financial year. Total funds stood at £49,182. This compared with a budgeted figure of £51,593. The difference was due to higher expenditure on development activities partially offset by reduced spending by the NW junior squad.

The Accounts were approved by the meeting (prop. CB, sec. HW)

6. Budget/membership fees for 2016-17

SR presented budget figures for the coming year together with proposed subscriptions for each club based on their current membership levels, calculated using the same method as in recent years. He also proposed that event levies remain at 10% of the BIOF levy. The budget anticipated that the BOF levy would be increased at the forthcoming BOF EGM, so a corresponding reduction in club subscriptions had been incorporated in it.

The budget and fees were approved by the meeting (prop. DW, sec. ISW).

7. Election of Executive Committee

The following were elected en bloc (Prop CB Sec HW) :

Chair:	Richard Tiley
Hon. Sec.	Dick Collins
Treasurer	Steve Round
Committee members	Miriam Rosen and Dave McCann

8. Appointment of Auditor

Andrew Addis (Prop ISW Sec DMcC) was reappointed as Auditor.

9. AOB ME offered to co-ordinate safeguarding reps.