

Minutes of DEVON ORIENTEERING CLUB AGM Wednesday 11th September 2019 at Bovey Tracey

A total of 24 club members were present

1. Apologies for absence

Ruth, Ben & John Chesters, Mike Cullen, Helen Taylor, Carol Pearce, Andrew Hotchkiss, Alison Reynolds, Tom McMurtrie

2. Minutes of the 2018 AGM were agreed without change

3. Chairman's report

Bryan started off by thanking all who helped organise the MapRun event, particularly Mark Lockett, and the post-run refreshments. Bryan Smith highlighted club achievements and successes over the year, which are described in his synopsis of the year. The full report is available on the club webpages (www.devonorienteering.co.uk/club-agm). The club has five runners in the top 100 BOF ranking positions. We participated in the CSC final in Staffordshire, and more than 350 different competitors took part in Devon 2018-19 league events, an increase of 15% on the previous year. Tim Gent was thanked for managing the League tables, and Tom McMurtrie for managing the event programme.

Our finances are secure, but there is always a need to retain working capital for future mapping projects and SI equipment purchases. Senior members have increased by 25%, but Junior numbers have fallen by 5%. Steve Perrelle and Damian Wilson were thanked for their 'Learn to Orienteer' courses, which have been successful at bringing new members into the club. We continue to support the vibrant new OROX (Exeter University OC) club with local maps and other event assistance.

Bryan thanked the committee for its work over the last 12 months. He particularly thanked Vivienne (clothing) and Nicholas Maxwell (Access) for their considerable support for the club over the years. The club cannot function without the support of many volunteers, who continue to give their time freely. Our priorities are to maintain and enhance the club activities and membership, with a wide range of quality activities.

4. Membership Secretary's report

Matt Atkins tabled his report, which provided further detail of club membership. Numbers are healthy, at 208 in total, compared to 181 last year, but it was noted that Junior numbers had dropped slightly (55 this year, 55 last year). Our challenge is to encourage new members to become engaged and commit to orienteering in the long term. It was noted that a full range of events and activities on a regular basis will help in this respect.

5. Treasurer's report

Andy Reynolds presented the accounts for 2018-19, and advised that we are in a strong financial position so should be able to support all areas within the club. Our balance over the year has fallen by just over £1,000, but we still hold more than £11,000 (July 2019). This

will allow us to invest in new maps and SI equipment as needed over the coming years and retain a contingency for cash flow and managing risks.

6. Membership fees 2019

It was agreed by all present that there should be no change in the Devon membership fees for 2020 (£6.00 adults, no charge for Juniors or Students in full time education).

7. Election of Officials

Bryan advised that his three-year term of office as chairman is now at an end, and that Andy Reynolds has offered to stand. There being no other nominations, Andy was proposed by Jill Green, seconded by Rob Parkinson and agreed by the meeting. The meeting agreed that exceptionally, Rob Parkinson continue as secretary for one further year, having already served for three years. Nicholas Maxwell has offered to stand as Treasurer, proposed by Steve Perrelle, seconded by Adrian Taylor, and agreed by the meeting. Ruth Chesters will continue as Club Captain, and Dawn Williamson has agreed to take on the membership secretary role. Full details of other committee positions will be posted on the club website.

8. Presentations

Bryan then made the following presentations:

Haytor Trophy: for scaling the heights - awarded to Flurry Grierson

Epic Trophy: awarded to Robin Carter and James Jackson

Chairman's Trophy: awarded to John Pearce

The Tom Chesters Junior trophy: awarded to Ben Perry

RJP

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