

**CLARO Orienteering Club**  
**Minutes of the 26th Annual General Meeting**  
**held at 7pm on Friday 23rd September 2016**  
**at The Green Hut, Harlow Hill, Harrogate**

In attendance:

Stan Appleton (Chairman)  
Linda Kelly (Treasurer)  
Mike Hind  
Allen Barnes  
Jackie Barnes  
Stephen Fry  
Chris Dicken  
Jemima Parker

Tim Evans  
Liz Potterton  
Tim Moon  
Richard Kirk  
Susan Birtwistle  
Adrian Parker  
Graham Ramsden  
Vince Grealy (Secretary)

The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming everyone at the AGM.

**1. Apologies**

Apologies were received from:

Mike Cope  
Allen Banister  
Bill Hickson  
The Whitaker family  
David Day  
David Guban  
Judith Hind

**2. Minutes of the 25th AGM held on 5th October 2015**

The Chairman asked if there were any comments or amendments to the minutes of the previous meeting. As none were forthcoming it was proposed that the minutes be accepted as a true record. Proposed by Mike Hind. Seconded by Richard Kirk. Carried unanimously.

**3. Chairman's Report**

Stan Appleton gave his report as Chairman covering the year to August 2016. The report will be posted on the website.

**4. Treasurer's Report**

The Accounts for 2015/2016 were circulated by the Treasurer. These had been audited and found correct by Harry Dowdell, who had been re-appointed as auditor after the last meeting. The Treasurer talked through the income and expenditure aspects of the accounts. The salient points were as follows:

- The club remains in a sound financial position

Final as at 26 Sep 16

- 2015/16 had been a particularly good year with a CompassSport Cup event, Brimham and the profit from the JK.
- The forecast for the next year is good.

The Treasurer then opened for questions about the accounts and any ideas for expenditure.

Adrian Parker suggested that areas that promote club cohesion should be a priority and asked about any plans for new or revised areas for events. There was a discussion about potential new areas. Mike Hind suggested Castle Bolton. Adrian Parker asked about the club's geographical boundaries. Chris Dicken stated his preference for using JK money for things like subsidising club clothing or mapping rather than subsidising entries or membership. Several others expressed views both in support and contrary. The Chair thanked the meeting for their contributions and stated that the Committee would take forward the suggestions.

Tim Moon proposed that the accounts be accepted. This was seconded by Susan Birtwistle and approved unanimously. The Treasurer Proposed a vote of thanks to Harry Dowdell for his work in auditing.

## **5. Membership fees**

The Chairman summarised the current situation with British Orienteering and the discussions about future funding. He outlined the current proposals that would be taken at the forthcoming BO EGM. There was a discussion about funding for other sports and the balance between increasing the membership fee and the BO levy. the Chairman thanked the meeting for their views.

## **6. Appointment of Auditor**

It was agreed to approach Harry Dowdell to continue as Auditor for the coming year.

## **7. Proposal 1 - Amendment to the Constitution**

The Chairman outlined the proposed changes to the Club Constitution. The changes are to bring the wording used in Section 7 - Safeguarding up to date with current practice and British Orienteering policy. It was proposed by Chris Dicken, seconded by Tim Evans and carried unanimously

## **8. Proposal 2 - Reform of the Club League**

The Chairman outlined the proposal for revising the club league. There was a discussion of the relative merits of the various options. Chris Dicken expressed the view that those who always help at club events might be disadvantaged. On balance it was agreed that as the current league was clearly not working it was worth trying something different. The Chairman stated that the intent was also to review the classes to match better the demographic of club members. Proposed by Richard Kirk, seconded by Jemima Parker and carried unanimously.

## **9. The Clarion**

There was a discussion about the future of the Clarion given the development of the weekly news and the recent decrease in contributions. Various alternative options were discussed. Vince Grealy confirmed that he would not be continuing as Editor. As nobody had come forward to take it on it was agreed that the paper version would stop and that other ways of sharing information amongst members would be considered.

## 10. Election of Officers and Committee Members

The Chairman introduced the annual election of officers and committee members by reporting that he was unaware of anyone wanting to stand as Chairman. He reported that the Committee had discussed the matter and had considered that the situation did constitute "exceptional circumstances" as set out in Clause 3.1.8 of the Constitution. This meant that Clause 3.1.7 of the Constitution, which limits the Chairman's term to three years, could be waived to allow the incumbent Chairman to continue for one further year. No objections were raised.

The officers and committee were then elected as follows:

		Proposed	Seconded
<b>Chairman</b>	Stan Appleton	Susan Birtwistle	Liz Potterton
<b>Treasurer</b>	Linda Kelly	Mike Hind	Jemima Parker
<b>Secretary</b>	Vince Grealy	Richard Kirk	Tim Evans
<b>Fixtures</b>	Graham Ramsden	Jemima Parker	Liz Potterton
<b>Committee</b>	Allen Bannister	Chris Dicken	Susan Birtwistle
	Richard Kirk		
	Ruth Ker		

## 11. Appointed Posts

The nominations for appointed posts were all unopposed and agreed as follows:

Membership	David Gugan
Assistant Fixtures Secretary	Richard Kirk
Relays Secretary	Ruth Ker
Social Secretary	Arthur Clarke and Christine Hayes
Committee Junior Representatives	Luke Parker / Luke Fry
Mapping Officer	Allen Bannister
CompassSport Cup /Trophy Co-ordinator	Mike Hind
Newsletter Editor	Tim Evans
Equipment Officer	Susan Birtwistle
Development Officer	Jemima Parker
Publicity Officer	<i>vacant</i>
Club League Organiser	Allen Banister
Web Master	Tim Moon
Footpath Run Co-ordinator	Liz Potterton
Club Welfare Officer	Linda Kelly

## 12. Any Other Business

The meeting closed at 8.35pm