

CLARO Orienteering Club

Minutes of the 23rd AGM

Held on 17th October 2013 at The Green Hut, Harlow Hill Harrogate

Present:

Graham Ramsden (Chairman)	Lindsey Hensman	Mike Cope
Chris Dicken	Geoff Hensman	Susan Birtwistle
Mike Hind	Liz Potterton	Vince Grealy
Judith Hind	Phil Headford	Stan Appleton
Allen Bannister	Richard Kirk	
Linda Kelly	Jemima Parker	

1. Apologies

John Birtwistle
Lisa Headford

2. Minutes of the 22nd AGM held on 17th October 2012

An amendment was made to the statement in 9 (c) –Mike Cope confirmed ‘ no future National Competitions would take place on Remembrance Sunday though events would probably still take place with appropriate acknowledgement.’ The Minutes were then accepted as a true record. Proposed by Chris Dicken. Seconded Stan Appleton.

3. Chairman’s Report

Graham Ramsden gave his report covering the year up to 31st August 2013. A copy of the report will be published in the next Clarion. This was Graham’s last report as Chairman of CLARO.

4. Treasurers Report

The Accounts for 2012/2013 prepared by Linda Kelly were circulated. These had been audited and found correct by Richard Kirk. Key issues arising from the report were as follows:

The accounts are in a better position than the previous year through careful budgeting for and planning of events with low or zero land charges and where toilet facilities were available, thus reducing the need to hire toilets.

There were no Compass sport cup entry fees paid this year as adults paid their own and we did not get through to the final.

Adult Claro helpers have contributed towards their run at our events by paying £3 for a run.

In addition to our main fixtures we have staged many more events including the Spring Flowers Series and a Primary Schools Series

This year we made a profit of £1,586.14

Fees for our events continue to be a standard charge where possible. A budget for each event is prepared as a check.

Sadly the club nights ceased in December 2012 as numbers were insufficient to cover costs long term. Room hire was our largest outlay.

The accumulated surplus stood at £5,969.20 on 31 August 2013.

It is our intention to purchase more SI equipment so we can be self sufficient at small events.

The accounts were proposed by Chris Dicken, seconded by Allen Bannister and accepted by all.

5. Membership fees

The membership fees for 2014 as set out below were proposed this included no longer having a family membership category. This was approved by a majority vote. Senior: £5.00 and Junior £1.00

6. Appointment of Auditor

Richard Kirk has audited the accounts for Year End 31st August 2013 and is willing to continue with this role. Confirmation of his appointment was proposed by Stan Appleton, seconded by Allen Bannister and agreed by all.

7. Election of Officers and Committee Members

The officers and committee were elected as follows:

		Proposed	Seconded
Chairman	Stan Appleton	Graham Ramsden	Susan Birtwistle
Treasurer	Linda Kelly	Susan Birtwistle	Chris Dicken
Secretary	Susan Birtwistle	Linda Kelly	Lindsey Hensman
Fixtures	Chris Dicken	Mike Cope	Stan Appleton
Committee	Allen Bannister	Geoffrey Hensman	Lindsey Hensman
	Graham Ramsden	Jemima Parker	Mike Hind
	Phil Headford	Allen Bannister	Linda Kelly

8. Appointed Posts

The following in people kindly volunteered to either continue in their roles or take on new appointments.

Membership	David Gudan
Relays Secretary	Lindsey Hensman
Social Secretary	Lindsey Hensman
Committee Junior Representative	Nathan & Luke Parker
Mapping Officer	Allen Bannister
Club Welfare Officer	Linda Kelly
Coaching Co-ordinator	Susan Birtwistle
Clarion Editor	Lindsey Hensman
Equipment Officers	The Birtwistles
Schools liaison	Mike Cope
Publicity Officers	Mike Hind- Newspaper Linda Kelly- flyers & social media
Club league organiser	Allen Banister

Web Master	Tim Moon
Footpath Run Co-ordinator	Liz Potterton
CompassSport Cup /Trophy Co-ordinator	David Gugan

9. Any Other Business

- a) Constitution – it was proposed that we should henceforth in line with British Orienteering just have two membership levels i.e. Individual Senior and Individual Junior. The motion was approved and the corresponding amendment to the Constitution.
- b) CompassSport Trophy/Cup Competition the following question was posed: - should we as a Club continue to enter this competition? We struggled to put a team together for an event in the NE therefore it was suggested the problems with travel distance and enthusiasm for a Club Competition would potentially be greater for a competition further afield in the Country . Much discussion ensued. The consensus was that CLARO should continue to enter and encourage the social aspect of the Competition.
- c) As request was made for a change to the number of signatures required when writing cheques or making payments of amounts less than £100. It was agreed that ' all cheques over £100 written against the Club's funds shall be signed by two Officers '.
- d) Stan Appleton as newly appointed Chairman thanked Graham Ramsden for his considerable time enthusiasm and dedication to his role as Chairman over the last 3 years including his entertaining 'Chair's Leg' articles in the Clarion.

Meeting Closed 9pm