

Claro Orienteering Club AGM 2018

Held at Kairos Church Hall, Wednesday 17th October 2018 at 7.30pm

Present:

Quentin Harding
Susan Birtwistle
Liz Potterton
Matthew Rochester
Steve Fry
Mike Cope
David Day
Allen Banister
Tim Evans
Ruth Ker

Apologies:

Linda Kelly
Vince Greal
Stan Appleton
Will and Liz Drewe
John Birtwistle
Graham Ramsden
Richard Kirk
Jackie and Allen Barnes
Chris Dicken
Adrian and Jemima Parker
Nick Androlojc
Bill Hickson

Minutes of the last AGM were accepted

Chairman's Report - Tim Evans

Tim reported on a successful year for Claro. The newsletter is sent weekly to 146 email addresses - twice the number of our members so it is being widely read. We have new SI boxes and are now largely self-sufficient. We are rising up the Club Rankings with more members than ever in the top 1000 ranking places. Matthew Rochester and Lois Parker ran in the JIRC representing Yorkshire and Quentin Harding and Ruth Ker ran in the VHI representing England. 2 teams ran in the British Mixed Sprint Relays returning with Gold and Silver medals all round (we look forward to Bradford next year). Our Wednesday evening summer events attract 20-30 runners, our winter Lamp-Os 12-20 (and growing - note to planners to print more maps) and the Junior League events 17-25. We have put on 4 regional events (Guiselcliff was sadly cancelled due to bad weather) at Conynham Hall (night), Swinsty, Knaresborough (urban) and Harlow Hill. All excellent events well run and well received by participants.

Treasurer's Report - In Linda's absence the accounts were discussed by Liz with Harry's auditing report

Harry has audited Linda's accounts as accurate. Event income is in line with two of the previous three years. Non event income was lower. End of year balance is £8,600 (down on last year due to purchase of SI boxes). Harry asks if we should set a reserve level?

Agreed to keep **membership subscriptions** as last year.

Harry agreed to act as **Auditor** next year.

Election of Officers and Committee Members

Chairman Tim Evans

Treasurer Linda Kelly

Secretary Ruth Ker

Fixtures Secretary **VACANT - WE NEED A FIXTURES SECRETARY**

Committee Members (3) Steve Fry, Allen Banister and Quentin Harding

All were nominated by Susan Birtwistle and seconded by Liz Potterton.

Appointed Posts

Assistant Fixtures Secretary (or Local Fixtures Secretary?)

Richard Kirk

Relays Secretary

Ruth Ker

Committee Junior Representative Matthew Rochester

Mapping Officer Allen Banister

Compass Sport Cup CoOrdinator Mike Hind

Newsletter Editor Tim Evans

Equipment Officer Susan Birtwistle

Club League Organiser Quentin Harding

Web Master Vince Greal

Footpath Runs CoOrdinator Liz Potterton

Development Officer and Publicity Officer Agreed do not have to be filled unless enthusiasts come forwards.

Membership Secretary Agreed we no longer need a dedicated Membership Secretary as all automated. Ruth to respond to new members. Allen to check on Website links for contact.

Social Secretary Agreed we do not need to fill this post unless someone is inspired to do so. Socials take place after LampOs and an occasional meal out is appreciated. Easiest to plan at Committee meetings.

Any Other Business

Events

At the heart of any good orienteering club are the orienteering events we put on each year. We need key officials in place for these events as soon as possible. Alongside our extensive local programme, we generally hold 3 Regional Events, 1 Night Event and 1 Urban Event. Each needs a Planner (anyone with some experience of planning at local level may move on to plan these - a mentor can be provided if you are inexperienced), an Organiser (anyone) and a Controller (you have to be qualified to do this job).

We urgently need a Fixtures Secretary to oversee these events and to coordinate the future planning of dates at YHOA meetings. You do need some Claro and orienteering experience to effectively fill this role. If this might be you please come forwards.

Events coming up:

Ellington Banks 25 November 2018

Planner David Day, Organiser Richard Kirk, Controller Allen Banister.

The lack of permissions as yet isn't worrying anyone (much).

Quentin Tim Richard and David going to the army event there soon to see how it is.

Valley Gardens (Night) 1 December 2018

Planner Tim Evans, Organiser NEEDED, Controller Mike Cope.

Brimham (Middle Distance) 14 April 2019

Planner Quentin Harding, Organiser NEEDED, Controller NEEDED.

Susan Birtwistle has volunteered to be Organiser for one of these two events and will confirm which soon.

Ripon (Urban) 26 May 2019

Planner Ruth Ker, Organiser NEEDED, Controller NEEDED.

Knaresborough Castle (Race the Castles in Yorkshire Week) 21 August 2019

Planner Matthew Rochester, Organiser NEEDED, Controller NEEDED.

The next YHOA meeting is on 8 November where Yorkshire Clubs will collectively sort out dates for events for 2019 and 2020. Claro must be represented. Hoping Graham Ramsden might go as final act as outgoing Fixtures Secretary? Otherwise Richard Kirk? (Tim is away and Ruth working that night.)

Local Fixtures Secretary Richard Kirk, sent through a report of the excellent range of summer, winter and junior leagues along with training for schools and uniformed groups that have taken place. This was read to the AGM.

David Day discussed challenges with Harrogate Borough Council. They charge us to hold events and then fail to inform us if there might be an event that clashes. For example a Junior League event in Valley Gardens had to be cancelled due to the Gay Pride March which we were not told about. David to ring as emails meet a blank.

Mike Cope suggested the Helpers Team List is not fit for purpose and needs updating. The committee will discuss at next meeting.

Matthew Rochester raised the question as to whether we can hold SI Air enabled events. Yes :) We will set our boxes for SI Air dibbers at Brimham and Ripon next year.

Quentin Harding mentioned that a colleague had tried to get in touch and not received a reply from Claro. This will hopefully be addressed by Allen checking on the contacts system through the website and Ruth agreeing to act as first email contact for new members and random enquiries.

Trophies were awarded to Adrian Parker and Luke Parker as Senior and Junior Claro League winners.

The Charles Lewsley Cup was awarded to Tim Moon for services as SI Coordinator for many years. The assembled Claro members extended their appreciation to Tim for his valued work.