



West Anglian Orienteering Club

Minutes from 2025 Annual General Meeting

Saturday 22nd March 2025 at 3.30pm, Clay Farm Centre, Trumpington

Prize-giving

The full list of awards will be published in JabberWAOC.

Chairmans awards:

- Owl award for performance – Alex Moore
- Tortoise award for contribution to the club – Jenny Dunning
- Hally Hardie Mapping trophy - Bob Hill
- Chairmans cup for junior performance – Alys Powell
- Honorary membership – Chris Morley

Hebe Darwin presented the medals for WAOC winners at the Icenian event today – Dil Wetheril, Alys Powell, Hannah Powell, Kate Jarrett, Emma Jarrett, Hebe Darwin and Cathy Haines all won medals. The medals were designed by our own Hebe Darwin!

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

Welcome from Stephen Borrill (SB); Chair. Apologies Harriet Milward, Bob Hill and Helen Bickle.

2. Approval of minutes from AGM 2024

The previous minutes from the 2024 AGM were accepted. Mike Bickle (MB) proposed minutes accepted, seconded by Helen Hague (HH).

3. Chair's report (Stephen Borrill)

The full chair's report will be published in the next issue of JabberWAOC. Key points below;

- Team camaraderie plays as big a part as the competition. Thanks to Richard Powell at the end of his first year as Club Captain. Participation in events including the compass sport cup and British Sprint relay champs, where WAOC fielded an elite team.
- We have had two new urban areas mapped (Bedford and Yaxley) and used for the first time.
- We have had a complete forest remap of High Lodge. The committee have a goal to do a major remap of a forest each year.
- We have new planners and new organisers.
- The Park-O process has been streamlined to help planners and volunteers. Unfortunately, the weather has not been good and pre-entries have been low.
- MapRun participation has also been low. The chairman would welcome any suggestions on how to improve participation for these events.

4. Captain's Report (Richard Powell – RP)

The full captains report will be published in the next issue of JabberWAOC. Key points below;

- We have had some great results this year, with prizes across all age classes, from age 8 – 90!
- Junior and club participation has been great at events such as the JK, British Nights and the British relays and sprint relays where we had 8 teams, including our first ever Elite Team.
- We have also had great performance at urban events this year
- Thank you to Hebe Darwin as Junior Captain. We have seen WAOC Juniors represented at the Yvette Baker and Peter Palmer.
- We have had some international selections, which is really positive for WAOC Juniors.

5. Acceptance of accounts / Treasurers Report (Chris Rampton)

- There is some deficit from this time last year. This is likely due to the increase in general costs, including costs from Forestry England who now require a % of event income. This has led to a slight increase for entry fees for forest events.
- The club has funded some Coaching courses and first aid training for members.
- Thanks to Hana Biernacka for reviewing the accounts
- Acceptance of accounts. HH proposed and Hazel Bickle seconded. Accounts accepted.

6. Election of Officers

There are 3 Executive positions on the committee:

- *Chair* – Stephen Borrill to continue as Chair. HH proposed and Matt Eaton seconded. Attendees voted in favour.
- *Treasurer* – Chris Rampton to continue as Treasurer. HB proposed and Camilla Darwin seconded. Attendees voted in favour.
- *Secretary* – Jenny Dunning is stepping down as Club Secretary. Jon Ward was proposed as Club Secretary by SB and RP seconded. Attendees voted in favour.

7. Officer Vacancies

- JabberWAOC Editor – Emma Jarrett is stepping down
- Training Co-ordinator – Helen Bickle is stepping down in the Summer

8. Any Other Business

Nothing noted for minutes