

Minutes of Border Liners Orienteering Club AGM, October 25th 2016

Venue: The Stoneybeck Inn

Meeting started: 7pm

Chair – Stella Lewsley

Treasurer – Dick Whitworth

Secretary – Christine Goulding

1. Apologies for Absence: Paul & Judy Johnson, Di Mitchell, Judy Suddaby, John Roelich, Louise & Gerry Wilson
 2. Minutes of 2015 AGM: accepted
 3. Matters arising not otherwise on agenda: List of club members volunteering. Short of organisers – might be a good idea to have teams of two or three to share the work. AW suggested writing to John Roelich to commend him on his achievement with schools orienteering. (SL to do)
 4. Chairmans report: *(see last page)*
 5. Schools & Youth development officer's report: none presented
 6. Membership report: One member has died. 14 Seniors and 4 Juniors have not re-joined through BO. One Senior and 1 Junior, who were previously Friends, have now re-joined through BO. 1 Junior has been added to a BO family. Chris Bonington is an Honorary Member. Of the Friends 6 Seniors are members of BO through other Clubs and the 2 Juniors are related to a BL/BO member. 14 members lost, only lost 2 juniors – 7 senior members and 2 juniors friends of club
 7. Club night report: (also see chairman's report) – continuing, popular, thanks to all
 8. Treasurer's report and financial statement: Expenditure for 2016 accounting year more than income – Faulds Brow was BL's only level B event in 2016. All events made some profit. Expenses for Secretary? (AL) - none put down (CG). Why was first aid course down twice? (AL) – two separate courses, one offset by grant from NWOA and one paid for by BL for COLA course.
 9. Vote on constitution change to adopt the requirements of British Orienteering into BL's constitution: query from Chair (SL) - BO insures club and events, procedures in place to keep events safe. If BL doesn't adopt policies BO won't insure us. AW had previously emailed Mike Hamilton at BO about this. Before voting, 2 proposals to consider. A, agree with complex BO rules for insurance. B, shorter words, less detail, but BL may not be covered for insurance purposes. AW withdraws proposal B and suggests we vote to adopt for constitution and conform with BO rules. Motion carried, 26 for and none against. Proposal C, remove 'Federation' from document, as now British Orienteering. Motion carried, no abstentions. 26 for and none against.
- NOTE: Proposal A is:
1. Border Liners Orienteering Club agrees to adopt the up to date British Orienteering Policies, Procedures, Rules and Regulations as published on the British Orienteering website.
 2. All individuals involved in orienteering through Border Liners Orienteering Club in any capacity, are deemed to have assented to and abide by and adhere to the *British Orienteering* Policies, Procedures, Rules and Regulations as published on the British Orienteering website.
 3. Both the Border Liners Orienteering Club and its members agree to abide by the final outcome of any disciplinary and appeal proceedings.
10. Club awards: Junior - Laura Hazelhurst. CSOA course winner two years running. Training with WCOC but still a member of BL. Senior - Jenny Wren for representing club and country so well. (represented England as the W65 team member for the Senior Home Internationals in Ireland on 4th Sep 2016. She won her race, and England won the team trophy).

11. Election of Committee and other post holders. (Vice Chair GG commended for hard work). Present committee and post holders all voted back in except for Schools & Development Officer (JR, retiring) and Minutes Secretary (AE) who requested to resign from post if someone else available. Proposed RW, seconded HL.

Schools and Youth Development Officer – VACANT

Club Coaching Officer – VACANT

Safety Officer – RW

JY (absent) was suggested as Minutes Secretary. Chair proposed, seconded GG

12. AOB: Message from DR re Castle Park Penrith proposed redevelopment using heritage lottery money. Club has used park for club nights and DR suggests applying for funding for permanent orienteering course, with club offering help if required.

BO levies. SL commented that we don't want juniors to be put off by increase. WCOC don't charge any club membership fee. Could BL do similar? Option 3 favoured. Any other ideas? AW commented that it's important that juniors pay a fee so we know they are members – or could be grey area with no fee charged. Could be low eg £1 or even 50p. We should be setting membership fees for 2018. AW suggests minimal charge, but at least something. There was general agreement on this. BO fees currently £5 for seniors and £1 for juniors. 2017 could be £5 for seniors and £1 for juniors. PW commented that BO membership fee very low relative to other associations. IB says fees didn't cover cost of affiliation fees. SL says expenses are going to rise so suggests not increasing our fees. RE says income from events covers it and Club is not short of money. RW proposed, AW seconded so 2017 fees to be held at £5 for seniors and £1 for juniors.

AW commented that Level B event at Faulds Brow not advertised far enough in advance. Action required for next year's Level B.

Lakes 5 Days 2018 Sunday 29th July. BL event is first day - Askham Fell. Parking at Park Foot campsite – SL concerned that it will already be very busy at that time of year. Organiser required. AL suggests we have a team for a big event – too much for one person. AW wondered if another club with fewer areas would be prepared to organise. IB suggests it is good for club to be seen to be doing these larger events. KB asks if computing will be centralised. JPD thought SportIdent would do it. IB, AL, RW may consider being part of team with CG. AL – will permissions be required? Yes. £1.50 a head plus VAT required for use of area.

Andrew Suddaby spoke. He and his family first orienteered in early seventies with small children, and were soon hooked, travelling enthusiastically to events. Now Andrew and Judy are not able to run and will not re-join BO. Will continue to come to small events as friends of BL. AS thanked club. RE proposed that AS and JS be nominated as honorary members of club - seconded by AL. AS suggested they make a donation to club.

DW asked for volunteers for Burnbanks event.

Meeting closed at 8.06pm

PRESENT: Stella Lewsley, Gerry Garvey, Christine Goulding, Dick Whitworth, Anita Laird, Anita Evans (minutes taker), Jeff Powell-Davies, Emily Brown, Andy Lewsley, Paul Williams, Richard Evans, David Rawle, Jenny Wren, Raymond Wren, Richard Moss, Shirley Moss, Karen Blackburn, Mike Cumpstey, Joan Cumpstey, Andrew Suddaby, Chris Lates, Helen Lates, Isabel Berry, Janice Brown, Dougal Kyle, Marguerite Pennell

Border Liners Committee 2016

(Six posts need to be Committee Posts)

POST

Chair:	Stella Lewsley
Vice Chair:	Gerry Garvey
Secretary:	Christine Goulding

Treasurer:	Dick Whitworth
Fixtures Secretary:	Anita Laird
Minutes Secretary:	Jane Yates (Anita E as reserve)
Club Coaching Officer:	Vacant
Electronic Equipment Officer:	Jeff Powell-Davies
Junior Rep:	Emily Brown
Schools & Youth Development:	Vacant
Relay Team manager:	Andy Lewsley
Mapping Officer:	Dick Whitworth
Committee Member - 1:	Paul Williams
Committee Member - 2:	Richard Evans
Fixtures Personnel Manager:	Paul Williams (currently non-committee post)
Assistant Mapper:	Richard Evans (currently non-committee post)
Press & Publicity:	David Rawle (currently non-committee post)
Non-electronic Equipment Officers:	Wrens (currently non-committee post)
Bulletin Editor:	Vacant (currently non-committee post)
Membership Secretaries:	Richard & Shirley Moss (currently non-committee post)
Club emailer:	Karen Blackburn (currently non-committee post)
Web-Site Manager/Results:	Anita Evans (currently non-committee post)
NWOA Liason Officer:	Gerry Garvey (currently non-committee post)
Safety Officer:	Raymond Wren (currently non-committee post)
Possible new Post:	
Facebook:	

NOTES FROM THE CHAIRMANS REPORT BL AGM 25 OCTOBER 2016

Why do we have an AGM? (Apart from the fact it is part of our constitution!)

During the year, the club is run by the elected committee on the behalf of the members. They make decisions on behalf of the members, and are accountable to them.

The AGM is when the committee report back to the club with a summary of what has happened over the last 12 months. It is also a chance to look at what has been achieved, to take stock, and to answer any questions. It is also about looking to the future, not least to elect a new committee!

It is also an opportunity to acknowledge the time and effort that club members put into the club.

There are 20 names on the list on the Agenda for posts held within the club, and everyone of them is important. It is easy to take these jobs for granted, but lets just take some time to look at them.

Secretary - as well as dealing with agendas and meetings, deals with all the emails that come in from everywhere - sorting through them to work out which are relevant and need action, a time consuming task.

Treasurer - keeps all the money straight requiring accuracy and attention to detail

Fixtures secretary - we had 10 events and Anita has to contact all the landowners and tenants to arrange permissions, and fees. Often one area will have multiple owners. it is a lot of emails! Our events also have to be registered with BOF.

Minute Secretary - nice job, quite self contained but frees the committee/secretary up to concentrate on business - good to free up Anita as she already has a big BL job

Electronic Equipment Officer - Jeff stores and maintains all the boxes, keeps track of all the equipment making sure it is where it is needed

Schools & Youth Development Officer - see Later

Relay Team Manager - again, Andy is king of the emails, and possibly persuasion. Clever planning makes sure we always punch above our weight in relays.

Mapping - Dick and Richard make valiant efforts but frustrating due to lack of new areas. Should note here that Dick prints out all the maps for all our events - massive thanks for that - and most of the updating

Fixtures Personnel - without the personnel we wouldn't have any events. Soemtimes people volunteer, but Paul spends quite bit of time using his powers of persuasion - a bit of a thankless task

Press & Publicity - David continues to write accurate and interesting reports for the press

Non-electronic equipment Officers - thank goodness for the Wrens barn!

Membership Secretary - another jod well done this year by the Mosses

Club Emailer - we really look forward to getting the weekly notice from karen - don't know how she finds all those events, and closing date reminders are great!

Web Site Manager - this is the biggest mystery of all to me - we should all be very grateful to Anita who does this for BL. we keep trying to get some help for her but no volunteers...

NWOA Liaison Officer - Gerry and Christine have been giving up Saturdays to go to these meetings on our behalf - sometimes important stuff is discussed eg money and it is good that BL is represented

The next vital component are the planners, organisers, controllers and helpers without which we wouldn't have any events.

To sum up, THANKS TO EVERYONE for the part that they have played this year, however large or small.

Number of Events

We have put on .

0 B level (1)

1 C level (one cancelled) (3)

9 D level (7)

After a disappointing turn out at last years B event the committee decided to do one alternate years, and to put on more level D's. These have proved popular with some good turn outs. They included an urban at Alston, and a mid week event incorporating the Cumbria Schools Orienteering Champs.

Like to mention John Roelich (and Pam) here for all the work he has done over many years with the schools. He is finally hanging up his biro, and their events will be much missed. No one has come forward to replace him - not surprised - big boots to fill.

It was a pity that the event at Watermillock had to be cancelled due to lack of an organiser. Generally, planners and controllers are much easier to recruit than organisers. Maybe we should think of having joint organisers to share the load and the worry!

Performances

This year has been different for me (and Andrew) because we did not orienteer from the end of January till July due to injuries. So we haven't experienced many of the big events, and it has been challenging finding results so apologies if you have been missed.

British - M65L Paul Johnson 4th, M75L Chris Lates 4th, W60L Debbie Thompson 2nd, W65L Judy Johnson 3rd

Scottish - M75L Dick Whitworth 2nd

Welsh - M65 Paul Johnson 5th, M70S Richard Moss 5th, M75L Chris Lates 2nd, Dick Whitworth 9th, W65L Judy Johnson 3rd, W70L Karen Blackburn 2nd, W70S Shirley Moss 1st

Jenny Wren was also selected to run for England in the Veteran Home International in Ireland where she acquitted herself very well by winning! Similarly Emily went to the Inter Regional Championships and did well.

Missed out on the Compassort cup Final - Andrew.

Congratulations to all the above, but there are other club members who are showing significant improvement and are hot on our heels - David Rawle for one.

Club Nights

These are still going strong thanks to a small band of chaps - next one is, with Christmas Social onat Low Hesketh Village Hall.

Courses

6 people attended First Aid Courses - the one at Penrith was really good.

Angela kindly ran another Safety course at Talkin Tarn - much appreciated.

So, we are continuing to thrive, our events are popular, and we are having success. We have got a new area for next year which is exciting. We need to continue to try to give all members the chance to participate fully in the Club which should ensure continued growth and success.