



**Oxford University Orienteering Club - Annual General Meeting
Goodhart Seminar Room, University College, Thursday 28th April 2005, 8pm**

Chairman: Katherine Asker

Minuter: Ian Webb

Present: Becky Carlyle, Cerys Manning, Christine Jones, Tim Beale, Chris Millard, Ian Webb, Anne Osborne, Stephen Granger-Bevan, Benjamin Grandey, Katherine Asker, Luke Woodward

Meeting opened 20:08 *(It was noted Ed wasn't here, and suggested he was probably on the ring-road.)*

Apologies - Received from Luke McNeill *(and afterwards from Mr Pilsbury)*

Adoption of minutes from previous AGM

Katherine said she wrote the minutes, so they were obviously right, and they were duly adopted.

Chris D arrives 20:10

Speeches by outgoing committee members

- **President:** Katherine Asker

Katherine said she had a few things she had written down and pulls out a small piece of paper on which are written her "extensive speech notes". She started by noting OUOC have had a good year and have achieved great things.

Mr Catmur arrives 20:11

Trinity Term – the Summer Series saw Chris and Becky finish 3rd and 4th respectively, 2nd male/female behind Roger T and Pippa. Cuppers was next – Kat was informed Exeter won but Worcester still have the trophy in their bar. Rounding off Trinity was the Summer Tour to Hungary, which could have been great but wasn't. Michaelmas saw the addition of Cerys, Benjamin and SGB to the club. The downside was having to cancel the City Race because of the World Cup restructuring. Lots of people went on the Christmas training tour with the Tabs and SGB was properly introduced to orienteering. Hilary Term was the glory term. The Varsity Match in Sweden was fantastic, great team effort with some very good individual performances notably from Cerys and Becky who demolished the competition. BUSA was a bit unfortunate with the mispunching from the guys but the girlies did well (*Kat would say that – they won the Relay Gold!*). To look forward to we have the JOK dinner and the O-Ringen which should be fun. A few thanks – to Ian for what he has done as secretary and being "more organised than me" (*still don't know how she can say that...*), to Luke for his work as treasurer and to Becky on the training side of things. It's been a fun year! Outstanding individuals for the year are Becky for reaching a new level - greatly impressed by that, Cerys our international superstar who could well have an extraordinary blue heading her way soon, and SGB who has improved immensely in a very short space of time.

- **Secretary:** Ian Webb

Ian notes the tradition for very short secretary's speeches, so says we've been to lots of events, had no problems with Hotson's – which seemed to only be an Ollie-related problem, and wondered how Kat could think he was more organised than her when he still manages to turn up late for everything.

- **Treasurer:** Luke Woodward

We received a grant of £1670 from the Sport's Fed, slightly down on last year, probably because we made quite a substantial profit because of the incoming Outreach money. Members still owe £300 – Cerys notes a third of this is hers and Chris D also puts his hand up. We currently have around £2000 in the account. Outreach brought in £929 over the year, which kept the account balance high and allowed us to subsidise the VM (about £800 in total). Received £150 from sponsorship for the website.

£93.20 spent on First Aid cover and base maps for the Street Race, still have £350 to go out for the actual map. Minibus hire came to around £1400, have sold 24 of the new O tops. Other monies out on freshers' drinks, freshers' fair stall, club lunch and lots of miscellaneous items. Received some monies owed by old members but still not from Tom M – Kat promised to kick him.

(Kat gets a Jaffa Cake before continuing. Laughter all round, for some forgotten reason)

• **Training Officer:** Becky Carlyle

Becky says at the beginning of the year she wouldn't have thought the girlies would be the leading university team in Britain – fantastic runs from herself, Cerys and especially Kat in both the individual and definitely the relays! Improved performance helped by the structure to and focus of the training, and a very good spirit within the club. She finished by saying “I'll miss you guys” (*Hang on, you've still got this term, and the O-Ringen, and then you're a JOker, and you'll be doing the VM next year! You won't get away from us yet...*)

• **Social Officers:** Nick Pilsbury and Chris Davidson

Nick wasn't here so Chris called him a loser. Socials were great, there was a BBQ in Trinity and the Cowley Pub Crawl. A good Roving Meal, with Ian being congratulated for a certain event that evening. The VM was also good, as was BUSA and the JK.

• **Information Officer:** Christine Jones

The website had been updated, which was exciting, but not done particularly regularly. CJ noted she had done a lot of tidying and so had been a proper girl. She had also found certain boys had left notes in the website. And the website is still better than many of the sports websites.

• **Men's Captain:** Chris Millard

The Varsity Match had seen the awarding of 4 half blues and 2 full team colours. BUSA has put OUOC firmly on the map and the next aim is to take out ShUOC and/or EUOC. Over the year there have been good turnouts and improvement week in, week out.

Election of new committee members

President

➤ Chris Millard – *proposed Katherine Asker, seconded Chris Davidson*

Chris notes that a successful sports club needs 4 things:

- (1) A regular timetable, i.e. Club Run same time/place each week, and make the Sunday event the focus of the week.
- (2) Socials to get people together
- (3) Achievement - success increases numbers – trophies aren't everything, it's good to have strength in depth as well
- (4) A good club atmosphere, Becky's done well to promote this and it's a good thing to keep up – look at EUOC and ShUOC...
(that's why they do so well - they snatch all the good runners from under our noses!)

We've improved our status this year – next year more of the same – teaching, training and competing. 2 training days a term, weekends and training weeks as well. People could teach newcomers at the smaller events, while bigger events are good practice for the added pressure of competitions. Attracting new club members, not just freshers, we have the summer series, and coppers, and the cross country lot...

Kat, as proposer, says Chris is the longest standing member of OUOC and has seen what has worked and what doesn't – he has some good and clear ideas especially with regard to the potential “member crisis” of next year. He also knows how the committee works having been on it for several years. Chris D adds Chris M has lots of experience, and as he's a cross-country convert himself he has a good idea of how to get new members.

➤ Cerys Manning – *proposed Becky Carlyle, seconded Christine Jones*

Cerys says she's fed up with manifestos and the General Election, so is going to keep it short – basically she loves orienteering and wants to take her joyousness into the club. Becky, as proposer, notes she has seen a huge change in herself and her approach to orienteering which is all down to Cerys – she can do what she's done to Becky to the club – go and grab things rather than wait for them to come to you. CJ adds she doesn't know where Cerys gets the energy from (*Cerys picks up the Haribo and giggles*) and she really loves orienteering.

Questions: How will we attract more people into the club? Chris M says this term the Summer Series is good for that, next year we want to be a “friendly club” - if you turn up for a run you want to know people. Cerys notes only 3 new people this year, and 2 already orienteered. We need to grab some more cross country people – they're crazy (*just look at SGB!*) – we can hijack them and bring them into the club.

Chris M elected by 6 votes to 5.

Secretary

Benjamin Grandey – *proposed Chris Millard, seconded Ian Webb*

Benjamin first claims he was pressured into it! (*Ian didn't want it any more...*). Ben says he'll enter lots of people for events, sort out the minibus and keep up the secretarial tradition of turning up late (*Good call!*). Also has the idea of a CATI event in Hilary. Chris M notes Benjamin is very keen and knowledgeable, while Ian adds he has been very involved with the club this year and will do a good job after Kat tells him he can't say "I don't want the job any more"...

Benjamin elected *nem con*

(Break in proceedings while Ed tries to obtain the final Jaffa Cake. Can't remember whether he actually got it...)

Treasurer

Katherine Asker – *proposed Luke Woodward, seconded Ian Webb*

Kat says she wants to complete the set of executive positions, but is also interested in knowing where her money is actually going. Might send out the balance more regularly – say every 2 or 4 weeks – to keep everyone informed. She likes playing with large sums of money, and adds she wasn't sacked from Debenhams. Luke notes that Kat is a committed member of the club and has the experience of the two other exec positions.

Katherine elected *nem con*

Training Officer

Ian Webb – *proposed Becky Carlyle, seconded Benjamin Grandey*

Ian says that he wants to carry on from where Becky has left off and keep the improvement of the fitness of the club going, and his own for that matter! He agrees that the regular schedule for the "should attend" training sessions is a good idea. Becky notes that "Ian is my protégé", and last Trinity term was the "Becky and Ian show". He knows what works, and what's good for people! Benjamin adds that Ian's a very committed member of the club and is dedicated to training. Chris M asks whether club run will be renamed "The Carlyle-Webb run", and would everyone get a Becky at the end? (*depends who wants one ;) maybe there'll be enough to go round...*).

Ian elected *nem con*

Social Officers

Tim Beale – *proposed Stephen Granger-Bevan, seconded Chris Davidson*

(In charge of beer)

Stephen Granger-Bevan – *proposed Tim Beale, seconded Ian Webb*

Tim notes the social scene of the club is great, and it would be good to have a big event to look forward at the beginning of term to encourage people in. He has 2 years experience, and can remember some of it...

SGB begins with "I always say too much". He agrees with Chris M that the Sunday event should be the focus of the week – referring to the pub meet rather than the orienteering! Has experience as organised the XC freshers' drinks, where he notes "Kat turned up to try to pull some potential orienteerers (*sic*). He also notes that Ian Elder holds the equivalent post in CUOC and he knows he can be more fun than him – the trident and cake eating are a good idea! (*photos available at oucphotos.org.uk*)

Tim and Stephen elected *nem con*

Information Officer

No nominations

SGB raises his hand. CJ willing to continue for this term, and hand it over to someone next term. SGB says fine.

Christine elected *nem con*

Women's Captain

No nominations

Cerys nominated as she's the only girlie left. "I object!" she says.

Cerys elected *nem con*

Appointments of representatives within the new committee

- Safety/First Aid – Chris M (CJ didn't realise there was a 1st aid kit that came to every event)
- Mapping – Benjamin (as secretary)
- Sponsorship/Publicity – Cerys (as already Street Race organiser). Could be shared out?
- Outreach – Chris M (for now – maybe to hand over to a Fresher?)

Motions

1. This AGM notes that:

- a) This year's Varsity Match was held in Sweden.
- b) It was expensive - about £820, or £63 per member, on top of what members have already paid to get there.
- c) We made £1300 profit last year, possibly because nothing much seems to have been done with Sports Outreach money for a while.

This AGM therefore resolves to:

Cover the remaining the VM expenses using this money.

This AGM observes that:

The Treasurer has already sent out a notice informing the participants of the VM that this will be done, but it is probably wise if this decision is recorded officially somewhere, since it is a lot of money we're dealing with.

Proposed: Luke Woodward

Seconded: Becky Carlyle

Luke clarifies that this is to cover the costs of the VM, giving some of the money back to those who earned it

Motion passed *nem con*

2. This AGM notes that:

- a) The proposer (Luke Woodward) is the current maintainer of the POC.
- b) He might actually be leaving Oxford at the end of this year.
- c) At last year's AGM it was decided that a member of the committee should have responsibility for the POC.

This AGM therefore resolves to:

Choose a member of the new committee to take over the responsibility of POC maintenance.

Proposed: Luke Woodward

Seconded: Ian Webb

JOK have offered some money to put on some proper number plaques – talk to Jon M about that. The job comes with a sledgehammer and a saw. Chris M volunteers for the post.

Motion passed *nem con*

3. This AGM notes that:

- a) The OUOC website is hosted on the university servers. This provides us with 60MB space.
- b) This space is easily filled up with photos etc.

This AGM also notes that:

- a) Web-Mania is a hosting company offering 500MB of web space for £20 a year.
- b) This company is used by myself, CJ, Ollie O'Brien and Nopesport among others.
- c) Programs like Gallery could then be run on the OUOC website.
- d) I (Luke) have also made the transition from university servers to Web-Mania.

This AGM additionally notes that

Web-Mania is not the most reliable company in the world. There won't be 100% uptime and according to Ollie O'B, they accidentally deleted a friend's website. Having said that, they work most of the time.

This AGM therefore resolves to:

Purchase web-space from Web-Mania to host photos and other space-eating files, whilst the core of the OUOC pages remains on the OUCS servers.

Proposed: Luke Woodward

Seconded: Ian Webb

Last year the OUOC account was over the 60MB quota we currently have, and this level is not likely to be increased further. We're still near the limit now... It was asked whether we were still paying for the domain name ouoc.org.uk – yes we are, £10 every 2 years. Webmania have downtime once a month maybe. Could we use some of the space Tim Smith has, it is suggested (aimed at CJ)? CJ was then asked whether Tim “has a large server” (*girlie giggles around CJ*). Luke W would be willing to do some setting up of the new space.

Motion passed *nem con*

4. This AGM notes that:

Several members (plural!) of OUOC have put a large amount of time and effort into promoting 'inter-club relations' with JOK.

This AGM believes that:

This occupation is not strictly necessary, and furthermore that such activity may be detrimental to the orienteering performance of those involved.

This AGM therefore resolves to:

Forbid all members of OUOC from fraternising with JOK with such enthusiasm, particularly at the forthcoming JOK dinner.

Proposed: Chris Millard

Seconded: Katherine Asker

It was noted that the detriment to the 'O' performance is a contentious issue. Chris M does not want to embarrass people too much. It was noted by Becky that this may not apply in 8 weeks, and “do you want Barrable sleeping on your floor??” to which came the very quick reply: “I don't think the floor would be the problem!” Apparently there has been an e-mail to Steve Fisher to the opposite effect from Miss Carlyle, suggesting that “Nick may want to sit near me”, with the surprise reply from Steve of “someone's already asked me that” (*naming no names...*). So much for a “fixed seating plan”. The word “effort” is disputed by the protagonists, and it is also noted that this practice can be good as the JOKers might be more willing to give us money (*according to Mr Barrable, Tim Smith is loaded...*)

Motion (perhaps surprisingly?) defeated 4 for, 8 against, 1 abstention.

5. This AGM notes that:

- a) OUOC are going to the O-Ringen this summer.
- b) It is not cheap and it would be good to subsidise members in some way.

This AGM therefore proposes to:

Spent the next few minutes discussing what we could offer from club funds, and/or sponsorship.

Proposed: Chris Millard

Seconded: Katherine Asker

Chris D votes in favour, even before the discussion. Sponsorship from JOKErs – see previous motion – would require some more fraternising. They'll be Outreach money, hopefully more this term. Writing to companies is good, but a bit of an effort to do so – have a “letter writing” social? It was noted that Rhys Manning works for Deloitte – we could get a tour top or scab money off them. It was agreed that the social was a good way forward.

Motion passed *nem con*

6. This AGM notes that:

- a) Many members will be voyaging to Sweden for the O-Ringen this summer.
- b) Sweden will be warm, sunny and extremely good fun
- c) The O-Ringen is the most amazing orienteering event in the world. Becky said so, ergo it's true.
- d) The participants should have something to remind them of this wonderful event when they are old and infirm.

This AGM resolves:

- a) To appoint a club member to oversee the design and ordering of a tour O-kit.
- b) That each participant's O-kit should bear a 'banter name'.
- c) That the 'banter name' should be chosen from: LUGage, RUMage, MORGUEage, CABage, SPINage, WHATage, RAMPage, DAMage, COTage, CLEAVEage, MANage, BANDage, SHORTage, FOOTage, MESSage, PILLage or INDIVIDUALIST.

Proposed: Stephen Granger-Bevan

Seconded: Benjamin Grandey, Ian Webb

It was noted that Sweden would not necessarily be warm and sunny. Chris D requested his banter name be ~~PILLage~~ CLEAVEage. We all know who's getting INDIVIDUALIST. Suggestion of getting a T-Shirt or running top rather than O kit? CJ's mum has a name embroidering machine if needed. Some girlie talk about shopping (*we know who's sorting this out then!*)

Motion Passed *nem con*

7. This AGM notes that:

Club lunch is great for maintaining club spirit and should continue.

This AGM further notes that:

The cost of club lunch (including special lunches such as Christmas) has exceeded the amount of money taken by social officers by £6 per lunch.

This AGM therefore resolves to:

Decide how best to deal with the shortfall and whether it is happy to subsidise the cost to this extent.

Proposed: Nick Pilsbury

Seconded: Ian Webb

Chris D will talk for Nick “because he smells”. It's been £1 for a long time, if the club is willing to support it keep it at £1 (except for McNeill who counts out his money...). It was noted that cheap economy bread is nasty. It was agreed to up the cost of club lunch to £1.50 for this term, then drop it back down to £1 for Michaelmas when we'll have more people around, and monitor the situation to see how things go.

Motion Passed *nem con*

8. This AGM notes that:

- a) The website busaorienting.org.uk is hosted by Tim Smith
- b) OUOC are the only university club who can edit it

This AGM further notes that:

- a) It's now sitting there doing nothing
- b) The UWOC BUSA pages were difficult to find at times
- c) People still get spam from the email addresses
- d) Results from past BUSA championships can disappear quickly (e.g. ShUOC 2003)

This AGM proposes to speak with Tim Smith with the hope the website could:

- a) Be used by the current organising BUSA club to host information about the forthcoming competition
- b) Host a results archive from past BUSA championships
- c) Store any other relevant BUSA information/photos etc

Proposed: Ian Webb

Seconded: Luke Woodward

CJ says she is still on "talking terms" with Tim and could sort this out.

Motion Passed *nem con*.

9. This AGM notes that:

- a) OUOC are great
- b) Many OUOC members started as beginners or 'punters' when they joined

This AGM believes that:

- a) Members often improve loads on joining the club
- b) This is down to a lot of hard work on their individual part as well as the club members encouragement and guidance
- c) This is a very good thing and leads to all round improvement and enthusiasm within the club

This AGM therefore resolves to:

Buy a trophy for the most improved member of the club to be voted on at the AGM each year and presented at the annual dinner.

Proposed: Christine Jones

Seconded: Tim Beale

CJ explains based on 'O' clubs at home, and is a good incentive for people to work their way up the results table. So many club members have improved loads this year – it would be nice to have some sort of recognition for people putting in the effort.

See what they have trophy-wise, or make our own? Becky and CJ said they would make a trophy after they'd finished "summer quizzes" etc. Was also suggested everyone should contribute something to the trophy. (*hey you two, where's my trophy?!?*)

Motion Passed *nem con*

10. This AGM notes that:

There's an election coming up soon. Erstwhile senior member Steve Fisher is behind the scenes at the BBC coverage on the night.

This AGM feels that:

OUOC, being the best university club in the country, should get some of the national exposure it surely deserves.

This AGM proposes that:

ESM Steve Fisher attempts to get Jon Snow to say hello, or to put the OUOC logo somewhere on the screen, preferably early on when most people won't have gone to bed yet.

Proposed: Luke McNeill

Seconded: Ian Webb

Discussion about what could be done. Put the flag up behind them, or use it as the swingometer pointer? Apparently Steve could do some fraternising, but it is noted that Steve is under the thumb. We could dress Mr McNeill up as a pirate in the OUOC flag – no, we don't want *THAT* kind of exposure...

Motion Passed *nem con* (*but did anything actually happen?*)

11. This AGM notes that:

Many people have finals or prelims/mods/other exams this term

This AGM proposes that:

All those who fall into the above category should notify the crap list so that those of us with nothing better to do can come and ~~throw glitter/spray shaving foam/block the high street/~~ clap politely (all of the previous suggestions having been banned within 6 miles of Carfax by the university)

Proposed: by tradition

Rumour has it that only university members are banned. So we can get Tim to throw stuff, as will Chris D's parents (apparently!)

Motion Passed *nem con*

Any other business

- Social to celebrate VM/BUSA success and Cerys' birthday – formal hall at Somerville (*and a VERY drunk Cerys...*)
- Annual dinner – BBQ? - dress Kat up and parade her around town. (*Photos on request!*)
- The club wishes Cerys good luck at the FCC Final (*she won! Yay!*)

12. This AGM notes that:

This meeting has gone on for far too long

This AGM therefore proposes that:

- a) We decamp to the excellent drinking establishment that is University College bar
- b) In accordance with club tradition, all incoming committee members should buy their outgoing counterparts a drink

Proposed: by tradition

and off we went... (*with no contention about Univ bar being an excellent drinking establishment*)

Meeting closes 21:38. *(That was quick for an OUOC AGM!)*

End of minutes

I hereby certify that the above minutes are an accurate reflection of the meeting.

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Ian Webb (Minuter)

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Katherine Asker (Chairman)