



Oxford University Orienteering Club
Annual General Meeting
Graduate Bunker, Jesus College, Tuesday 29th April 2008, 8pm

Chairman: Ian Webb

Minuter: Ali Crocker

Apologies: Benjamin Grandey, Ian Hewitt, Ollie Hughes (football)

Present: Cerys Manning, Chris Wroe, Lucy Pearce, Scott Collier, Kat Orekhova, Chris Millard, Kat Millard, Amber Tomas, Tim Beale, Ruth Holmes, Matt Lyle, Joe Mercer, Chris Embrey, Anne Edwards, Alison Crocker, Ian Webb, James McMillan (late), Helen Gardner (late)

Adoption of minutes from previous AGM

Proposed Ian Webb, seconded Cerys Manning.

Speeches by outgoing committee members

President: Ian Webb

- we had a successful year: city race established as an annual thing, won varsity, 3rd at BUSA, put the tabs back where they belong!
- in the role of Pres, didn't achieve as much as I wanted to with recruitment (tough because so many other things to do at Oxford!) and with starting to make our club less dependent on the Sports Fed/Outreach money
- the Fresher's mini league was initially successful, tailed off into term. Night league didn't really get many people out to try night-O
- Cuppers was in the parks, trophy has been rescued from some college's bar and engraved
- We were 4th at harvester's last year- thus still competitive for the small clubs trophy
- Score and BBQ went well last Hilary (organized SGB)
- Summer tour rocked, we like Slovenia, having JOK and CUOC along = good
- Yay for Freshers! mostly established orienteers + Lucy
- City race went well, good feedback
- Ali and Joe ran fast at cross-country
- People came to the Lakes training tour = good, despite wet weather

- Varsity selection worth doing over at Merthyr Mawr, as no other events around even got close to Lunsen
- Easter vac: JK, varsity, BUSA, all successes, joint trip with JOK to Tio was fun too!
- Helen's rocked at organizing Outreach yet again, perhaps handing over to James?
- We need to sort out the big plans for the club- ie. endowment
- Thanks to the committee- had limited numbers, which isn't ideal
- Thanks to Jon Marsden, was a big help!

Secretary: Ali Crocker

We went to a lot of events, great, over a mini bus full a few times, good year, hope I did a good job, thanks to everyone who emailed back on time!

Treasurer: Scott Collier

Haven't got a treasurer's report- varsity dues haven't been dealt with JOK. We lose about 70-90 pounds on transport each trip- maybe need to increase what we charge people for transport by a pound per event. City race profit just over 100 pounds, kept in the city race account for next time.

Training Officer: Joe Mercer

Training was good, I think. Circuits seems to be popular. We had a few training days, I think. Training tour was apparently good.

Social Officers: Scott Collier, Ruth Holmes

Scott: We had cake this year. Please pay for annual dinner, Steve wants his money.

Ruth: Very excited about the beer race result- I'm not sure about the sitting down vs. finishing beer as counting for the win and I think we have footage showing some JOK cheating. Nevertheless, very good result considering literally no training. Annual dinner is looking very good, I hope you like swordfish.

Kat M requests a doggie bag from annual dinner.

Information Officer: Joe Mercer

So yeah, the website was a bit of a disaster from my point of view. Stopped working on my Mac, so I made no updates for most of the year. apologies for that.

Women's Captain: Cerys Manning

From the perspective of the women's team, it's been a great year. Improvement all around. Aced varsity with all five of the OUOC women in the top 6. Helen gets her 3rd varsity match win. We were 3rd at BUSA, 2nd uni team at the JK, and the adhoc team rocked the JK. Fantastic individual results too, far too much to talk to about or it would take all night.

Election of new committee members

President: Ali Crocker

proposed Ruth Holmes, seconded Chris Embrey

I really love orienteering, I'm very lucky SGB dragged me along last year. I think recruiting new people is thus really, really important and mentioning it to friends and such really does work! I got the astrophysicists to come along last year, although I guess less so this year. Something we can all work on. I know this job will take some serious commitment, and I'm most worried about other obligations next Michaelmas, when I'm also going to want to be training for cross-country quite seriously. My plan is to come into Michaelmas term very organized, and hopefully that won't be a problem and I can do a good job being president. From Ian's speech, sounds like we need to work on tackling the funding, and I'm willing to give that a shot.

Ruth: Ali has elite sporting background with running, skiing, rowing; also v capable, also humility – not afraid to get others' opinions, but capable enough to get opinions and come to the right decision at the end of the day.

Kat O: minibus? not sure what the situation is...

Ian W: Basically doesn't work with insurance.

Chris M : Do you have new ideas to recruit non-o freshers?

Ali: I don't think we need new ideas, just think we need to be consistent and concentrate effort on what has worked well, like the first mini-league in uni parks. Emails should continue to try to be as non-intimidating to new comers as possible. Everyone in the club can make a real difference in recruiting.

Ali's phone rings

Chris W is playing cards.

Jaffa cakes around now. Ish.

Chris M : If it snowed, skis or o shoes?

Ali: Think I'd have to ski as it never snows here. But BEOC sprint is a good example – skied for 20 minutes before going orienteering.

Kat O: Do you think you can get XC people involved?

Ali: Yes, I think we clearly can, examples in the club of this working. Need to have the word out.

Randomer walks in, stares for a second, and turns and goes out

Chris W: Souther England's premier o club, SLOW, has strange events involving cross-country. Could OUOC do this without annoying OUCCC?

Ali: Maybe... would have to think about that, and how to hold it. OUCCC are busy during Michaelmas/Trinity.

Amber: Will you have enough time next year trinity, are you writing up then?

Ali: As the position starts/ends now, won't need to worry.

Elected nem con.

Secretary Chris Embrey

proposed Jon Marsden, seconded Ian Webb

Wasn't initially sure I wanted to send lots of emails to people, but I do want to give something back to the club and I feel like I will be able to do this role, as long as I stayed organized.

Jon M absent.

Ian W: Chris seems at least somewhat willing, and I'm sure he'll be capable.

Kat O: Why didn't you consider another job if you don't like to send emails?

Chris E: I did, but this was sort-of last minute, no one else wanted to be secretary, so I was convinced over the weekend...

Matt L: Will you be willing to be part of a financial review?

Chris E: Sure.

Elected nem con.

Minuter's note: herein end the somewhat reliable minutes (thanks to Anne E. having the sense to hit the 'save' button), everything beyond this point is made up/reconstructed from memory. Care has been taken to get the most important points correct, like who was elected, and whether a motion passed or not.

Treasurer Matt Lyle

proposed Scott Collier, seconded Cerys Manning

-It's very important to attract new members to the club, we have to overcome unhelpful preconceptions people might have

-Need to look into the financial security of the club given the potential exogenous concerns mentioned by the outgoing president and treasurer concerning future funding

-I'm not going to row in MT08, so will have enough time then

Scott: He's an economist, he'll do better than me.

Cerys: He'll be good as treasurer. For sure.

Elected nem con.

Training Officer Ruth Holmes

proposed Cerys Manning, seconded Ali Crocker

I have experience, and I'm willing to share that with others. I'm not playing hockey next year (*giggles- somebody: in what sense of the word?*) so I'll have enough time. I think some things are clearly working, like circuits, and for some reason club run isn't. I don't know why but I'll look into it, I think it's a good think to have because it can be a run for everyone, a hard run if you're not as fit and an easy run if you are.

Cerys: I think Ruth will be great as training officer, she clearly has been coached by many people, and to many training talks, I'm sure some of it has soaked in.

Ali: She was great helping coach me one-on-one, I'm sure she'll be great in the role of training officer, being able to do that for others on the team.

Elected nem con.

Social Officer(s) Lucy Pearce

proposed Scott Collier, seconded Matt Lyle

I like socials, and I like food. I've been to lots of socials this year, many club lunches. I may be a bit busy this term, as I'm rowing, but will have much more time next Michaelmas and Trinity.

Matt: She's been hosting club lunch already, and she had a very tasty station on the roving meal. It's a testament to her keenness to get involved that she's become such an active member of the club so quickly.

Anne Edwards

proposed by Kat O., seconded Ali

Yeah, I like food too. I'll be a bit busy, particularly next Hilary with exams coming up, but am definitely able to help more this term when Lucy's busy.

Kat: I can verify Anne likes food. She'll be good as social officer.

Ali: Anne is friendly and sometimes silly and giggly. Those are great qualities for a social officer.

Scott: How do you plan to avoid losing people during Roving Meal?

Lucy: Have everyone have phone numbers! And maybe a route plan.

Both elected nem con.

Information Officer Scott Collier

proposed by x, seconded by Matt Lyle

Yeah, I can do it. I suppose I remember how.

Matt: Despite being a classicist, Scott has managed to make computers a central part of his degree, so he should be able to handle this.

Elected nem con.

Men's Captain Joe Mercer

proposed by Kat O., seconded by Cerys

This is not a decision I've taken lightly. I know what it means to be men's captain, and I will take my own training seriously for both cross-country and orienteering, but I think I can also give back and lead the men's team.

Kat O: Joe was made for this role. He's clearly the best orienteer, so they'll be no problem with him doing selection. He also has lots of experience and can share that with the rest of the team.

Cerys Manning: Pretty much what Kat said, I think Joe will be great.

Someone?: What will you do about training the elite vs. making the club welcoming for less experienced?

Joe: I don't think those are mutually exclusive.

Ali: Will you come orienteering some during Michaelmas term?

Joe: Yeah, last year, I didn't come not just because of running, but actually for my orienteering- I didn't want to just train on Southern English forests (no offence guys), but as men's captain, I'll definitely come to some of the events in the fall.

Elected nem con.

BUSA Coordinator Ian Webb

proposed by Kat M., seconded by Joe M.

Think this is a very important job and good to have a separate role for this. I've already started looking into things a bit, places and considering people who might be able to help in certain roles.

Elected nem con.

Note: James has arrived sometime before now.

Appointments of representatives within the new committee

- Safety/First Aid Officer- Scott
- Sponsorship Officer- Matt
- Publicity Officer- Matt
- Outreach Coordinator - James
- Alumni Officer- Ian
- Kit Representative- Ian
- POC Officer- Scott?

Joe leaves. Amber leaves a bit later, a few motions in. Helen arrives sometime after that, having been drinking with wealthy Jesus alumni at a scholar's dinner.

Motions

On training/competing:

1. This AGM notes that:

- a) OUOC have a finish splits league
- b) The finish splits league has not been updated since the great Per Forsberg took the 06/07 title

This AGM believes that:

- a) The finish leg is an important part of an orienteering course
- b) OUOC can shave vital seconds off their race times by keeping this competitive

This AGM therefore resolves to:

- a) Make Scott update the finish splits league

Proposed: Tim Beale Seconded: Per Forsberg

Scott: That'll be so much work!

This protest is pretty much ignored.

For: n Against: n-2. Motion passed.

2. This AGM notes that:

- a) The current OUOC kit is over 3 years old
- b) It's almost run out, to the extent that Matt has a women's top
- c) You can now get any design you wish laser-printed onto kit

This AGM resolves to:

Design and order some new kit for the club, without any pockets on the front...

Proposed: Ian Webb Seconded: Alison Crocker/lots of other people

Anne: What's wrong with pockets?

Amber: Should look into sponsorship before getting the new kit, so a logo can be added.

For: n-1 Against: 1. Motion passed.

3. This AGM notes that:

- a) singing Heads, Shoulder's, knees and toes is a good way of timing the 45 seconds for the wall sit exercise at circuits

Thus, this AGM resolves to:

- a) sing Heads, shoulder's, knees and toes whenever sitting against a wall.
- b) to do the sit against a wall exercise at least once per circuits session.

Proposed: Chris Embrey Seconded: many circuits regulars

Much discussion.

Motion rejected by a narrow margin. (1 or 2)

SGB calls Scott, Scott answers. We skip to motion 7 and read aloud so perhaps SGB can here through the phone.

7. This AGM notes that:

- (a) Mr Stephen Granger-Bevan is a former Captain of this club
- (b) Mr Granger-Bevan attended the CUOC annual dinner
- (c) the Filthy Tabs are our mortal enemies
- (d) Chris Williamson runs like a girl

This AGM concludes that:

- (a) Mr Granger-Bevan's treasonous behaviour should not be tolerated

This AGM therefore resolves to:

- (a) mandate the President of OUOC to write to the President of JOK, expressing our disgust at Mr Granger-Bevan's actions and suggesting that his membership be suspended forthwith
- (b) mandate the President of OUOC to write to the President of DRONGO, informing them of Mr Granger-Bevan's newly discovered love for Cambridge and heartily recommending his admittance as a member of their club, ensuring that a copy of this letter is also sent to Miss Blanka Sengerová

(c) ensure that copies of both letters reach Mr Granger-Bevan before the date of the 2008
OUOC Annual Dinner
Proposed: Scott Collier Seconded: Ian Webb

SGB has apparently hung up by the end of this being read. He texts to say he is in favor of the motion. Some discussion- what was he doing there? Said he was nearby for work? Will Blanka get the Sengerova scale?

Ali: I suggest that this is a better task for the ex-President of OUOC...
Motion passed.

4. This AGM notes that:

- a) Chris Wroe owns his very own zone
- b) The WroeZone is not his name it is a concept

This AGM believes that:

- a. Chris' (medal winning!) performances this season have been improved through the use of this zone.
- b. These zonal powers give him an unfair advantage in the forest

This AGM therefore resolves to:

(a) Threaten to report Chris and his use of a zone to British

Orienteering unless he is willing to allow unrestricted WroeZone access to all OUOC members.

Proposed: Tim Beale Seconded: Ruth Holmes

Chris W.: I would love it if you reported me to British Orienteering.

Chris W.: I'm not sure I can grant WroeZone access to all OUOC. I mean, often, I can't get in myself...

Motion passed.

On Brill:

5. This AGM notes that:

- a. Some members of OUOC like to play Brill.
- b. Brill can cause serious emotional harm to those who don't know the rules.
- c. Brill is a silly game, which greatly irritates many members of OUOC.
- d. The playing of Brill could cause outsiders to think we are a bit strange.

This AGM believes that:

- a. Orienteering is already a dying sport and we should encourage all new members to the club and not make them feel left out with 'in jokes'.
- b. Not only are we at risk of losing new members, but also long-standing members who can no longer stand the brill playing.
- c. We do not want the rest of the orienteering community to think we're a bit strange and hence not join ouoc.

This AGM therefore resolves to

- a. Ban Brill in the following places:
 - a. Public Places
 - b. Enclosed areas (Including minibuses)
 - c. The internet (in any website/forum/blog/wall)

Proposed: Ruth Holmes Secoded: Tim Beale

Ruth: This is serious guys. Tim and I were thinking about making a jokey motion about Brill, but then I realized that this is actually quite a serious issue, threatening the well-being and future of OUOC, so I thought about it, and brought this motion forward.

Motion passed, barely.

6. This AGM notes that

- a. Chris Embrey is rubbish at Brill

This AGM believes that

- a. Brillers find this highly amusing
- b. Non-Brillers find this painful to watch
- c. He will never get it

This AGM therefore resolves to

- a. Tell Chris Embrey the major rules of Brill. This should be done by the highest ranked Briller at the time of the AGM.

Proposed: A Non-Briller Secoded: A Briller

Somehow changed to Shotover?

*Motion passes. Agreed that Scott is the highest ranking Briller and must tell Chris. Noted that the motion does not actually say **when** Scott must tell Chris.*

On annual dinner(s):

This AGM notes that:

- a) A certain Miss Deegan has been allowed an invite to next week's OUOC annual dinner
- b) We very rarely see her out orienteering

This AGM proposes that:

Miss Deegan can only attend the annual dinner on the proviso that she turns up to at least one orienteering event this term.

Proposed: Ian Webb Secoded: Chris Embrey

Amendment: Make it a suggestion, instead of a requirement. We'll still like Rachel if she doesn't manage to come orienteering this term. She does have athletics varsity to worry about. (Ali)

Motion passes.

9. This AGM notes that:

- a) Jon Marsden is trying to act nearer the age he looks rather than the age he is by running elite courses and doing a fair bit of training
- b) This has led to him injuring his knee

This AGM further notes that:

- a) He has been given physio exercises to sort out the knee injury
- b) At yesterday's weekly circuits session he revealed he's stopped doing them
- c) His knee still hurts occasionally when running

This AGM therefore resolves to:

- a) Make Jon do his physio exercises at the annual dinner...
- b) ... in every gap between courses.

Proposed: Ian Webb Seconded: Anne Edwards

Discussion: What age do we think Jon M looks? Older or younger than Chris M.?

Ali's computer tragically dies, and she loses all the minutes she wrote so far.

Motion passed.

And traditionally:

10. 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

Motion passed.

Any other business

Most improved voting:

A cucumber materializes. People suggest Anne eats it. Break it in half? Eat off between Anne and Chris Wroe.

Most improved nominations:

Ali, by Ruth, as she's improved a lot since last year

Ian, by Chris W- coming in 20th something at Tio Mila

Lucy, by Cerys, Kat agrees, pointing out that Lucy is new to orienteering and running, and went to Sweden, and was awesome there- having a very good run on the B course.

Scott, by Chris M., because I think he's getting better.

Voting is done by secret ballot, will be announced annual dinner.

Dress up Ian at annual dinner?

Arguing for or against. Scott suggests he dress up as a BOF guideline. Chris W suggests dressing him up as BOF itself. Chris E suggests like a waterskier. Anne suggests like a half cucumber.

Catmur has diced carrot award. Ian notes we have no nominations thus far.

Ian: Shall we go to the bar then?

Yep.

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

The two remaining Jaffa cakes are offered. Anne and James step up.