



Oxford University Orienteering Club
Annual General Meeting
Stapledon Room, Exeter College, Wednesday 28th April 2004, 8pm

Chairman: Tom Cochrane

Minuter: Katherine Asker

Present: Tom C, Becky, Christine, Tim, Ed, Luke M, Anne, Luke W, Susan, Ian, Chris M, Katherine, Nick P

Meeting opened 20.08

Apologies

Received from Pippa Whitehouse

Adoption of minutes from previous AGM

Tom summarised the minutes of last year's AGM, and they were duly adopted

Speeches by outgoing committee members

- President: Tom Cochrane

Tom copied Matt's speech of last year. In that speech Matt said that last year was the club's best ever year with unprecedented success in the VM and good results at BUSA. It was a tough year to beat, but we did! We did pretty well in the VM – hard to see how we could have done better since we won everything, including the beer race. Thanks to everyone in the club for help with BUSA, especially the committee. It raised our profile in the country and we're now officially 3rd best. Sports Outreach has also really taken off, becoming a regular feature of each term. We should continue to do this because it brings in money and raises our profile. Special thanks to Becky for organising it. No BUSA league this year – think about it for next year? Teddy Hall Relays – won clubs competition again. Thanks to Chris for all the training. OUOC is a kick-ass club. Outstanding individuals for the year are Ed and Becky, for being consistently at the top of the tree, and Pippa as the club's rising star with some brilliant results and international representation.

- Secretary: Katherine Asker

Decided to copy Ollie's speech of last year by having not much to say. We went to lots of events, had good turnout, no problems with Hotsons.

- Treasurer: Anne Osborne

At the start of the year we had £475 in the account at £1200 owe, making a total of £1675. We now have £1833 in the bank and we are owed some more, making a total of £2431 which is the best part of £800 up on the start of the year. Part of this has come from £250 sponsorship on the website, of which we spent £207 on BUSA entries and £31 on celebratory drinks at the VM. Sports outreach have given us just under £500, of which we have about £470 left unspent. Our grant was £4 more than last year, meaning the sports fed still like us and give us over £1800 per year.

- Training Officer: Chris Millard

Chris was going to turn the club into runners. People have improved over the year so we're getting there. Had a training meeting in Michaelmas term at which we decided to do a club run and a circuits or reps session, which people attended reasonably well. Club run on Thursdays was good, morning runs less so with an average turnout of 2. Training trips – joint one with CUOC at Christmas was only attended by one person, Easter trip was really good fun. Hope we can continue our success.

- Social Officers: Christine Jones & Becky Carlyle

Luke M had to stop them eating and Christine asked if anyone would like a drink. Socials this year went well, although there was sometimes quite lax attendance. Good things were the BBQ, punting and picnic club lunch in Trinity term last year. Michaelmas freshers' drinks were fun (for us), the roving meal was excellent and Christine remembers everything. No vomit. Disappointing. Hilary term we had the pre-VM meal at Gino's, and the well-attended beer race selection. The 3-legged pub crawl was neither 3-legged or a pub crawl. [Chris D arrived 20.23] This term we've had Tom's birthday and the annual dinner is next week. Everyone is very fun.

- Information Officer: Luke Woodward

Fairly average year on the information front. 67 people on ouoc-all, 47 on the crap list. We've got advertising on the website. Luke said he hadn't updated it as often as he should but everyone said it was looking good.

- Women's Captain: Becky Carlyle

As Tom said, we are the 3rd best O club in the country. Highlights have to be Pippa's silver medal at BUSA and the relay team just missing out on medals. The job is fairly easy – just have to pick teams now and then. We were 2nd in club of the year and have been strongly advised to apply again next year. The girlies are quite a together bunch. Lots of luck to Pippa for the upcoming student selections, although they'll probably pick (*no names mentioned*) for no reason again. It looks like we'll be losing Pippa this year which is a great loss to the club, good luck with her new job, but we think we are gaining Cerys Manning so all hope is not lost!

Election of new committee members

- President: Katherine Asker

proposed Tom Cochrane, seconded Pippa Whitehouse

Tom "bigged up" Katherine for a while – is very organised, has come up through the ranks, great advert for the club. Nick P said Katherine was good at minuting. Katherine said we should try and take on the 'big 2' by having a plan and working hard. 3 things – big effort with freshers, including a structured freshers programme, use our experience for supporting people as they develop skills, and have a focus on the VM and BUSA to motivate us.

Christine Jones

proposed Becky Carlyle, seconded Tim Beale

Becky said we all know CJ well. There is a lot of work involved in organising socials and there's no contest as to who did most of it (CJ). She's bubbly and outgoing and enjoys orienteering, so would be an asset to the club. CJ said that she wasn't sure whether to stand, but had thought about it a lot and is keen to take on the job. She has the drive to do it and can be organised.

Questions to candidates: Nick P asked if we should be trying to take on Sheffield and Edinburgh, since orienteers go there and clever people come here. CJ said why not? Kat said we should be the best academically as well as in the sport. Becky asked Kat if she would have enough time. Kat said she had thought about it and would. Luke M asked if the kit would be a tasteful pink-green-brown fusion? Both candidates said no. Luke M asked if we should compete with other clubs in the sport fed. Kat said we are not represented at college level, so have a broader range of abilities than many blues clubs. CJ said we are already well known in sports fed because of outreach.

Katherine elected by 11 votes to 2

- Secretary Ian Webb

proposed Katherine Asker, seconded Luke Woodward

Kat started talking but was interrupted by Ed playing with party rings on his fingers. Kat said Ian was more organised than her and would be an excellent secretary. Luke W said that Ian was a very keen member of the club and has improved his orienteering. He's organised college badminton stuff and is president of quiz-soc which means he's good at organising things.

Questions: Chris M asked if Ian thought he could deal with all 3 jobs at once. Ian said that college badminton has finished, and that president of quiz soc is not a big job, so yes. Kat asked about making people reply to emails. Ian said he would give people early notice of events and maybe send specific reminders to some people. Nick P asked if he could have a lunchtime reminder the day before the event. Chris D wants Ian to set his alarm clock.

Ian elected *nem con*.

- Treasurer Luke Woodward

proposed Anne Osborne, seconded Ian Webb

Luke does maths and has worked in bank so can do the job. He has been the information officer so he's used to sending emails to people. He's a dedicated orienteer and unlikely to suffer from Treasuritis. Ian said that Luke was just beaten in last year's vote so deserves to get it this time. Luke said he would like to do the job. OUOC has been a great group of friends to him and he wants to pay us back for being wonderful (everyone said aaaaaahh and Tom wanted to vote twice).

Questions: Chris M asked how Luke would deal with ex-members debts. Luke said that JOK could be chased up easily but with most people the cost of chasing them would be more than it's worth. Anne said the total owed to the club was £260.44. Chris M asked about plans to make club accounts more transparent. Luke said that they were best kept to the treasurer. Kat asked about personal accounts. Luke said he'd stick to the system of telling people once or twice a term, with people being able to ask for itemised bills if they want them. General consensus was twice a term would be best for budgeting, and also if debts are getting quite big to tell people.

Luke elected *nem con.* with over 100% of the vote (thanks to Tom's extra hand)

- Training Officer No nominations

Chris nominated either Becky or Ed. Becky decided to stand and was seconded by CJ. Chris said Becky was good at reminding him to do his job, has done outreach and has lots of good ideas. He liked the headless chicken. CJ said she was good at motivated her to train. Becky is doing coaching qualifications – Level 2 (beginners) by middle of term, level 3 (light green to blue) in summer and level 4 soon after. She's technically very good and could help us a lot. She's trying to get fit herself and thinks a club atmosphere is important. Will have regular timetable of training. Ian asked about technical training. Becky said it was hard because there aren't many areas within easy reach of Oxford. She'd like to do some more training days along the lines of the last day away, and has some areas we can use. TVOC's summer series is good training and we should make an effort to go.

Becky elected *nem con.*

- Social Officer(s) No nominations

Tom nominated Chris D and Nick P, seconded by Anne. They can, or rather do, dance. They are fun. They dance with handbags. Nick P said "you men are so butch". They will do it if people come to the pub. Nick is scared of sitting in pubs on his own. CJ asked if they would remember their own socials. Nick said yes if it goes on his planner. Nick asked for bear costumes.

Chris and Nick elected *nem con.*

- Information Officer No nominations

CJ volunteered because she is learning HTML. Proposed by Katherine, seconded by Becky. Chris asked for lots of photos. CJ was pleased because she'd worked out how to make them smaller.

Christine elected *nem con.*

- Men's Captain Chris Millard
proposed Tom Cochrane, seconded Katherine Asker

Tom said it was impossible to think of anyone more in favour of club success. Chris is personally very motivated and good at motivating others. He can turn us into orienteering machines. Kat had nothing to add because she's biased. Chris said it sounded like he was taking on the training officer's role again, but if it involves working with the president and training officer that's probably a good thing. Social officers were thanked for arranging the annual dinner to clash with the men's blues meeting. Luke M asked what would happen if there was a conflict between the president and the men's captain. Chris said he could be persuasive... There was a lot of hysterical laughter and Kat looked embarrassed.

Chris elected *nem con.*

Appointments of representatives within the new committee

- Safety/First Aid Chris M
- Mapping Ian
- Sponsorship/Publicity Christine

Luke M mentioned that John Worth has some money for anyone who wants to re-map Cutteslowe park.

Motions

1. This AGM notes that:

(a) OUOC has rather a lot of money from the outreach scheme that should probably be disposed of accordingly (£470)

This AGM believes that:

(a) This is a Good Thing

(b) And we should therefore do something exciting and new with it

This AGM therefore resolves to:

(a) Use the money to get a proper map drawn of the city centre, canvas some colleges along the way and run a fantabulous city centre sprint race in conjunction with the World Cup in May 2005

This AGM further notes that:

(a) It'll give the York Park Race a run for its money

(b) It'd be a lot of work for all involved but if we could pull it off it'd be fantastic for ours and the sport in general's profile

(c) And I'm sure JOK would help. I should hopefully have a cost estimation by the night (£350 maximum for all the colleges by Dave Peel, £300 by Mark Collis for a slightly smaller area)

(d) Or do something completely different! Suggestions to be taken from the floor.

Proposed: Becky Carlyle

Seconded: Christine Jones

The official spectator races have not yet been planned, and it would be cool if this could be one of them. Tom suggested amending the motion to say we would use the money only if the event was an official World Cup spectator race. Would need a man at every control since it's in the city centre, and some making sure colleges don't get destroyed. Magdalen and St Catz have let us use their grounds before. It will be difficult to persuade colleges but we can get a promotional video, explain about out of bounds etc. It will be a good focus for the year like BUSA and the POC have been. Could make some money out of it, but could also lose some. Would be cool to have a mass start on May Day as the choir sing from the top of Magdalen tower. Becky happy to organise event if it goes ahead. Will talk to York Park Race organisers to see what's involved. Luke M proposed amending the motion to say we'd look into it and would have the end of term as a deadline for a definite decision. Becky to keep people informed. What about finalists working in the Rad Cam? Some discussion of opening hours.

Motion passed *nem con*.

2. This AGM notes that:

(a) In the course of the stunningly successful BUSA championships in March of this year, the club used equipment that was borrowed from TVOC

(b) This was not subsequently returned and no one knows where it is

(c) The situation is very far below the standards expected of OUOC and is also pretty embarrassing considering the amount of help TVOC can, and do, give

This AGM resolves:

(a) That this situation should not arise again and future organisers of any events where kit is borrowed should bear this in mind

Proposed: Luke McNeill

Seconded: Katherine Asker

Motion passed *nem con*.

3. This AGM notes that:

- (a) Nopesport is a pretty good website that is a good source of news and debate
- (b) It also takes up a large amount of certain members' time, time that would be far better spent in the pub, training, or, at a stretch, studying

This AGM resolves:

- (a) To contact the moderators of said website and ask to block all contributions from Oxford or OUOC members for a maximum of two days
- (b) Then to monitor the behaviour of the club and its members and watch them squirm

Proposed: Luke McNeill

Seconded: Katherine Asker

Luke M claimed that nobody had really contributed in the last couple of days, which implied that he too had been wasting time. Tom suggested we could confiscate the offender's computers. CJ and Becky in chorus shouted noooooooooooooo! Kat proposed that Luke M should be the one to do the contacting.

Motion passed with 9 for, 3 against and 2 abstentions

4. This AGM notes that:

- (a) Club lunch is a great idea
- (b) Average turnout this year has been 8 people
- (c) Average spend on the food and implements has been £12.50
- (d) At £1 each this doesn't add up and the surplus has been claimed back out of club funds

This AGM therefore resolves to do one of the following:

- (a) Increase average turnout to 13 people
 - (b) Increase average turnout to 10 people and price to £1.30
 - (c) Increase price to £1.50
- dependent upon current members' reasons for non-attendance

Proposed: Christine Jones

Seconded: Katherine Asker

Chris D said that he was in bed and that we should have club dinner after Neighbours. CJ said she had made every effort to keep things cheap. Becky said that the same motion last year was defeated, but we were getting attendance of over 10 people per week at that time. Not really any problems finding it. Chris M asked what the aim of club lunch is. Should be a social thing not a stuff your face thing. CJ said it's hard to predict who will turn up. Chris D and Nick suggested there should be alcohol. [Meeting notes that Ed and Luke M are doing the crossword] Chris suggests we don't make the decision now, but we monitor the situation over the next term. Tom said that it had been £1 for lunch for years and due to inflation or something it should go up. Club is not opposed to raising the cost in principle.

Vote on motion postponed to a later date in a committee meeting

5. This AGM notes that:

- (a) Our kit is not nearly garish enough
- (b) We see people wearing it that we have no idea who they are and who are at least 20 years older than us

This AGM believes that:

- (a) 3 is the magic number (all good O-kits have 3 colours)

This AGM therefore resolves to:

- (a) Redesign the kit with an extra complementary colour
- (b) Look into the use of more modern materials (CJ is happy to do this but may need help with design)
- (c) Get lots made and pose at events in our new kit

Proposed: Christine Jones Seconded: Becky Carlyle

Tom liked the idea of posing. CJ suggested pink or purple as the 3rd colour. Ed said what about deep red? It's on our logo and looks quite classy. Nick P wanted to write rude words on the lower leg so we'd all cut them off and wear cut-offs. Alternatively, we should have flesh tone trousers like 'that woman'. Meeting decided that deep red was a good colour. What about cost of dri-flo tops? Depends where we get them.

Motion passed *nem con*.

6. This AGM notes that:

- (a) We have some lucrative sponsorship deals involving banners on our website
- (b) Edinburgh Uni O Club and some Oxford college boat clubs have deals with the local pub whereby they advertise them on T-shirts and in return get free food
- (c) In the search for modern materials it may be possible to get discounts by convincing a company of the untapped market that is orienteers who will be dead jealous of our lovely new kit

This AGM therefore resolves to:

- (a) Write to local pubs/restaurants/curry houses to see if any such arrangement could be struck
- (b) Write to lots of dri-flo material style manufacturers and convince them they want to give us kit for free/subsidised
- (c) Failing the above to adopt a billionaire and use their money for the same purpose

This AGM further notes that:

- (a) CJ is also quite happy to do this as it involves the same letters as above

Proposed: Christine Jones Seconded: Katherine Asker

Ed asked if this was the first appearance of the word 'style' in a set of Oxford minutes. Tom confidently said yes. Tom asked if anyone had Roman Ibrahimovich's number. CJ said that we had the Times rich list, so could write to all of them in turn. Kat mentioned having four T-shirts this year rather than kit as it's expensive. Nick P said we'd like some more Dark Blue kit too, especially hats.

Motion passed *nem con*.

7. This AGM notes that:

- (a) The permanent orienteering course (POC) in the University Parks has fallen into a state of some disrepair due to the effects of weather and kids with pens drawing 'amusing' pictures
- (b) At the 2003 AGM John McKeane was charged with the responsibility of looking after the POC
- (c) He hasn't been seen since

This AGM would like to know:

- (a) The whereabouts of Mr McKeane and his POC-maintaining tools
- (b) Who knows which numbers and letters should actually be on each post

This AGM further notes that:

- (a) In the last AGM, it was decided that someone should investigate a more permanent way of marking the posts other than with 'permanent but not really' pen
- (b) This was not done, or if it was, it hasn't resulted in a change to the POC

This AGM therefore resolves to:

- (a) Create a new position of responsibility within the committee for looking after the POC
- (b) Elect one of the new committee members to this position
- (c) Mandate them to find our tools, get a copy of the numbers/letters and smarten the POC up
- (d) Charge said person with the responsibility of investigating other means of marking the poles, e.g. plaques/stick-on numbers/paint etc

Proposed: Katherine Asker (on behalf of Pippa Whitehouse) Seconded: Chris Millard

A lot of raucous laughter as this motion was read. Becky said that Bev has a sheet with all the right numbers and letters. John is stuck in the cross-country club. Tom asked if there was a BOF grant for the upkeep of POC's. Decided to sort out who's responsibility this is in a committee meeting.

Motion passed *nem con*.

8. This AGM notes that:

- (a) Many people have finals or prelims/mods/other exams this term

This AGM proposes that:

- (a) All those who fall into the above category should notify the crap list so that those of us with nothing better to do (especially Nick Pilsbury) 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: Katherine Asker Seconded: Chris Millard

Meeting notes that glitter is still allowed.

Motion passed *nem con*.

Any other business

Times for purples are as follows: MEN half purple is 10 seconds, full is 6 seconds, WOMEN half purple is 20 seconds, full is 10 seconds

We should get a professional club photo done, probably in black tie

Outreach money – if not used for sprint race, maybe we can subsidise the summer tour? Can always do this after the tour has happened.

Ed said that there is a sprint race in Venice in October – would be a really cool thing to take our freshers on

Nopesport might be doing a promo video, and if they do, we should get a copy

9. This AGM notes that:

(a) This meeting has gone on for far too long

This AGM therefore proposes that:

(a) We decamp to the excellent drinking establishment that is Exeter College bar

(b) In accordance with club tradition, all incoming committee members should buy their outgoing counterparts a drink

Proposed: by tradition

Meeting closes 22.30

End of minutes.

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

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Katherine Asker (Minuter)

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Tom Cochrane (Chairman)