



**Oxford University Orienteering Club Annual General Meeting
Corpus Christi College, Thursday 7th May 2009, 7:30pm**

Chairperson: Ali Crocker

Minuter: Chris Embrey

Apologies

Richard Bean, Liz Bridge, Jenny Hill

Present

Ali Crocker, Joe Mercer, Scott Collier, Anne Edwards, Graeme Salter, James McMillan, Ed Nicholas, Jenny Thornton, Norbert Linke, Lucy Pearce, Tim Beale, Ruth Holmes, Matt Lyle, Blanka Sengerová, Amber Thomas, Chris Embrey, Ian Webb, Chris Millard, Kat Millard.

Adoption of minutes from previous AGM

Proposed Ali Crocker, Seconded Joe Mercer

Passed nem con

Speeches by outgoing committee members

President: Ali Crocker

Ali: Great year.
Awesome performance at BUCS: second overall, women's team in first, three individual and two relay medals.
Won Varsity.
Organised BUCS as well.
Training awesome.
Outreach going well, good job last term.
Secretary and Treasurer jobs done well.
Stayed accessible to new people, and kept training hard for the older people.

Secretary: Chris Embrey

Chris E: No comment.

Treasurer: Matt Lyle

Matt: Fun year.
BUCS has been the largest issue.
BUCS should be sending outstanding money through soon.
Minibus fees have gone up to £5.50.
Some battels are still to go out.
Full Treasurer's report by 6th June.
BUCS made a profit – both BUCS and Varsity subsidised at £5 per person per event.

Ed: There will be issues with the new Charities Act coming in next year.

BUCS Coordinator: Ian Webb

Ian is not here.

Ed: It was pretty good.
Ali: Everyone helped - Tim very good with sorting the lack of accommodation. Thanks to everyone who helped.

Ian walks in.

Ian: It went well.
Only the financial side left to clear up.

Training Officer: Ruth Holmes

Ruth: Had a good training day at Cold Ash.
Half-day training at Shotover along with Saturday Series.
Consistently high training numbers.
Most proud of the people pushed into scoring from training.

Information Officer: Scott Collier

Scott: We have a website .
The photos have been updated.

Ed: How good has the information been?

Scott: 9.5/10

Ed goes on about the improvement of information...

Social Officers: Anne Edwards & Lucy Pearce

Anne: Club Lunch tomorrow at Scott's .
I have brought Jaffa Cakes to hand out when people get tired.
Hopefully we will have a good annual dinner.

Men's Captain: Joe Mercer

Joe: Men's team have done good, well done guys.

Election of new committee members

President: Matt Lyle

Proposed Ruth Holmes, Seconded Scott Collier

Ruth: *Makes a long speech.*
Likes Matt's diplomacy.
He is the perfect candidate for next Lib Dem prime minister.
Ruth will rule it over Matt as Sports Fed president.

Matt: Three parts: achievements and shortcomings.
How we have been.
How we will be and how we will get better.
Tribute to Ali: performance, participation, and social, and outreach.
Hope to do the same.
Part 1:
What is OUOC: a club in great shape.
Beating the Tabs.
Beating ShUOC at BUCS.
Outreach etc.
Joining together top athletes and those just starting.
However: sometimes cliquey, and bearded.
Soon to lose long-standing knowledgeable members.
It is time for new people to come into the call-up block and go on the long bleep.
Part 2:
We can be a high performance team.

Kat & Chris Millard walk in

Matt: We can be Club of the Year.
Part 3: How are we going to get there?
Will put in place the framework to work.
And set the standard for various stuff.
Leading the way in making involvement easier and fairer.
Make sure through weekly email and Facebook presence to let everyone know.

Encourage committee to be honest and get stuff done.

- Ed: Key thing is to keep energy and drive going.
Training very important, good way to keep the club going.
How make training to work for everyone, pushing the better .
runners and the new people, what are you going to do about it?
- Matt: Strengths to bring together the long-standing world-class athletes
and those just starting.
Stress regular turn out, help speed and togetherness.
- Ian: How long did it take to write that?
- Matt: Two hours in bed last night.

Matt is ready to go on the long beep.

Elected nem con

Secretary: Anne Edwards

Proposed Chris Embrey, Seconded Scott Collier

- Chris E: Good at organising her time.
Scott: Need to keep Anne busy and out of trouble.
Anne: Good way of forcing myself to answer emails efficiently etc.

- Ruth: Have you entered yourself?
Anne: No.

- Chris M: Will you actively try to reduce the numbers of emails?
Anne: That might be quite easy
Maybe combine some emails etc
Ruth: Send it just to the people going to the event

- Amber: Do you think you'll be able to do the entries? Are you honestly
able to organise yourself well enough?
Anne: I'll have to.

- Ruth: Do you have any exams next year?
Anne: No

Elected nem con

Treasurer: Chris Embrey

Proposed Matt Lyle, Seconded Scott Collier

- Matt: Good job as Secretary.

Has organisational skills and persistence.
Well prepared to do the job.

Scott: He did a good job as secretary.

Ed: Shit own-brand food or more expensive food?
Chris E: Shit own-brand – I don't mind.
Ali: Do you like spreadsheets?
Chris: Yes.

Ed: Other sources of money?
Chris E: There's a sponsorship rep.
Scott: We had an endowment fund, but nothing came of it.

Training Officer: *Nominations to be taken from the floor*

Jenny Thornton

Proposed Matt Lyle, Seconded Joe Mercer

Matt: Jenny talented, has experience of training regimes.
Well to turn up to training.

Joe: Not much to add.
Approachable, enthusiastic.

Jenny: Have enjoyed club training sessions etc.
Trying to get new people involved and non-orienteers.

Ruth: Technical training?
Jenny: Can do it with really rubbish areas – can still get worthwhile training out of rubbish areas.

Ali: Will you be able to get to training yourself?
Jenny: Yes.

Chris M: Can you motivate people when it's raining and dark?
Jenny: Half of it is knowing that others will be there, and that there will always be people there.

Blanka: Will training still be at 5.15pm?
Jenny: Might make it slightly later.
Ruth: Compromise with light.
Jenny: Looking at it, asking Treasurer about head torches.

Ruth: Going away on camps?
Jenny: 9th week of MT good, especially if we can get new people to go
Ruth: Lakes always very cold and I got ill every time.
Jenny: Yes: I'll look at other areas, and consider summer foreign training

Ed: South Africa.

Elected nem con

Social Officer(s): *Nominations to be taken from the floor*

Jenny Hill

Proposed Jenny Thornton, Seconded Scott Collier

Ruth: I am prepared to help as vice-Social Officer, but don't want an elected position.

Jenny: Jenny is a good example – she's just started and is very social.

Scott: It's good to have new people on the committee.

Ruth reads a statement from Jenny H.

Jenny H: I'm new to sport socials.

New ideas for socials.

Want to get more involved in the club.

Put in the effort to make the socials happen.

Elected nem con

Information Officer: *Nominations to be taken from the floor*

Norbert Linke

Proposed Ali Crocker, Seconded Jenny Thornton.

Ali: I believes Norbert that he can do it.

Norbert: I can do it (if Scott fills me in on the details).

Matt: General plea for photos to be sent to the Information Officer.

Elected nem con

Women's Captain: *Nominations to be taken from the floor*

Ruth Holmes

Proposed Matt Lyle, Seconded Ali Crocker

Joe departs.

Matt: Ruth is a long standing member of club.

Persistently at BUCS and Varsity

Will be Sports Fed President next year.

Will be an asset to the committee.

Ali: She will do a good job as Captain.

Ruth: We are the best orienteering club in the UK.
Aim to win BUCS relays.
Also like to help Matt.
Happy to help out generally.
Good to have Sports Fed president on the committee.

Blanka: How would you explain any bias towards orienteering?
How will you be able to select teams when not able to be part of it?

Ruth: Not able to do that much for people's perceptions – I will always be an orienteer, but will be able to be impartial in the job.
I will be eligible to BUCS, only picking relay teams, so not important. Not eligible to run Varsity so easy to pick teams.

Chris M: What about the people who miss out on the A team?

Ruth: The 4th and 5th place people on the team are more important than the top people. Aim for those not on the team to push to get on the team.

Ed: I'm not happy with Ruth leaving me to do all the work.

Elected nem con

Senior Member: Steve Fisher

Proposed Scott Collier, Seconded Matt Lyle

Scott: We're lucky to have someone active in the sport.
Steve has always been helpful with financial matters.

Matt: He works in an Arts subject, so is good.

Matt: Does Steve know we're nominating him?

Scott: Yes, I saw him in the pub last night.

Elected nem con

Appointment of representatives

Safety/First Aid: Joe Mercer

Sponsorship: Matt Lyle

Mapping: Anne Edwards

The need to notify members of the map archive password is noted.

Publicity: Matt Lyle

Outreach Coordinator: James McMillan

It is noted that this position may later be made into a full committee position.

Ali: James did good job last year.

Ed: Sports Fed needs to get rid of some extra outreach money.

James: We will be claiming for last term's outreach soon (£7.50 per person per hour).

Alumni Officer: Chris Embrey

Kit Representative: Ruth Holmes

POC Officer: Scott Collier & Amber Tomas

Ian: The club could get the POC sorted in one day.

Printer Keeper: Ruth Holmes

Motions

1. This AGM notes that:

(a) OUOC is heavily reliant on emails.

(b) OUOC is about to lose some of its most esteemed, distinguished and knowledgeable members.

(c) (i) Matt has found and has been playing with a wiki site.

(ii) Scott (IT Officer) and Chris Embrey (The man who persuaded St Hugh's IT dept to host games of AoE across its network) have also been playing with it to great effect. It can be found at www.ouoc.pbwiki.com.

This AGM believes that:

(a) The deep and piercing pain we all feel at the loss of the aforementioned members would become unbearable should we lose with them all the knowledge about OUOC operations that currently sits in their heads and hard drives.

(b) Nobody likes Herald Webmail.

(c) Different levels of havoc-wreaking-ability can be bestowed upon wiki users by the Administrator.

This AGM therefore resolves to:

(a) Add all members of the current Committee to the wiki.

(b) Add ex members of the Committee to the wiki at the discretion of the President, Treasurer and Secretary.

(c) Add members of OUOC to the wiki at the discretion of the President, Treasurer and Secretary.

(d) Implore all members added to the wiki to love the wiki and contribute to it generously.

Proposed: Matt Lyle Seconded: Chris Embrey

Kat: What's a Wiki?

Matt: It's essentially a private Wikipedia, the idea being to store all the knowledge people have in their heads.

Its success will depend entirely on the usage of the members.

Ruth: Can I ask the wiki questions?

Matt: I will get the old people on there to keep knowledge.

Ed: There was an o-wiki on nope, but it failed to go as no-one contributed.

Ruth: How do you do it?

Matt: Just go to the website sign up to it, and then ask for our private one.

Amber: Did you wish you had one this year?

Matt: Yes, at times some people knew what was going on, but others didn't.

Need to send out useful information for the jobs in the future.

Scott: It will be very good for equipment lists.

Ruth: Examples of what should be there?

Ali: Information like to contact about using the Parks.

Basically a digital Ian.

Passed nem con

2. This AGM notes:

(a) Ruth Holmes has fought off all comers to secure election to the office of Sports Fed President.

(b) This makes her really, really cool and orienteering really, really cool also (by association).

This AGM further notes that:

(a) Ruth will have the delight of working with Mr Ed Nicholas (according to the back page of [Oxford University Gazette] the 'Sports Administrator').

2)

This AGM resolves to:

(a) Ensure Ruth is frequently faced with conflicts of interest.

(b) Re-enter Club of the Year.

Proposed: Matt Lyle, Seconded: Tim Beale

Passed n-1 for, 1 against

3. Constitutional amendments:

Proposed: Scott Collier, Seconded Matt Lyle

Minor Amendments

- a) Replace 5.(a) with
“Junior members of Ruskin College; and Ripon College, Cuddesdon;
and”
Plater College has ceased to exist.
- b) In 13, replace “Committees” with “Committee”
Typo.
- c) Replace 22.(f) with:
“ensure that the Club’s obligations in Section 2.(e) of the Constitution
are upheld;”
Correction of a misnumbering error.
- d) Replace 23 with:
“The Social Officer(s) shall :”
since we're allowed more than one of them.
- e) Replace 10 with:
“Prior to all General Meetings notice of the agenda shall be sent out
no less than two days before the meeting.”
makes it possible to collect motions.
- f) In 11, replace:
"set out in the agenda accompanying the notice of the Meeting"
with
"set out in the agenda sent out prior to the Meeting"

Appointment of Event Officials

- g) Replace 17.(d) with:
“appoint a planner and organiser for Cuppers and for any other event
the Club wishes to organise, having first advertised these positions to
the members of the Club, and ensure that an appropriate venue and

controller for the event are found;”

Introducing a requirement to advertise for planners and organisers for OUOC events.

h) Insert after 28:

29. “The Committee shall have the power to invite the officials of any events organised by the Club to attend meetings of the Committee if and when appropriate. Any official so invited shall not have the status of a member of the Committee.”

And renumber accordingly

Reflecting current practice.

Fixtures Secretary

i) Insert after 22.(f)

“(g) act as the Fixtures Secretary for the Club, with responsibility for registering events and activities organised by the Club with The British Orienteering Federation (BOF) where appropriate.”

New role; BOF require us to have a designated Fixtures Secretary.

Norbert: I can take on the BOF.

Outreach Coordinator

j) In 12, replace “nine” with “ten”.

k) Insert in 14.(b), after “either one or two Social Officers,”:

“the Outreach Coordinator,”

l) Insert after 23:

“24. The Outreach Coordinator shall :

(a) liaise with local schools and the Sports Federation to arrange a termly programme of outreach activities for the Club under the University's Community Sports Outreach Scheme;

(b) plan the activities to take place at each outreach session organised by the Club;

(c) ensure that sufficient volunteers from the Club are present at each outreach session organised by the Club;

(d) liaise with the Treasurer and the Sports Federation to ensure that the Club receives due payment for its outreach work under the University's Community Sports Outreach Scheme.”

and renumber accordingly.

Formalising the position of Outreach Coordinator as a member of the Committee, and making it an elected position. It is intended that this new section should be amended or removed from the Constitution should the University's Outreach scheme cease to operate.

Membership Amendments

m) Replace Appendix A with the attached.

Introduces Termly Membership.

Removes the defunct Plater College.

Allows students of any other institution – not just Brookes students – to join at the “Brookes rate”.

Scott: We have already been charging non-Oxford students the Brookes student rate, rather than the complete randomer rate.

Lucy: How much is the standard rate?

Scott: Currently £18.

In constitution is in ratios as SGB thought it was cool.

Chris M: Does every committee position need to be filled?

Scott: No.

Passed nem con

4. 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 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

Passed nem con

Awards

1. Blues Certificates

Ali: Last year's certificates will be awarded at annual dinner.
Would like to award the three scoring women half blues: Liz, Jenny T, Ruth, and will ask Blues Committee for additional half blues for Anne and Ali .
Men's half blues to Matt, Ian, James, Chris E, Joe, and first-team colours to Scott.

Ruth: I will try to get Ali an extraordinary full blue.

2. Most Improved

Nominations:

The Astrophysics department
Jenny Hill

Ed counts the votes.

3. Diced Carrot

Awarded to Matt for catching gastroenteritis off Scott on the Lakes training tour (nb. not alcohol induced).

Any Other Business

1. Oxford City Race and SHI Relays 2010

Scott: SHIs = Senior Home Internationals: England, Scotland, Wales, Ireland.
We have provisionally registered the 2010 City Race for the day before the Nov Classic, which is now the SHI Individual.
Hence the City Race will clash with the SHI relays.
We have been asked to host the SHI relays as part of the City Race, with relays in the morning and then City Race in the afternoon.
If we say no we they will put on another event at Pamber with spectator races.

Ruth: We need to be clear that it is the City Race with the SHI relays, not the other way.

Scott: The problems is being that most of the current club won't be here in Nov 2010.
There are also concerns with competitors getting run over – more likely to take risks with traffic in a head-to-head race.

Ed: Use Shotover for the relays?

Ruth: Planning relays is awkward.

Ian: We need a traffic free area.
Could manage ~4km courses on the City Map without crossing major roads.

Ed: Do the relays at Shotover, and then do the City Race in town afterwards, with everyone able to run.

Scott: Note that the SHI relays only have 24 teams/72 competitors.

Ed: No public focus on the SHIs, only nice for the people involved.

Ali: Would Shotover be good enough?
Ed: Yes.
Ali: It will need remapping.

Ruth: Man power is the problem.

Scott: Finding organisers for the 2010 SHIs has been problematic so far; they will accept anything SCOAA offer.

Ruth: Get TVOC or JOK to deal with the SHIs and then do the City Race separately.

Ian: Who would go to Pamber instead of the City Race?
Ruth: Old people.
Ed: Don't put on the open races.
Scott: Not our decision unless we take on the organising.

Ian: Option to move the date of the City Race.
Scott: Nothing else obvious to pair it with, would not do so well on its own.
Ed: You will get fewer runners at the City Race without the November Classic the next day.
Scott: Long term, I want it to be established the day before the November Classic.

Could possibly become a bi-annual event.
Matt: Possibly get one year city centre, one year elsewhere.
Ali: Opinion seems to be mixed.
Ian: JOK may be willing to help if they are coming down for the City Race anyway
Ruth: When do we have to decide?
Scott: Pretty much now.
I will ask TVOC about Shotover.
Ed: I am happy to organise the SHI's at Shotover.

People who will still be around in Nov 2010: Jenny T, Amber, Chris E, Anne, James.

Scott: I will follow this up with SCOA and TVOC and keep the new committee informed.

2. Endowment fund

Ed: I will set this up.
Matt will be pestered to get this going.
Can be done with current students, with delayed direct debit etc.
Need to do it now, as otherwise need to get the permission from colleges – colleges won't like giving letting others ask their alumni for cash.
Development Office can do a lot of the work.
Ian: Will have to find the information from when SGB was President.
Ed: That will take one email, then I will give the information to Matt to send out to the JOKers.
Start of direct debit can be delayed – get those currently here to set it up now
Direct debits normally just shift across when accounts close.

3. Outreach

James: Outreach session on Monday.
Got a few names – it's going on all day.
Potentially 8 hours worth £64 per person for that full time

4. Club Lunch

Scott: Club Lunch tomorrow 1 pm at Scott's

Motions (part 2)

5. 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 Corpus Christi College bar

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

Proposed: by tradition

Passed nem con.