

# DVO AGM minutes - 26th October 2022

## Family Tree - Whatstandwell

### Present

Sally Calland, Rex Bleakman, Anne Kayley-Burgess, Jane Kayley-Burgess, Simon Brister, Kim Buxton, Russ Buxton, Sal Chaffey and Dave Chaffey, Mike Gardner, Paul Goodhead, Nicky Hart, Tony Berwick, Judith Holt, Viv Macdonald, Ranald Macdonald, Ann-Marie Duckworth, Liz Godfree, Mike Godfree, Mike Gardner, John Hawkins, John Hurley, Michelle and Roo Mackervoy, Richard Parkin and Marcus Scotney.

### Apologies

Di Blount, Brian Denness, Andrew and Christine Middleton, Stuart Swalwell, Val and Graham Johnson (attending Kate's wedding), Helen Chiswell, John Cooke, Doug Dickinson

### Approval of the 2021 AGM Minutes

#### 1. Approval of the Minutes of the 2021 AGM

(available in the Members Area of the club website)

Proposed by Ranald Macdonald, seconded by Kim Buxton.

#### 2. Welcome and Chair's Report – Sal Chaffey

Welcome and thank you all for coming, although the pull of our speaker later has probably had much to do to boost numbers!

We've had some great Level B & C events this year, on old and new areas; new such as Melbourne Urban and Chatsworth, which we ran on for the first time since the early 2000s. On the Local events front, we've streamlined these for the time being so that the officials we do have are fresh to deliver Regional fixtures (of which, more later).

Just two and a half weeks ago, we gave schools from round the country and excellent day out at the British Schools Score Championships organised by Kim Buxton and Ann-Marie Duckworth. 280 children took part, from 13 primary and middle schools and 33 secondary schools. Rachel did an inspiring speech at the prize-giving, and officials from BSOA were very impressed by our organisation and number of helpers – shall we go for Number 10 next?!

Schools coaching has resumed after Covid, with Judith working enthusiastically with Highfields cluster primaries in Matlock, and Rex with South Derbyshire and Amber Valley, where he ran a schools championship almost single-handedly while many of his usual helpers were in Italy or Sweden. Stuart and I coached children from Ashbourne

and Brassington Primaries, with both schools being successful in the recent Score Champs.

A huge thank you to John Cooke and Dave Chaffey who over the winter and spring undertook as 'website refresh' making the website more smartphone-responsive, simple and more visual. In the next Newstrack, we'll do a refresher for Organisers on how to update event information.

We had a really exciting Club Champs at Brierley Forest Park a week and a half ago, planned by Sally Calland and organised and controlled by Ranald. I really enjoyed the head-to-head running in this, but sometimes I have problems distinguishing between a vanishing unicyclist and a kite! We had a picnic/hot meal in the room adjoining the café, and awarded the trophies and the Club awards. There's a list of winners on the yellow board, and a full write-up will appear in Newstrack next month (to be posted out after Allestree).

Looking forwards, our New Year's Urban, on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> January at Gosforth Valley, Dronfield, will be the first event in the 2023 UK Urban League. Another new map, and Richard has described the terrain as "curvy and confusing". We're hoping that our Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> February Middle distance on Birchen Edge will attract UK Orienteering League status (we'll hear either way in December). And in the nearer future, please enter Allestree Park! We're very excited about this event as the area already feels very different without the golfers!

I'd like to end by thanking my Vice Chair Jane and all the Committee for their work behind the scenes all year, especially Paul and Brian who are stepping down for a well-earned rest after 4 years. Welcome to Simon and Helen who will replace them as Membership Secretary and Treasurer.

### 3. Membership Secretary's Report –Paul Goodhead

There are currently 167 members, this compares to 182 members a year ago. This follows a decline from 2020 also.

There were 11 new members compared to 9 in the previous year.

56% of members are male and 44% are female.

Men vs Women – not big differences from this year to last year.

Distribution of ages shows that there is a skew to older groups, but due to promotion work there are younger people joining.

Paul discussed his analysis of participation which is available in more detailed report. Events had different member-participation at levels B-D (Level B 40%, Level C 30% and Level D just 12%) and for Urban vs country events. Lower participation in Level D amongst members, but could encourage more club members for those. This is also because Level D events are aimed at beginners.

## 4. Treasurer's Report (delivered by Dave Chaffey as Brian Denness is away)

Full version available on the club website Members' area.

The Club's financial year runs from 1 September to 31 August. This current Annual Report provides an analysis of the Club's finances for the financial year 2021/22.

### Overview

The table below details the year end balances in the Club's various accounts over a five-year period:

Balance at ...	31 August 2018	31 August 2019	31 August 2020	31 August 2021	31 August 2022
Current Account	£3,944	£17,038	£7,721	£9,449	£10,347
Deposit Account	£10,964	£10,970	£10,976	£10,977	£10,979
Registration Team Float	£200	£200	£200	£207	£200
<b>Total</b>	<b>£15,313</b>	<b>£28,367</b>	<b>£18,897</b>	<b>£20,633</b>	<b>£21,526</b>

At year end DVO's total financial assets stood at £21,526.

The Current Account balance has increased by £898 this year to £10,347.

The Business Bank Instant (Savings) Account, stands at £10,979, an increase of £2.

In addition, there is a further £200 in the Registration Float.

### Income vs expenditure

An analysis of the Club's income and expenditure over 2021/22 is summarised below.

#### Income

Total gross income of £19,148 resulted from:

Events	£15,757	See below
Permanent Courses	£763	Income from map sales
Equipment	£1,110	Explorer Events - rental for SI equipment and generator
Clothing	£366	Income from sales
Relays / CSC	£1,152	Relays entries

#### Expenditure

Total gross expenditure of **£18,250** resulted from:

Events	<b>£9,373</b>	See below
Equipment	<b>£1,727</b>	£667 shed rental; £769 SI expenses and gripples; £106 3/12 extension of insurance cover; £105 shed and equipment maintenance; £80 Annual SSL certificate fee
Mapping	<b>£ 1,707</b>	£1,430 Mapping Stanton and Chatsworth; £211 OCAD subscription; £66 Annual OS licence;
Newstrack	<b>£337</b>	Printing and postage

Permanent Courses	£512	£225 Official's expenses; £119 Map printing; £105 Course markers;
Misc	£1,690	£600 Balance for mapping 2018 JIRCs @ Chatsworth; £428 Weston's insurance premium; £250 grant for JWOC competitor; £160 4x first aid courses; £100 Deposit for ceilidh band; £53 stationery; £46 trophy engraving; £27 Bank/Stripe expenses; £25 Donation to UKOL prize fund
Relays/CSC	£1,941	50% British Relays entries fees for club runners
Coaching / Training	£221	First Aid course fees and expenses
British Orienteering	£140	2 x £70 Annual Affiliation fees for 2020 and 2021

## Membership Fees

For many years, DVO has maintained the position that it does not charge a membership fee. In the light of the current financial position of the Club, it is proposed that the fee remains at zero for the forthcoming orienteering year.

## In Conclusion

The Club's finances remain sound, with £21,526 of funds available, representing an increase of £900 from the previous year.

**The AGM is requested to endorse:**

1. **The Treasurer's Annual Report.**
2. **The proposed entry fees for the coming year.**

**Brian Denness**  
**Treasurer**  
**October 2022**

Mike Godfree noted that the accounts had not been independently reviewed which is usual before the AGM. This is not a audit.

These were endorsed by the meeting. Event entry fees were discussed later under 10.

## 5. Access issues – Ranald

Increasing difficult in gaining access, beyond time of year restrictions. Working with Emma Monkman the BO Environment Officer to review different bodies, e.g. National Trust. Linacre Woods access was withdrawn by Severn Trent, but working to regain access. Two other Severn Trent areas are now National Trust managed, which is positive. National Trust is largely positive, relationship aided by thanks to Permanent Courses and Mike Godfree. Other areas are Local Authorities where we regained access to Allestree in Derbyshire. Going to re-explore Shining Cliff access. Landowners are also important for access to many of our areas: Chatsworth, Stanton Moor, for example. Grangewood now under new ownership.

## 6. CompassSport Cup 2023 (delivered by Sal as Christine is away)

Our stated preference for a heat is Beacon Hill on 12 Feb – we may be the only large club competing (164 members and threshold for Trophy/Cup is 120). Would this mean we would automatically make the Final? MG said ‘No’ – will be reassigned to Park Hall near Stoke.

The Final will be 12 November 2023, hosted by BOK on Gare Hill, Frome, Somerset. Christine says “when I come to do the entries I will say the club will pay the entry fee but if you are unable to run we would like a 50 % contribution.” – as we’ve discussed at Committee.

## 7. Election of elected officers:

- Simon Brister proposed as Membership Secretary
- Helen Chiswell proposed as Treasurer

There were no other proposals, so these were accepted.

Proposed by Ranald Macdonald. Seconded: Mike Gardner.

## 8. Vacancies: Committee Member, Press Officer; help also needed on Permanent Courses

## 9. Possible intro of Club membership fee >£0

Current British Orienteering = £18 incl £3 EMOA fee; £6 & £1 junior.

We keep this at zero for simplicity and we want to encourage membership.

## 10. Possible increase to event entry fees

Currently £8 senior BO member for Regional event, and £5/£3 for Local events.

These fees have been kept the same. The Treasurer and Committee have previously suggested these should be the same.

Mike Godfree proposed that fee is increased by £1 to £9 given increasing expenses and an increase in fees by other clubs.

Graham Johnson sent a note in to the meeting voting against increasing costs.

John Hurley suggested that Helen Chiswell should review budget projections and in particular costs. Fees can be increased at a later date, if we feel it’s warranted. Another option is to increase the Helper discount at Level C events from £4 to £5.

## 11. Proposal to employ a Club Development Officer (Judith, Jane, Sal)

Jane stated that we are looking for agreement in principle to appoint a CDO and will be looking for help to put on more training and development activities.

Judith has spoken to Pauline Tryner of SYO who said that part of the CDO role was post-event contact and encouraging school children who have tried a Wednesday event to come along with parents to a Saturday or Sunday event.

John Hurley asked whether we would involve other EMOA clubs. Sal said possibly, after the first year. However, we will mention to the other EMOA clubs that we are hoping to employ a CDO at the Conference this Saturday.

## 12. Any other business?

Followed by talk: “Running out of control” – talk by Marcus Scotney