

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ORIENTEERING CLUB

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Chairman's Report

I have effectively, been in post since January of the current year. During that time I have been impressed, grateful and heartened by the efforts of Committee members, other volunteers with specific roles and the dedicated organisers, planners and controllers who make it possible for the rest of us to pursue our sport. Once again it has been a busy year for the club, there were some **22** events that actually took place during the last accounting year/season.

During the last nine months then there have been a number of challenges that have been addressed by your committee. The most significant of which was the recruitment of volunteers to fill the posts that are essential to the smooth running of our events. There have been a number of vacancies unfilled for some considerable time and whilst I write this, we are awaiting the results of the latest 'call-out' for help. I am grateful to members of the committee who have already taken on further responsibilities to cover the functions of those unfilled posts. So I urge the membership, again, to come forward and help with the essential tasks required for our sport to function.

The committee has also started to address the challenge of the web site. It is our belief that in order to attract a younger membership and continue to inform the wider community we need to make our site more flexible and user friendly. After some initial discussion with our 'web master' I have set up a sub-committee to address the needs of club members and finesse our presentation.

You will also note that at this meeting we are presenting a budget for Income/Expenditure over the coming year. It has been my experience in the past that such a document informs the discussions of any committee and the membership when examining questions about event fees, club participation, the programme of activity, the effects of cancellation or indeed extra events. My thanks to Mark Webster, our Treasurer for the extra work this demand has placed upon him.

A most interesting development in our sport is the Red Bull Orienteering Challenge that will take place at Sherwood Pines on the 1st of November. In July I was approached by their representative with a request for help with the organisation of the event. After a protracted discussion we agreed that such a short lead-in required the identification of greater resources and indeed there were sponsorship opportunities that were most properly handled by BOF from Head Office. Inevitably, our club members, most notably Andrew Lewellyn and David Olivant have had to further advise the Red Bull team about the map, appropriate courses and event organisation. We wish the event organisers success and hope that it will promote Orienteering to a larger public.

It is with regret that we marked the sudden death in July of one of our most committed club members, Alan Beardsley. As David Olivant wrote so movingly in the last Black & Green he will be much missed for his contribution to the club.

In September, I attended the AGM of East Midlands Orienteering Association at Clifton Church Hall. The Association exists to promote the sport through training and development opportunities, the co-ordination of the event calendar and possibly most importantly, the nurturing of the Junior Regional Squad.

At the end of October I will also have attended the annual BOF Club Conference in Stratford. The main item for discussion is a review of 'Level D' events. Given the problems that we are experiencing in finding volunteers to organise and plan such events, it promises to be a lively discussion.

Lastly, we must not let this opportunity pass to congratulate the Men's Senior Relay Team for their fine showing in three major events this year and moving up to 3rd in the UK Relay League, a four place improvement on last year, well done to all our members for keeping the NOC banner flying.

The team members were: Andrew Llewellyn (Club Captain), Pete Hodgkinson, Richard Robinson, Anthony Squire, Francesco Lari, Joe Taunton, Ben Beresford and Harry Nicholson.

The major events were:

British Orienteering Relay Championships – 2nd (last year 3rd)

The Jan Kjellstrom International Festival of Orienteering – 3rd (last year 5th)

The Harvester Trophy 2nd

Currently the team lies 3rd in the UK Relay League.

Finally I would like to thank on your behalf all the members of your committee, both those of the immediate past and currently still serving. Their dedication ensures that we can all enjoy more opportunities to take part in our chosen sport. May I urge you, the membership to offer your help in filling those committee places now available and to assist them in the promotion and provision of Orienteering events.

Andrew Breakwell
NOC Chair
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Saturday 8th November at Colwick Park

Starting at 12.30

AGENDA

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Minutes of the AGM 2013
3. Matters Arising
4. Chairman's Report
5. Treasurer's Report
6. Election of Auditor
7. Membership Fees
8. Election of Officers
9. Any Other Business
10. Prize Giving (League Events)
11. Close of Meeting

NB: There will be an opportunity to discuss any other matters pertaining to the club in a short open forum.