

## **SOUTH LONDON ORIENTEERS & WAYFARERS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Pizza Express, East Putney - Tuesday 15 November 2010 at approx 20-23.15

Present: Don McKerrow (Chairman), Dorte Torpe Hansen (Minutes), Angus Lund, Mike Garvin, Bryn Monnery, Helen, Ollie O'Brien, Tim Smith, Christine Smith, Nicola Morris, Ed Scott, Vince Roper, Phil Marsland, Evan Barlow, Dan Findlay-Robinson, Ginny Catmur, Chris Robinson, Richard Weston, Peter Huzan, Andy Robinson, Charlie Turner, Teresa Turner

Apologies: Tyrone Weller, Jayne Sales, Heather Walton, Paul Nixon

### **MINUTES OF MEETING AND ACTIONS ARISING**

The minutes of the 2009 meeting were approved.

### **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT (Don McKerrow)**

Don welcomed all to the meeting. SLOW has had an excellent year: City race is going from strength to strength, and so are street-Os.

Don's annual membership analysis show that SLOW is among the top clubs the country. Of the top 100 men and women in M/W21 SYO has 19, SLOW has 18 BOK has 11 and no other club has more than 7. SLOW is not as strong on juniors (as per normal). We can brag of having 3 participants in the SHI's. Also we have a full committee for the first time in a long time.

Don mentioned again that he would like to retire and will continue a maximum of 2 more years if we really want him to (see election of officers).

### **FIXTURES REPORT (Andy Robinson)**

It has been another active year. Some people are repeated in volunteer functions, but also good to see new faces.

Now that it is easier to organize Street-Os, we can consider having them more than 1 x per month.

Events in 2011:

- still looking for an organizer for Surrey Hills Race to take over from Ginny
- also other volunteer gaps in other events

**Do we have a planner's course for new planners?** BOF has modules online, but it would be good to have a day for potential new planners and experienced planners to get together to be able to ask questions etc. For potential planners is to be assistant planner with an experienced planner at an event

Frolic: none is planned for 2011 yet, but we will put one on if we find a suitable date. If there is no suitable date we will be back in 2012.

City Race: went very well again! Comments were: assembly was too far from Finish (will be better next year) and we could use the opportunity better around the finish with banners etc to create awareness.

(See Andy's full report for more details.)

### **MAPPING REPORT (Andy Robinson)**

City Race map extended to the south. Also note that the street o maps are now very easy to produce with Ollie's new tool

(Please see the detailed report for more information.)

### **TREASURER'S REPORT (Mike Garvin)**

We have some money to spend. At the moment our funds are at the top end of the 5-10K that is recommended to cover any potential losses on events, mapping, etc. In 2012 we are expecting higher

mapping cost for Esher, City Race extension. Also the BOF levy is going up and is estimated at £7-800. Basically we have the safety net to take risks on different types of events, different type of marketing etc. The club (part of) membership fees will not increase in October 2011 (for the year 2012).

### **MEMBERSHIP REPORT (Teresa Turner)**

Number of seniors have increased for national and local but we have lost units in family membership. We need to keep it cheap for families.

See the report for a breakdown of numbers.

### **DEVELOPMENT REPORT (Chris Robinson)**

An impressive number of children have had a good orienteering experience in 2010.

Preparations for the Olympics started more than a year ago. It is difficult because we are not in the Olympic games. Suggestion to organize trail challenges in Olympic Park to promote the green routes. There will be Olympic school competitions organized at BOF level.

Suggestion to increase use of park Os to offer to schools to use on the day of the event. Chris and Don maintain offer of putting out the controls earlier, so they can be used by schools during the day.

Discussion of what we can learn from Nike Grid (facebook group, results online, instantly). Whatever the next grid is we will be there and use it.

(See Chris' report for more information.)

### **CAPTAIN'S REPORT (Pete Huzan)**

Pete emphasized that everyone of all standards is welcome at all events. The highlights of the year were:

- Regional Compass Sport Cup: we did not qualify for the final mainly due to lack of juniors
- JK in April we had 18 teams and achieved 2<sup>nd</sup> place in M165, W165 and were 9<sup>th</sup> in men's and women's open
- In the British champs SLOW got silver medals in M60, W50 and in the open classes SLOW teams were 14<sup>th</sup> in the men's open and 9<sup>th</sup> in the women's
- Harvester had 4 SLOW teams and the women won
- UK relay league the women were 3<sup>rd</sup> overall – SLOW's best ever performance and the men were 8<sup>th</sup>
- SLOW teams also won South East relay, men's open and the London interclub league (Frolic)

(I hope I have not forgot any of all the achievements that Pete mentioned)

North Downs way is another relay that has SLOW teams even if it is not orienteering. We only had 5 this year, but the aim is to have teams at this years event in June.

In 2011:

- Compass Sport Cup is on Jan 16 and club will pay for entries
- JK (at Easter) is in Northern Ireland
- British (may 14-15) and Harvester (July 16) are around Sheffield

Keep the dates in your diaries.

(See website reports for further details.)

### **COACHING (Nicola Morris)**

Training/coaching was held on Leith Hill. This year we have permission to use the SN events as coaching/training events

In 2011 there will be a coaching event in the Lakes March 19-20<sup>th</sup>

### **WEB (Ollie O'Brien)**

Compliments to Ollie for a great looking new web site!

Ollie is planning to get more different people to write on the web site. He will coordinate with SLOW print for articles.

### **PUBLICITY (Evan Barlow)**

Evan introduced himself. He sees his role as helping to tie things together. SLOW already is a well-publicized club. The plan is also to try to get articles in fx trail magazines

New newsletter 'totally sporty' this month featured an article on SLOW.

### **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

As mentioned in the chairman's report we have a full committee.

Mike Garvin will step down as treasurer next year. We have a new ladies captain, publicity officer, and social secretary. Thank you to the Sarah and Jayne.

It was also decided that we will have a vice chairman in Dan Findlay-Robinson, who will shadow the Don as chairman with the aim to take over when Don steps down.

The full list of the committee is below and can also be found on sloweb

Chair	Don McKerrow
Secretary	Dorte Torpe Hansen
Treasurer	Mike Garvin
Ladies' Captain	Carys Morgan
Men's Captain	Pete Huzan
Membership secretary	Teresa Turner
Fixtures officer	Andy Robinson
Development officer	Chris Robinson
Publicity officer	Evan Barlow
Equipment officer	Chris Fry
Coaching officer	Nicky Morris
Social officer	Nick Taylor
Website administrator	Oliver O'Brien
SLOWprint editor	Sarah-Jane Gaffney
Trail Challenge coordinator	Dan Findlay-Robinson
Junior representative	Ralph Street

### **AOB**

SLOWprint in hard copy will be an opt in. This means that you will only receive a printed copy if you have confirmed this with the SLOW print editor.

Mathias has suggested we change the name to SLO and remove the W. It was decided unanimously that we call ourselves 'South London Orienteers' when writing the full name, but we keep SLOW as the abbreviation. 'and Wayfarers' will be removed from around the logo.

Ollie will buy the address [South London Orienteers.org.uk](https://SouthLondonOrienteers.org.uk)

Finally we would like to congratulate Ralph on his international achievements this year