

SOUTH LONDON ORIENTEERS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Pizza Express, East Putney - Tuesday 22 November 2011 at 19.30-23

Present: Don McKerrow (Chairman), Dorte Torpe Hansen (Minutes), Michael Balling, Evan Barlow, Jane Harries, Angus Lund, Heather Walton, Paul Wiston, Bryn Monnery, Jayne Sales, Dmitri Adamskiy, Helen Gardner, Ollie O'Brien, Nicola Morris, Teresa Turner, Charlie Turner, Mike Murray, Ruth King, Libby Schofield, Andrew Hibbert, Katie McInnes, Ben Smith, Paul Couldridge, Dan Findlay-Robinson, Peter Huzan, Andy Robinson and James Morris and Joseph for dinner

Apologies: Mike Garvin, Chris Robinson, Alan and Di Leakey, Yehouda, Phil Marsland, Ed Stott

MINUTES OF MEETING AND ACTIONS ARISING

The minutes of the 2010 meeting were approved and no matters arising.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT (Don McKerrow)

Don welcomed everyone. It has been another excellent year for the club. We are now the biggest club with most M/W 21 in top 100 – ahead of SYO (researched by Ollie)

We have had a cracking year in terms of results and the trophies on the table prove it: SE Score, SE Relays, Frolics, North Downs Way and qualifying for Compass Sport Cup final. And the events we organize go from strength to strength: London City Race, Street Os, Park series

FIXTURES REPORT (Andy Robinson)

It has been another active year. Big thanks to all the organizers and planners. Street O and park series have seen new organizers, so hopefully this will filter through to other events.

Planner and organizer for Wimbledon in March was found during the meeting. Planner for City Race next year is still vacant and we may have to look outside the club.

If anyone who has not tried organizing before would like to try we can promise support from an experienced organizer. At an event the organizer does the admin and coordination. Main part of the work is on the day. The planner sets the courses. There are training courses sometimes, but main input can be found in the BOF guidelines on how to plan

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

MEMBERSHIP REPORT (Teresa Turner)

Our membership is up from 223 last year to 256 and quite a few students have joined this year (maybe thanks to Bryn).

See the report for a breakdown of numbers.

TREASURER'S REPORT (Mike Garvin)

We still have a healthy bank balance with more money compared to last year. In total we made a profit of the events of 3.5K which excludes the adjusted donation to the SI fund by event, so the actual profit was closer to 5.5K

Charge at Park series: Street Os and Park series are not put on to make profit, but mainly to draw in new members. Now that Park Series is a series with other clubs we should attempt to align the fees – ideally bring the fees the other clubs charge down to what we charge (as a minimum for the base charge). We don't charge for SI rental at these events. Mike G to discuss with the other clubs. It is important to keep in mind the threshold for non-members who don't have their own dibber, so it stays below £5

The structure of the BOF levy may change from 2013

The club (part of) membership fees will not increase for the year 2013.

MAPPING REPORT (Andy Robinson)

A number of new maps: Roehampton university, which will help orienteering at the university and we hope to have a park series event there.

Devils Punch Bowl and Hindhead can make a good area now that A3 is in a tunnel.

Victoria Park is on the cards but only for 2013.

OpenStreetMap (Ollie's tool) is now making it very easy to map new areas for street o (though not without checking) and it is world famous – now also available in Belgium!

(Please see the detailed report for more information.)

DEVELOPMENT REPORT (Chris Robinson)

Chris unfortunately could not make it to the AGM (See Chris' report for more information.)

COACHING (Nicola Morris)

An active year with coaching at Saturday SN event and a weekend in the Lakes and this is continuing into the new year.

Two BOF coaching weekends are planned for the Lakes. Keep an eye out for the invitation for this.

From January Paul Couldridge will be organizing weekly club coaching on Tuesdays. Start date is Jan 17. You will have more news about this in the coming weeks. The locations will vary, but be mainly in south west London and hopefully with good accessibility with public transport.

We have a number of qualified coaches in the club, so if anyone would like individual coaching this is possible. Please speak to Nicky.

CAPTAIN'S REPORT (Pete Huzan)

As Don already mentioned SLOW has had a lot of success this year especially in the South East.

We qualified for Compass Sport Cup final, but then managed only a limited team for the final in Sheffield. Of the 25 who counted in the qualifier, only 7 were present for the final.

Other results mentioned

- Harvester the women were 2nd and some other good results.
- UK relay league the women were 6th. Outside South Yorkshire and Scotland the women are 2nd and the men 4th. Relays at both JK and British Champs are in the league, and at those event we often have many teams

For the 4 days of the Jubilee weekend there are lots of events on offer. We will focus on the one in Deeside which is UK relay league and WC selection – but you may be attending the festivities in London.

We are also trying to set teams to the Jukola, which this year should be particularly easy to get to as it is very close to the airport

PUBLICITY (Evan Barlow)

Evan doesn't claim any success for the increased participation in certain events, but take direction from the events that have seen decreases and will focus on getting better continuity between different events (e.g street o and park series)

Potential to get some articles in trail running magazines. Evan to get contacts from Dan, Paul W and maybe help from Jane to write.

(see report for more information)

WEB (Ollie O'Brien)

Ollie presented some interesting stats from the website, main referral site is BOF's website.

(see stats for more information)

SLOWprint (Sarah-Jane Gaffney)

Sarah-Jane was not present, but it is important to note that we have changed the decision from last AGM, so a printed SLOWprint is now opt-out. Everyone will get a printed version in the post unless you tell Sarah-Jane or Teresa that you prefer not to receive it.

SLOWprint is also available on the website.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Mike Garvin has been replaced by Angus Lund as treasurer. Ruth King is the new Ladies Captain, and Libby Schofield the new social officer. We don't have a new Junior representative. Thank you to the Carys, Nick and Ralph.

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

Chair	Don McKerrow
Secretary	Dorte Torpe Hansen
Vice Chairman	Dan Findlay-Robinson
Treasurer	Angus Lund
Ladies' Captain	Ruth King
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	Libby Schofield
Website administrator	Oliver O'Brien
SLOWprint editor	Sarah-Jane Gaffney

Trail Challenge coordinator

Dan Findlay-Robinson

Junior representative

Vacant

AOB

SLOW tops are on the cards. Angus Lund will continue to find a suitable wind and shower proof jacket with a SLOW design. The club will consider subsidising to make the cost of each top accessible to most members.