

South London Orienteers and Wayfarers 2023 AGM Minutes

21st November 19:30 – held at Pizza Express, Putney and on Zoom

Present in person – Abi Weeds, Sarah Brown, Paul Street, Steve Clelland, Chris Glew, Vinh Hoang, Don McKerrow, Gail Parker, Gordon Parker, Oli O’Brien, Fiona Tam, Charlie Turner, Mike Murray, Peter Huzan, Yordan Kolev

On Zoom – Michael Crone, Alan Leakey, Diane Leakey, James Leech and Daniela Pretelt Harries

Opening

Approval of the 2022 AGM minutes was proposed by Gordon and seconded by Don. No objections were raised.

Treasurer's Report (Fiona Tam)

SLOW has had a healthy year this year due to several successful events such as the London City Race and OK nuts. We have also slightly increased spend on our kit and equipment as compared to last year: we have procured an additional set of SI stations at a great price from a third party company as part of their liquidation sale. We have also conducted a considerable amount of repairs and replacement on our equipment such as stakes and kites etc. this should set us up for the next few year's events.

Most of our events in the 22/23 season achieved profitability with the exception of the SE sprint championship at Ham due to the high rental fee of the event center.

Overall SLOW is at a healthy financial position for 2022/2023

Membership Report (Gail Parker)

See attached report. Gail said that BOF are in process of sending out membership renewal invitations to current members.

Equipment Report (Gordon Parker)

See attached report

Fixtures Report (Steve Clelland)

See attached report - The program over the last year was very similar to the previous year, with the three series (Street, Night, Park) and a handful of stand-alone events (CoL, GLOSS, SE Sprints, OK Nuts & the Box Hill fell race).

On attendance, it was noted that numbers for the City race were noticeably up on 2022. This was partly due to increased foreign entries, likely a consequence of being part of the Euro City race tour and more travel post Covid. Street and Night event attendance was very similar to the previous year, Park series numbers were significantly higher. It is apparent how much attendance increases with central London events.

The Park series comprised of 10 events, but only four by SLOW (compared to six of nine in 2022). Other clubs are keen to be part of the series, so we should aspire for a similar proportion in future years.

Organisers and Planners of all events were thanked for their efforts - it was pleasing to see a few new faces being involved over the last year. As always, all offers to help in any way will be gratefully received.

Mapping Report (Don McKerrow)

The main mapping work in the last year has been non commercial by Charlie on Holmwood, Alan on Esher Common, and myself on various parks. I also did some semi-commercial mapping for the club in Rotherhithe for the City race. DFOK updated the Southwark Park map for us for free in return for borrowing the area for the Friday night event of the City Race weekend. We had no external commercial mapping expenditure.

Captain's Report (Pete Huzan)

Compass Sport Cup: A close win in the regional round. 6th at the final in the Forest of Dean. Equals our 2nd best result since 2009. 15 members scored in both rounds, so a total of 35 members scoring in the year.

British Relays: Hambleden. 14 teams, 1 medal. W40 3rd (Lulu, Boryana, Diane). W50 4th (Dorte, Vesela, Lyudmila). MW70 4th (Mike M, Sarah, Don).

JK Relays: Lake District. Always very competitive. Best position 4th on MW210 (Don, Diane, AJ).

British Sprint Relays: Uxbridge. 13 teams, 3 medals. 40+ 2nd (Abi, Matthias, Paul C) and 3rd (Steven, Dorte, Duncan). 65+ 2nd (Paul S, Sarah, Don).

We were one of only three clubs to have a team on both premier classes at both the British and JK Relays. Good to see a couple of young junior relay teams over the year as well.

MBO (Gordon Parker on behalf of Dave Uglow)

There were 6 events in this years SLOW MBO series including the 2 day BMBO championships which were held at Holmbury St. Mary in July. Overall there were 99 competitors.

Election of Officers

Constitutional Officers:

Chair – Abi Weeds was elected – Sarah proposing, Gail seconding

Fiona Tam - Treasurer (re-elected)

Steve Clelland - Fixtures (re-elected)

Pete Huzan - Captain (re-elected)

Gordon Parker - Equipment (re-elected)

Chris Glew – Secretary(re-elected)

General committee members:

Dany Pretelt Harries - Membership - Gail proposing, Alan seconding

Sarah Brown - Vice Chair - Alan proposing, Pete seconding

Don McKerrow - Mapping (re-elected)

Paul Street - Web (re-elected)

Alan Leakey - Safeguarding Officer

Current vacancies:

Social Secretary - vacant

Coaching – vacant

Publicity - vacant

Co-opted members:

Barbara Griessner - Park Series Coordinator

Vinh Hoang - Street Series Coordinator

Steve Clelland - Night Series Coordinator

Sarah-Jane Barrable - SLOW Print Editor

Alan Leakey - SEOA Rep

James Leech – Club kit

Sarah Brown – Volunteer Coordinator

Dave Uglow – MTBO Coordinator

2023 AGM MOTION

Proposal: That SLOW adopt the new membership categories adopted by BOF for 2024. The motion was passed unanimously

Proposal: Membership fees for 2025. The proposals were for a pro-rata membership fee, for a special rate for families and young adults and to keep the membership fees as per the 2024 fees. All these proposals were agreed unanimously.

AOB

There was no AOB