

South London Orienteers and Wayfarers 2024 AGM Minutes

19th November 20:00 – 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, Gordon Parker, Oliver O'Brien, Fiona Tam, Charlie Turner, Mike Murray, Peter Huzan, Yordan Kolev, Michael Crone, Nathan Havel, Jonathan So, Daniela Pretelt Harries, Andrew Trimble, Eloise Lardet, Teresa Turner, James Gjertsen, Michael Tsang, Duncan Grassie

On Zoom – Richard Catmur, James Leech

Opening

The 2023 AGM minutes were approved

Chairperson's Report (Abi Weeds)

See attached report

Treasurer's Report (Fiona Tam)

Year 2023/24 has been another fruitful year for SLOW as we continue to breakeven on every single event held throughout the year. London City Race 2024 was a success and that continues to be a reliable source of income for the club despite the increased operating cost due to the hire of the event center and CRET prizes payout. The club has a healthy SI reserve in place in preparation for the upcoming SI battery replacement due for the club's SI stock.

Membership Report (Daniela Pretelt Harries)

Daniela reported that membership numbers are holding steady although there is a slight drop in female members, a good number of renewals are coming through currently. She will send out an email in January to chase up non-renewals.

Equipment Report (Gordon Parker)

A quiet year on the equipment front. The main items acquired in the year were:

20,000 safety pins	£269
New Epson splits printer	£144

Feather flag stakes & bags £83

Other minor items replaced such as wire, gripples, barrier tape, etc

Also, all the electrical equipment was PAT tested this year a requirement for the Barbican School — cost £157.

Only hire of significance was to WOC 2024 in Edinburgh - £200 for the use of the SIAC's. They lost three of our SIAC's and have paid us £210 in compensation to allow for possible replacement in the future.

Equipment insurance has now returned to Richard Weston's scheme as after much negotiation we have a more sensible proposal form which can be more easily declared by the Officers and are getting more flexibility built into the shipping of equipment — premium for 10 months £557.05 — a full year will be around £700 as the policy renews on 1 September 2025.

In 2024/2025 the SIAC batteries will need replacing as now 3 years old again — expected cost around £1,200. Also, expect to have a number of battery replacements in the SI Station stock — probably around 15 at a cost of circa £300.

Fixtures Report (Steve Clelland)

See attached report

Mapping Report (Don McKerrow)

There have been quite a lot of map updates this year, especially for the City race, also Lammas and Walpole parks. Charlie's map of Pastures Wood is 80% complete. A new map of Winterfold will be required next year. We are still having a lot of requests for maps of permanent courses, about 475 each year for the last 3 years.

Captain's Report (Pete Huzan)

See attached team events summary

MBO (Gordon Parker on behalf of Dave Uglow)

There were 6 events in this years SLOW MBO series.

Election of Officers

Constitutional Officers:

Abi Weeds - Chair (re-elected)

Fiona Tam - Treasurer (re-elected)

Steve Clelland - Fixtures (re-elected)
Eloise Lardet - Captain – Pete proposing, Sarah seconding
Gordon Parker - Equipment (re-elected)
Chris Glew – Secretary(re-elected)
Alan Leahey - Safeguarding Officer (re-elected)

General committee members:

Dany Pretelt Harries - Membership (re-elected)
Sarah Brown - Vice Chair (re-elected)
Don McKerrow - Mapping (re-elected)
Paul Street - Web (re-elected)
Nathan Havel – Coaching – Abi proposing, Gordon seconding
Kirsten Smith – Social – Eloise proposing, Abi seconding

Current vacancies:

Publicity - vacant

Co-opted members:

Sarah Brown - Park Series Coordinator
Vinh Hoang - Street Series Coordinator
Steve Clelland - Night Series Coordinator
Alan Leahey - SEOA Rep
James Leech – Club kit
Sarah Brown – Volunteer Coordinator
Dave Uglow – MTBO Coordinator

2024 AGM MOTIONS

Proposal: Membership fees for 2026. The proposal was to keep the SLOW portion of the membership fee as per the 2025 fees. The proposal was agreed unanimously.

Proposal: Constitution Update. The proposal was to increase the number of Committee officers from 6 to 7 to incorporate the Safeguarding officer role. The proposal was agreed unanimously.

AOB

Nathan has organised a training session at Wimbledon Common on Sunday 24th November.

It was proposed to set up a Whatsapp group for members. This will be discussed at the next Committee meeting.