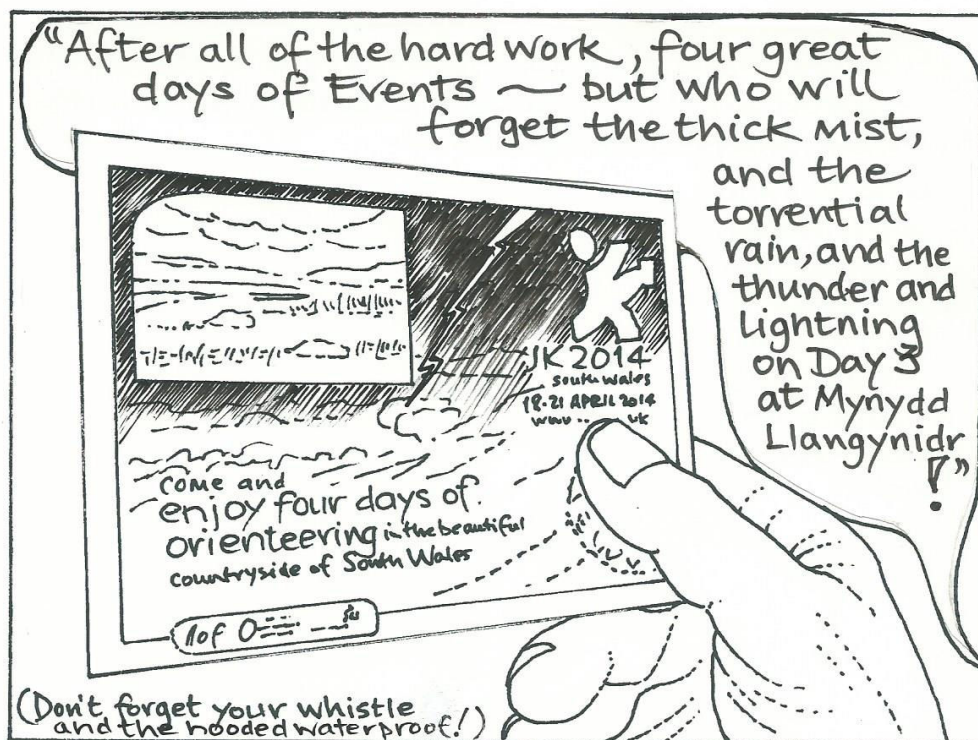




THE NEWSLETTER
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This is a special notice primarily to remind folk of the EMOA AGM on 15th September 2014 and the Experienced Planners and Controllers Conference on Saturday 4th October 2014.

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The 50th East Midlands Orienteering Association AGM

**Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the East Midlands Orienteering Association will be held at 7.30pm on Monday 15th September 2014 at the
Pace Room, St Mary's Church, Clifton Village, Nottingham**

Note: The AGM will be preceded by an EGM to agree the constitution changes.

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence
2. Approval of minutes of last AGM September 17th 2013
3. Proposed standing order changes
4. Chairman's Report
5. Treasurer's report including membership numbers and presentation of accounts
6. Approval of Balance Sheet and Income and Expenditure Statement
7. Election of Principal Officers
 - Chairman
 - Vice chair
 - Financial Secretary
 - Development Co-ordinator
8. Appointment of Independent Financial Advisor
9. Budget projections for coming year to 30.6.2014 and recommendations for membership fees, equipment rental fees and event levies (Treasurer)
10. Fixing of charges
 - Membership fees
 - Event Levies
 - Electronic equipment rental fees (formal agreement that no longer required)
11. Plans for the coming year (Chairman)
12. Close of formal meeting followed by open discussion
 - Tea and biscuits will be provided

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MINUTES OF THE 49th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND ASSOCIATED EGM OF THE EAST MIDLANDS ORIENTEERING ASSOCIATION HELD ON MONDAY 16th September 2013 at Clifton, Nottingham at 19.30.

Present: Paul Beresford (NOC), Roger Edwards (LEI), Mike Gardner (DVO), Liz Godfree (DVO), Mike Godfree (DVO), Sean Harrington (LOG), Bob Haskins (LEI), Peter Hornsby (LEI), John Hurley (DVO), Ranald Macdonald (DVO), Viv Macdonald (DVO), Paul Murgatroyd (LOG), David Olivant (NOC), Pauline Olivant (NOC), Hilary Palmer (NOC), Chris Phillips (LEI), Amanda Roberts (LOG), Graeme Watson (NOC), Ernie Williams (LEI), Ursula Williamson (LEI), Dorothy Woodall (NOC), John Woodall (NOC), and Ally Wright (LOG)

1. **Apologies for absence:** Apologies were received from Bob Alderson (NOC), Roy Denney (LEI), Derek Gale (DVO), Jen Gale (DVO) and Judith Holt (DVO).
2. **Minutes of the 48th AGM held on Monday 17th September 2012.** It was agreed that the minutes were a true record as proposed by Hilary Palmer (NOC) and seconded by Chris Phillips (LEI).
3. **Proposed Standing Order Change.** This item was dropped as it is no longer required (it was to be used if we did not have a full committee available for next year).

4. **Chairman's Report**

I really have little to say for the Chairman's report. It has been a difficult year with no real Chairman but at least we have had a keen, enthusiastic, Development Officer and an efficient Treasurer. Thank you very much Mr & Mrs Macdonald. A big thanks also goes to Mike Gardner for taking and publishing the minutes as well as editing EMEWS. Considering the situation we found ourselves in this time last year with no prospective committee the administration has gone well.

From the point of view of orienteering, and after all that is what it is all about, it actually has been quite a good year. The four major open clubs are all flourishing and have put on a full season's worth of events which have made the best use of available terrain. Event scheduling has gone well and Ian Whitehead again deserves our thanks for coordinating the events. Ian has now moved from Pakistan, but has not returned to the East Midlands, so we have lost his services as Fixtures Secretary after I don't know how many years. Many, many thanks Ian for all your work. We are lucky, however, that Paul Beresford (NOC) has volunteered to be the new Fixtures Secretary – thank you Paul, I gather you are a true volunteer.

Financially we are in good shape. There was a proposal last year to reduce our bank balance and we have throughout the year not tried to increase the balance but in fact to spend more than we have received but not to reduce the balance too radically or too quickly – no doubt Viv will highlight this in her report.

Our Development Plan has been refined, improved and implemented by Ranald and looks to be standing the test of time. I see it as a dynamic document which changes as things progress.

I am delighted that sufficient volunteers are now forthcoming to give us practically a full committee for the coming year. Regrettably it is not filled by all four clubs in proportion, and so may not be truly representative, but it is a much better situation than we found ourselves in last year. Thank you again to those who have so ably "held the fort" for the last year and thank you to David Olivant for looking after Mapping, Hilary Palmer for Coaching, Ursula Williamson for so ably running the League, Paul Murgatroyd for running the Urban League and Richard Robinson (and all others involved with the Junior Squad) for Junior development and finally all club reps who have turned out on cold, miserable winters' evenings to attend committee meetings.

Finally a thank you to Mike Godfree who has agreed to keep track of East Midlands trophies. Mike was keen to volunteer for the task when I told him the alternative was to become EMOA Chairman.

Ladies and Gentlemen thank you.

The meeting formally accepted the Chairman's report.

5. **Treasurer's Report including membership numbers and presentation of accounts.**

Copies of the Report were circulated via EMEWS 247 and at the meeting.

The Treasurer reported that Event Levy income had risen considerably due to large attendance at a number of events. This did not include the British Sprint or Middle events as these are outside the levy model.

In terms of membership, the unit figures have held up, but the number of members has fallen, probably due to the new membership structure from British Orienteering. The Community O figures should all have been zero on the Income sheet.

There had been no sales of Junior Clothing as in previous years. It was believed this was because this normally took place when the Junior Squad went to the Inter-Regionals, and due to the dates this year there had not been a Junior Inter-Regional in the accounting year. It is possible there will be two in the next accounting year..

Discussion took place on whether the Community O figures should be brought in to the Accounts for consistency. It was pointed out that this would allow the figures to balance.

The Chair, Financial secretary and Robert Parkinson are 3 signatories on the bank accounts.

The Independent Financial Examiner had confirmed that the Income and Expenditure Report and the Balance Sheet were a true and fair statement of the finances of EMOA. Andy Lucas was thanked for undertaking this task.

6. **Approval of Balance Sheet and Income and Expenditure Statement**

Subject to the change being made to reflect the Community-O figures, the balance sheet was approved by the meeting. This was proposed by Mike Gardner and seconded by John Hurley.

7. **Election of Principal Officers**

John Woodall stated that a number of folk had worked to get a proposed committee in place for next year. He asked the meeting if anyone else had any nominations for the key posts. As no-one had any other nominees John proposed the following people should be elected to be the Principal Officers

Post	Name
Chairman	Ranald Macdonald
Vice Chairman	John Hurley
Financial Secretary	Mark Webster
Development Co-ordinator	Chris Phillips

Proposed: John Woodall

Seconded: Ernie Williams

The Principal Officers were elected unanimously.

Ranald stated that he only wanted to stand for one year and John had taken on the role of Vice-Chairman on the proviso that he would not be expected to move in to the Chairman role. Chris is going to be fairly busy in his role co-ordinating the JK for the start of the year, so Viv would assist with some of the administration in the role in the interim.

8. **Election of Other Officers**

The only other officers on the committee in the new constitution are the club reps. These are elected by the clubs.

The other delegates / roles were identified in the meeting as:

Mapping – Dave Olivant

Coaching – Hilary Palmer

Juniors – Richard Robinson

EM League – Ursula Williamson

Urban League – Paul Murgatroyd

Fixtures – Paul Beresford

President – John Woodall

Minutes Secretary – Mike Gardner

EMEWS – Mike Gardner

Webmaster – John Cooke

National Forest – Roy Denney

A formal vote of thanks was given to John Woodall for standing in as Chairman to keep things going.

Proposed: Hilary Palmer

Seconded: Ernie Williams

9. **Appointment of Independent Financial Examiner.**

Viv Macdonald agreed to ask Andy Lucas if he would perform the role again next year.

10. Budget projections

The Treasurer presented a project 3 year budget that was circulated with EMEWS and copies circulated in the meeting. This showed a progressive loss to use the surplus currently in budget.

11. **Fixing of Charges.**

It was proposed in the budget to leave all the membership fees and event levies as they were from the previous year.

Senior membership fee is £2

Junior membership fee is £1.

Associate membership fee is £10

Club membership fee is £15.

Event levies: 40p per adult and 10p per junior with the first £25 being exempt.

Proposed: John Woodall

Seconded: Mike Gardner

The proposed fees were accepted unanimously.

12. Plans for the coming year.

Ranald Macdonald stated that the key to EMOA was delivering development to the region and so the first meeting would concentrate on reviewing the development plan.

There were already a number of planned activities such as the Mapping Course, Dave Olivant gave an update on this. It is planned to take place at the end of September, beginning of October and is already over-subscribed. We may even want to run the course again shortly.

Ranald stated that there were plans to run the Development Day again, though probably will be early in New Year rather than December and will cover Controllers, Organisers, Planners, Event Safety and Coach Update sessions.

It is also hoped to run the Controllers / Planners conference again as those who attended the last session had enjoyed the session, especially the course planning session run by John Duckworth. We may do a similar session based on the JK.

Hilary Palmer stated she was looking at delivering a new form of coach training as often folk found the 3-day course difficult to attend. The idea would be to run a course for level 1 coaches to assist them to provide linked series of coaching sessions. It may then be possible to run another top up session(s) so that folk build up their skills to level 2 rather than having to do all in one go.

Ranald reported that on a similar basis he had run a Controllers course for NOC, rather than as one intensive session, but as a session at an event in Harlow woods, a set of pre-defined reading and an evening session to go through the requirements, procedures and practices. Breaking things down to smaller sessions can work.

13. Any Other Business

Paul Murgatroyd asked the clubs where they were going to use for the Urban League next year. Reps from the clubs identified their planned events for next year.

Chris Phillips reported that the organization for JK Day 3 for 2014 is going well. East Midlands is expected to run this and so he will be in touch with the clubs shortly about what will be required. There will be some incentives for folk to volunteer.

There being no further business the Chairman thanked all present for their attendance at the 2013 AGM and declared the meeting closed at 20.30.

The meeting was closed and Natalie Shaw from British Orienteering gave a talk on Explorer <http://www.xplorer.org.uk/about> and Run Challenge - <http://www.runchallenge.org.uk/>

Mike Gardner 18.09.2013

Notice for Event Planners / Controllers – a date for your diaries

Experienced Planners and Controllers Conference: Saturday 4th October 2014

As in the last two years, the annual conference for experienced Planners and Controllers will be held at Rushcliffe Country Park.

Our main workshop presenter will be Barry Elkington (OD) who wrote the excellent series of articles on course planning which can be found on the British Orienteering website.

There will also be the opportunity to share experiences of your activities and to consider the implications of the revised Rules of Orienteering, Appendices and Competition Rules.

Please let Ranald Macdonald (r.f.macdonald@btinternet.com) or your club rep know if you are planning to attend (club rep details below)

DVO – Mike Gardner (mikegardvo@sky.com)

LEI – Chris Phillips (onepc47@gmail.com)

LOG – Paul Murgatroyd (pmmurgatroyd@aol.com)

NOC – Pauline Olivandr (p.olivandr@btinternet.com)

We would like as many experienced planners and controllers to attend as possible so please try to attend if you can.