

MINUTES OF THE 55th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE EAST MIDLANDS ORIENTEERING ASSOCIATION HELD ON MONDAY 23rd SEPTEMBER 2019 at Clifton, Nottingham at 19.30.

Present: Trudy Crosby (LOG), Ann-Marie Duckworth (DVO), Roger Edwards (LEI), Mike Gardner (DVO), Liz Godfree (DVO), Mike Godfree (DVO), Bob Haskins (LEI), Judith Holt (DVO), Peter Hornsby (LEI), John Hurley (DVO), Randal Macdonald (DVO), Chris Phillips (LEI), Iain Phillips (LEI), Amanda Roberts (LOG), Ursula Williamson (LEI), Dorothy Woodall (NOC) and John Woodall (NOC).

1. Apologies for absence:

Apologies were received from Doug Dickinson (DVO), Mick Lucking (NOC), Dave Olivant (NOC), Pauline Olivant (NOC), Hilary Palmer (NOC), John Palmer (NOC), Julie Webster (NOC), Mark Webster (NOC), Ernie Williams (LEI),

2. Minutes of the 54th EMOA AGM held on Monday 24th September 2018.

It was agreed that the minutes were a true record. Proposed by Ursula Williamson (LEI) and seconded by John Hurley (DVO).

3. Standing Order Change:

There were no standing order changes submitted to this AGM.

4. Chair's Report:

I have now come to the end of my second year as Chair and again want to thank the Committee, Club reps and Job Holders for all their hard work over the last 12 months. Particular thanks must go to Chris Phillips (Vice-Chair) for his valuable advice on all matters orienteering and who has also 'babysat' the Development Officer role until now when we hopefully have a new volunteer; Mike Gardner (Secretary) who has now held the role for 7 years and produced the EMEWS in its present form for a staggering 17 years plus; Ursula Williamson (Fixtures Secretary) for liaising with the Events Scheduling Group and club fixtures secretaries to keep the events diary up to date, and finally, Mark Webster (Financial Secretary), who has been looking after the finances for the last 6 years. Mark has decided to hand over his role with effect this AGM, on behalf of the committee and members we would like to say thank you. We look forward to welcoming a new Financial Secretary later in this meeting.

The year started with the JIRCs 2018 event hosted by DVO. Based at the Mount Cook Adventure Centre, the twelve regional teams competed against each other over 2 days. The individual races were held on a cold but sunny day at Chatsworth followed on day 2 by the relays at Carsington Pastures. Carsington Pastures provided an excellent spectator arena, despite the rather damp and misty conditions and there was a great atmosphere as the teams results developed. The weekend ended with our EMOA team being placed 6th overall.

The EMOA 50th anniversary celebrations concluded at the East Midlands Championships at the Dukeries on 16 December 2018. Each competitor was given a commemorative boot bag as a memento. Thank you to Pauline Olivant (NOC) for ordering the bags and arranging for them to be distributed on the day.

The EM League and the EM Urban League continue to be well supported and provide a valuable series of events that both give regular quality runs for more experienced orienteers and a taste of Level C events to newer members. Thank you to Ursula Williamson, John Cooke and Paul Murgatroyd for their hard work over the year co-ordinating the events and collating the results. Paul Murgatroyd (EMUL Co-ordinator) has decided that after 7 years of running the league that it is time to hand over the role to someone new, the committee would like to thank him for his enthusiasm in setting up and running the League until now. If anyone feels they could take on this role we would be delighted to hear from them. After consultation with the clubs it has been decided that for 2020 the EM Urban League will include a Mens/Womens Hypervet class (75+) which will dovetail in with the classes in the UK Urban League.

The year has ended with more high profile events. The British Sprint Championships hosted by LEI at Loughborough University and the British Middle Championships hosted by DVO at Chinley Churn. Loughborough University is a superb venue for sprint races and with the perfect weather conditions there was a great atmosphere in the assembly area, so it was then a bit of a shock to turn up in Derbyshire a day later to find the area covered in low cloud and drizzle. Once again our clubs have put on first class events for major competitions making the most of areas that our region has to offer. Congratulations must go to Andy Simpson (LEI) who claimed the M45 British Championships on both days and to Liz Godfree (DVO)

who became the W70 British Sprint Champion. These add to the successes at the British Long Orienteering Championships for Liz Godfree (DVO) W70 and Ant Squire (NOC) M40.

On the training and development front, a successful Regional Training Day was held at Charnwood College on 24 November 2018, with 32 people attending including 2 people from out of region. Hopefully, this has enabled more members to help with mapping, planning, organising and controlling events. This year we have seen Ranald Macdonald (DVO) and Jeff Baker (LOG) appointed as Level A controllers and seven other members have been nominated as Level B or C Controllers. Sal Chaffey (DVO) and John Mather (LOG) have also recently qualified as Level 2 Coaches.

The Junior Squad run by Ann-Marie Duckworth and Ant Squire has had a busy calendar of varied activities all geared to giving as many of our juniors the best chance of doing well in their competitions. Particular successes from our juniors throughout the year include:

Jake O'Donnell (DVO): M14 British Orienteering Champion, JK Sprint Champion and overall JK Champion.

Jake O'Donnell and Rachel Duckworth (DVO) have been selected to run in the JHI in October this year.

Ben Squire (NOC) and Rachel Duckworth have been selected for the Talent Training Squad.

It should also be noted that Loughborough University Orienteering Club were awarded the University Club of the Year Award. The club has been working with LEI and are hoping to jointly run an event in the near future.

Finally, I would like to say congratulations to everyone who has achieved a personal goal at whatever level in their orienteering. It is what keeps us coming back for more!

Amanda Roberts

5. Financial Secretary's Report

Mark Webster circulated the accounts before the meeting but was unable to attend on the day so Amanda Roberts presented the accounts. Below are Mark's accounts with in italics comments raised during the meeting.

Membership

Membership as at August 1st 2019 is down by 22 members.

	Members	Units
2019	582	422
2018	604	425
2017	613	427
2016	648	444
2015	660	445
2014	690	459
2013	687	444
2012	802	464
2011	838	477
2010	1056	Not known

2019 figures compared with 2018

	2019	2018
Senior	295	291
Junior	25	24
Family	102 (178s, 84j)	110 (196s, 93j)
Totals	422 units	425 units

There is concern the membership numbers continue on a downward trend. It seems that it is family units that we are losing (Family Units change to adults as their children go off to university). All the clubs are trying to recruit juniors but not having a lot of success.

2018/2019 Accounts

The EMOA year end is 30th June 2019, Roger Edwards has signed off the accounts and issued the following statement

"I certify the accounts are in accordance with the records of the EMOA" Roger Edwards CPFA

Roger was thanked for being the independent financial examiner of the accounts.

EMOA made a loss for 2018/19 of £185.89. The budget was for a loss of approximately £350.

Major differences to the budget were as follows.

- 1) Extra Trophies needed replacing and the 50th Anniversary shoe bags
- 2) JIRCS showing a profit, last year's accounts showed a one off expenditure of £600 for mapping, this should have just gone into the JIRCS budget.

The Income and Expenditure sheet is shown below:

I&E East Midlands Orienteering Association					
2018-19				As at 30th June 2019	
<u>INCOME</u>	2017/18 budget	2017/18 actual	2018/19 budget		2018/19 actual
Membership	1600.00	1608.00	1600.00		1541.00
Event Levies	0	0	1700.00		1502.30
Interest	15.00	23.57	20.00		5.26
Sponsorship and other income	100.00	0.00	200.00	100 a year	100.00
EMJS Income	2500.00	2384.00	2000.00		913.80
EMJS clothing sales	130.00	32.50	60.00		78.00
Cake Sales	300.00	135.25	150.00		144.00
INCOME	4645.00	4183.32	5730.00		4284.36
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>					
Regional Development Plan					
Junior squad - expenses	3800.00	3219.34	3150.00		1894.61
Trophies & certificates	250.00	165.46	175.00		713.79
Volunteer development	500.00	50.00	600.00		510.08
Community Coaching dev.	300.00	300.00	0.00		0.00
External Conferences	100.00	76.25	100.00		0.00
Support for senior/talent orienteers	1000.00	508.33	1000.00		1094.66
Coach development	375.00	490.00	300.00		177.60
JIRCS Budget for £200 loss			200.00		-505.38
Sub total	6325.00	4809.38	5525.00		3885.36
Running costs					
Mapping		600.00			
Phone, post and web licence	50.22	22.18	25.00		32.89
Hire of meeting room	125.00	125.00	125.00		150.00
English Orienteering Council	370.00	374.00	402.00		402.00
Sub total	545.00	1121.18	552.00		584.89
EXPENDITURE	6870.00	5930.56	6077.00		4470.25

Surplus / Loss	-2225.00	-1747.24	-347.00		-185.89

Balance Sheet 30th June 2019

	2017/18	2018/19
Current	6,265.08	8,012.17
Bond	0.00	0.00
Junior Squad Deposit	2,941.35	3,090.61
Sub-total	9,206.43	11,102.78
Pre-Payments JIRC	2,082.24	
DVO map contribution	600.00	600.00
Sub-total	11,888.67	11,702.78
Represented by		
Accumulated fund	13,635.91	11,888.67
Add surplus	-1,747.24	-185.89
Carry forward	11,888.67	11,702.78
Note clothing stock tops at £32.50	227.50	149.50

This is my last year as the treasurer and unfortunately I cannot be at the meeting, my extra notes on the accounts are below, hopefully they make sense, it would have been better if I could have made the meeting to answer any of your questions.

The -ve figure in the JIRCS expenditure 18/19. The JIRCS show a profit in this year's accounts of £505.38, this is due to £600 being shown as an expense in last year's accounts.

With hindsight the £600 mapping fee should have just gone into the pre-payments figure.

The EMOA committee suggest we keep £10,000 of reserves.

Last year the committee stated that they want to keep £10,000 in reserve which had been required to support JIRCS this year. The aim is to retain that level to be able to assist clubs for major events. In addition landowners are often requesting access fees up front to reserve an area. The current account has £8,000 at present. The meeting discussed whether this level was appropriate as there tend to be only these major events every 10 years in EMOA. The meeting had an informal vote to the motion that "Do we feel that retaining around £10,000 as a balance in the EMOA Accounts is acceptable?" The motion was carried by the attendees.

The expenses for the JIRCS have shown that this was needed as income was only generated as entry fees came in just before the event.

The JIRCS figures are below. This is over the two financial years of EMOA:

JIRCS income this year (18/19)	£12,265.80
JIRCS expenses this year (18/19)	£9,678.18
Difference is a positive	£2,587.62
JIRCS expenses last year (17/18)	£2,082.24
Map cost £1,200	£1,200.00
Current Loss	-£694.62
Map contribution if DVO eventually host an event	£600.00

Difference (i.e. eventual JIRCS loss)	-£94.62
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2018/19 income from event levies.

Based on a levy of 50p per senior and 10p per junior, less £25.00. The levy was:

Event	2018/19 income (less £25)	Seniors 50p	Juniors 10p
LOG Lincoln	49.00	146	10
LEI Shephed	25.10	98	11
LEI Bradgate	80.00	204	30
DVO Oakwood	45.40	138	14
DVO Linacre	52.50	153	10
DVO Derby West	52.60	151	21
LEI Martinshaw	52.90	152	19
NOC Meadows	31.30	111	8
NOC Silverhill	37.50	121	20
NOC Dukeries	102.90	246	49
LEI Spring Cottage	30.80	107	23
LOG Belton & Londonthorpe	50.20	147	17
DVO Birchen Edge	80.00	202	40
LEI Beacon Hill	78.90	200	39
NOC Bramcote	50.50	145	30
NOC Sherwood Forest	112.70	268	37
NOC Sherwood Pines	228.90	482	129
LEI Bagworth	50.70	146	27
DVO Crich	77.80	198	38
DVO Calke	79.30	197	58
NOC Clifton	51.00	150	10
DVO Allestree Urban	54.10	155	16
DVO Carsington	4.50	58	5
LOG Witham St Hughes	23.70	96	7
Totals	1502.30	4071	668

Participation Numbers over Time

	Total No of runners	Income	Seniors	Juniors
2009/10 – 19 events	4912	1100	3614 (74%)	1298 (26%)
2010/11 – 23 events	4932	992	3605 (73%)	1327 (27%)
2011/12 – 22 events	4973	963	3675 (74%)	1298 (26%)
2012/13 – 24 events	6121	1413	4671 (76%)	1450 (24%)
2013/14 – 24 events*	5941	1153	3868 (65%)	2073 (35%)
2014/15 – 24 events	5744	1665	4497 (78%)	1247 (22%)
2015/16 – 32 events	6917	2035.80	5360 (77%)	1557 (23%)
2016/17 – 30 events	6093	1746.60	4718 (77%)	1375 (23%)
2017/18 – 25 events	4560	1367	3840 (84%)	720 (16%)
2018/19 – 24 events	4739	1502.30	4071 (86%)	668 (14%)

* 713 juniors, 0 adults at Shipley Park event

Roger Edwards was thanked for being the Independent Financial Examiner.

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

The meeting agreed to approve the balance sheet and income and expenditure statement.

Proposed: John Hurley (DVO)
 Seconded: John Woodall (NOC)

7. Election of Principal Officers:

John Woodall took the chair for the election of principal officers and thanked the Chair and Vice-Chair for their work this year. John also gave special thanks to Ursula for running the League and Fixtures and Mike for doing the minutes and EMEWS.

John stated that the following were willing to stand as principal officers next year:

Post	Nominee
Chair	Amanda Roberts (LOG)
Vice-Chair	Chris Phillips (LEI)
Financial Secretary	Paul Young (DVO)
Development Officer	Ranald Macdonald (DVO)

Ursula Williamson (LEI) seconded John's proposed and the meeting unanimously accepted the election of the principal officers.

8. Other EMOA Officers:

The club representatives on the EMOA Committee are nominated by clubs. Members holding non-elected roles with the association are currently:

Post	Nominee
Mapping	David Olivant (NOC)
Coaching	Hilary Palmer (NOC)
EM Junior Squad	Ann-Marie Duckworth (DVO), aided by Ant Squire (NOC)
EM League	Ursula Williamson (LEI)
Urban League	Ursula Williamson (LEI) will run in short term
Regional Fixtures Secretary	Ursula Williamson (LEI)
President	John Woodall (NOC)
Minutes Secretary	Mike Gardner (DVO)
EMEWS Editor	Mike Gardner (DVO)
Webmaster	John Cooke (DVO)
National Forest	Roy Denney (LEI)

9. Appointment of Independent Financial Examiner:

Roger Edwards agreed to continue as Independent Financial Examiner for the next year.

10. Budget projections for coming year to 30.6.2020 and recommendations for membership fees and event levies:

The Financial Secretary presented a projected budget below and shows a budgeted loss of £385.00.

East Midlands Orienteering Association – 2019/20 Proposed Budget

INCOME	2018/19	2019/20
	Actual	Budget
Membership	1541.00	1500.00
Event levies	1502.30	1600.00
Interest	5.26	5.00
Sponsorship and other income (100 a year)	100.00	200.00
EMJS Income	913.80	1000.00
EMJS clothing sales	78.00	60.00
Cake Sales	144.00	150.00
INCOME	4284.36	4515.00
EXPENDITURE		
Regional Development Plan		
Junior squad - expenses	1894.61	2150.00

Trophies & certificates	713.79	200.00
Volunteer development	510.08	600.00
Community Coach Development	0.00	0.00
External Conferences	0.00	100.00
Support for senior/talent orienteers	1094.66	1000.00
Coach development	177.60	300.00
JIRCS budget for £200 loss	-505.36	0.00
Sub total	3885.36	4350
Running Costs		
Phone, post and web licence	32.89	25.00
Hire of meeting room	150.00	125.00
English Orienteering Council	402.00	400.00
Sub total	584.89	550.00
EXPENDITURE	4470.25	4900.00
Surplus / Loss	-185.89	-385.00

It is thought that event levies may be higher due to the level A events just held in the region. However, at this stage we have fewer level C events for next year.

The proposal from the Financial Secretary is for no change in the membership fees or event levies. It was suggested that as we rarely change the fees we might want to pass a resolution stating that the fees will remain the same until changed. A formal proposal was raised that "EMOA will fix the membership fees and event levies at the current levels until a formal change at another AGM or EGM".

Proposed: Roger Edwards (LEI)

Seconded: Chris Phillips (LEI)

This was agreed by the meeting.

The meeting then reviewed the proposed membership fees and levies and the associated budget

Senior membership fee is £3.00

Junior membership fee is £1.00

Associate membership fee is £10.00

Club membership fee is £15.00

Event levies: 50p per adult and 10p per junior with the first £25 being exempt.

Proposed: Amanda Roberts (LOG)

Seconded: John Woodall (NOC)

This was agreed by the meeting.

It was noted that junior squad spending shall be restricted to a maximum loss of £1,000, any extra spending should come from their deposit account through funds they have raised themselves.

11. Plans for Coming Year:

Firstly, I would like to welcome Paul Young as Financial Secretary and also welcome back Ranald Macdonald as Development Officer, on to the committee. Thank you for agreeing to take on the roles. So now we are just short of an EMUL Co-ordinator, please can you ask around your club members to see if anyone would like to take this on.

The final major event of 2019 is the EM Championships to be hosted by LOG on the Grimsthorpe Estate. Then we have another big weekend in Feb 2020 with DVO hosting the Midland Championships at Longstone Moor with a supporting middle distance event the previous day at Bramcote run by NOC.

LEI are running a training weekend in the Lake District in late November on the back of the Orienteering Foundation Coaching Day. Having attended one of these in the past I would recommend it – a chance to train on the type of terrain we just don't have in our region except for maybe Derbyshire. Then on the second day there is a chance to compete on similar terrain and hopefully practice the skills learnt.

Traditionally we are due to run a Planners and Controllers Conference in 2020. A chance for our volunteers to share ideas, good practice and keep abreast of new BOF guidelines and policies. So now we have a new Development Officer in position, Ranald, we look forward to seeing this appear in the diary. *(The meeting discussed extending the conference to be an Event Officials Conference as organisers need to be involved in many of these decisions).*

At Easter the JK is in the NEOA region – so not too far away. A great opportunity for newer members to get a taste of a big 4 day competition without having to travel too far. As we have indicated to the Event Scheduling Committee that our region is not in a position to put on a JK we must provide assistance to other regions that take on this event. I know they will be looking for out of region volunteers in due course so hopefully our clubs can provide some support s necessary. As I understand there will be a chance for individuals to volunteer when entries open in December.

On 5th January the EM Junior Squad will be running the level C event at Strawberry Hill. All the key official roles are being taken by juniors (apart from controller which will be Ann-Marie Duckworth).

12. Any Other Business:

Ann-Marie Duckworth gave a brief report on the EM Junior Squad activities:

In the last year the Junior Squad have had 5 weekends away, and 5 local training sessions.

There have been super results for some of the Juniors:

Harrington Leake was selected to attend Lagganlia.

JROS Hawkshead was attended by Hannah Mather, Ben O'Donnell, Ben Squire and Rachel Duckworth.

Ben Squire and Rachel Duckworth were selected for the Junior Home Internationals.

Jake O'Donnell has been selected for the Home Internationals.

Ethan Tebbutt attended Interland and achieved a creditable 5th place.

We had British Champions of Jake O'Donnell and Rachel Duckworth.

Ann-Marie recommended visiting the website for the Ben O'Donnell videos of the Junior Squad Training.

Ann-Marie sent thanks from all the Juniors to all coaches who have assisted the Junior Squad throughout the year and also to all the fellow members of EMOA for providing the funding for the squad and enabling them to improve their orienteering.

13. Close of formal meeting:

The meeting was formally closed at 20:25.