



## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2023

7.30pm via Zoom

### MINUTES

1. Attendees

Richard Willis

Hilary Palmer

John Palmer

Mick Lucking

Dave Sissons

Amy Ransley

Vic Knight

Dave Cooke

Pauline Olivant

Anthony Squire

Rob Henderson

Simon & Christine Elliott

Pat Wong

Andrew Wallace

Alan Gould

Rob & Monica

Louise Orgill

Patrick Squire

Tricia Neal

Lynn Andrews

David Olivant

2. Apologies for absence

Andrew Ridgeway

John Woodall

Robert Orgill

Michael Napier

3. Minutes of 2022 AGM ([https://www.noc-uk.org/docs/minutes/agm\\_22.pdf](https://www.noc-uk.org/docs/minutes/agm_22.pdf))

Minutes Approved.

4. Matters arising from the minutes.

No matters arising.

5. Chairman's report

Richard Willis highlighted the important role of volunteers in ensuring the club runs smoothly and without whom we would not have been able to run 9 events this year. Club highlights include Hilary Palmer & Michael Napier winning the middle class titles for their age groups, Ben Squire representing Great Britain team, David Olivant was awarded the Bonnington Trophy for his services to mapping and Hilary Palmer and Ant Squire have run another successful MapActive course.

6. Treasurer's report

Dave Sissons reported the surplus is not as large as the previous year however the bank account is still looking healthy. Accounts have been approved by the Independent examiner.

7. Vote on Proposed Changes to Constitution

### 7.1 Item 5: Finance:

Second paragraph currently reads: *"The financial year shall run from Sept 1st to August 31st and the accounts must be audited before the Annual General Meeting."*

Change this to: ***"The financial year shall run from September 1st to August 31st. An Independent Financial Examiner shall be appointed to examine the accounts and report on their accuracy. The accounts shall then be presented to the AGM for adoption."***

#### **Proposed change to constitution unanimously approved.**

The third paragraph currently says: *"The club shall have a Bank/Building Society account. The principal officers and one additional Committee member, nominated by the Committee, shall be authorised to sign cheques. Cheques of £250.00 or above will require a second signatory. The Treasurer will produce bank statements or the pass book at every committee meeting."*

Third paragraph to now read: ***"The club shall have a Bank/Building Society account. The principal officers and one additional Committee member, nominated by the Committee, shall be authorised to sign cheques and approve digital financial transactions. Transactions of £750.00 or above will require a second authorisation. The Treasurer will produce bank statements or other appropriate transactional records at every committee meeting."***

Proposed by Vic Knight and seconded by Amy Ransley.

#### **Proposed change to constitution unanimously approved.**

### 6.2 Item 6.d: Annual General Meeting:

Election of "Auditor" to become Election of "***Independent Financial Examiner***".

Proposed by Richard Willis and seconded by Vic Knight.

#### **Proposed change to constitution unanimously approved.**

8. Election of Auditor/ Independent Financial Examiner for 2023/24  
David Sissons to formally ask Peter Chorleton to remain as Independent Financial Examiner.

#### **Proposed change to constitution unanimously approved.**

9. Elections of Officers & Life Members  
All officers were unanimously approved to remain in role for the coming year.

10. Questions Received Prior to the Meeting

#### **10.1 Advanced Training**

*Coaching opportunities for members in addition to events. More single topic zoom sessions eg 'how to use Routegadget' etc*

Hilary Palmer & Ant Squire have offered to run sessions on how to use the different online tools available and requested suggestions for topics. Meeting approved the offer.

#### **10.2 Encouraging newcomers to engage with the Club**

*Perhaps a 'league' for newcomers, to encourage ongoing participation beyond MapActive training courses? Perhaps an age-adjusted club league for NOC members that takes results from both EM regional and NOC local events (to encourage members to participate in more events)?*

Vic Knight raised the suggestion for a Club League encourage participation from newcomers. The meeting discussed the feasibility of this and whether it would encourage more newcomers to engage with the club. EMOA already offer a regional league and it was felt that it may be better for a buddy system to be implemented to help break down the results for each event for newcomers. All agreed the idea could be explored further.

**10.3** *Continue offering coaching opportunities; perhaps using DVO or SYO areas so that contour confidence can be built without having to travel long distances.*

Vic Knight questioned whether NOC would be able to use neighbouring clubs areas for training. British Orienteering offered to sponsor training in the Lakes for a weekend at the beginning of November. The meeting discussed the use of neighbouring areas and felt this was viable suggestions. The coaching team will look to plan further in advance and plan sessions to cover the gap between MapActive and more technical courses. Members are also encouraged to use MapRun to hone skills.

**10.4** *I don't know the answer, but communicating Orienteering and NOC to a wider community not currently directly involved but doing similar things; running and Nordic walking clubs come to mind but maybe also walking and rambling clubs*

Alan Barclay-Devine questioned how we can promote NOC and orienteering to other sports. The meeting discussed various methods including handing out flyers at other running events (although need to ensure NOC do not fall foul of littering laws), promotion to Nordic Walking Clubs and more publicity is always welcomed.

**11. Any Other Business**

**11.1** Changes to the NOC Constitution:

**Section 6: Annual General Meeting**

Currently says "A quorum for the AGM shall be 20 members or 5% of the voting membership whichever is the larger."

Change this to read: "A quorum for the AGM shall be 10% of the voting membership."

Proposer: Vic Knight; Seconder: Richard Willis

**Proposed change to constitution unanimously approved.**

**Multiple sections throughout the Constitution:**

Change all references of "Chairman" to "Chair".

Proposer: Richard Willis; Seconder: Vic Knight

**Proposed change to constitution unanimously approved.**

**11.2** NOC Club Championships

Mick Lucking announced the NOC Club Champions for 2023.

Junior Champion 2023 is Grace Robinson.

Senior Champion placings are:

1<sup>st</sup> Hilary Palmer

2<sup>nd</sup> Richard Robinson

3<sup>rd</sup> Richard Willis  
4<sup>th</sup> Andrew Ridgeway  
5<sup>th</sup> Lizzie Rosewell

12. Closure of Formal Meeting  
Meeting closed at 20.26.