

MINUTES OF THE 44<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE LEICESTERSHIRE  
ORIENTEERING

CLUB HELD ON OCTOBER 28<sup>TH</sup> 2013 AT THE GLENFIELD PARISH ROOMS, GLENFIELD, LE3  
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Present; Bob Haskins, Roger Edwards, Iain Tebbutt, Ernie Williams, Laurie Fluck, Irene Marriott, Glynn Smith, Howard Alcock, Alan West, Simon West, Wendy West, Steve Edgar, Dave Toach, Peter Chick, David Anderson, Graham Watson, Roger Phillips, Chris Phillips, Ursula Williamson, Peter Hornsby, Roy Denney, Simon Starkey, Alistair Paterson, Julie Starkey, Ian Phillips, Alison Starkey, Chris Bosley, Tracey Brookes, Ian Wilson, Paul Cox, Hannah Cox, John Marriott.

- 1) The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- 2) Apologies for absence; Mark Hardy, Peter Leake.
- 3) The meeting was declared to be quorate (13 to be quorate- 32 present).
- 4) The minutes of the AGM held on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2012 were agreed to be a true record (proposed Chris Phillips, seconded Ernie Williams).
- 5) Matters arising from the minutes; none.
- 6) Chairman's report: [see attached report.AGMChairreport28.10.13](#) 7) Club Captain's report: [see attached report.AGMCaptainreport28.10.13](#) 8) Development report:

a) Participation

In 2012 LEI was the most active orienteering club in Britain and was in the CompassSport top 10 for newsletters.

Several club nights are held each week (Groby, Ashby and Glenfield). Participation is stable or increasing, particularly at Groby thanks to Birthe.

Mail Chimp has been used to update members on what is being offered and to send an update to schools each term. Anyone who requests a POC download gets a Mail Chimp reply.

We now have a Facebook page.

We need more coaches and Hilary Palmer (EM coaching representative) is looking at other methods of coach training e.g. modules.

Congratulations to Richard Leake, Trish Lydon and Julie Ferris on achieving level 1 coach status. b) Schools

We have a passive system by which we support schools at their request. There have been several events at Loughborough High School and they (with the help of a DVO teacher there) plan to take a team to the world schools selection race next

November. We have delivered a free map and set up a POC course at Ivanhoe Community College and Birthe has run a series of sessions at Martinshaw Primary School and we are mapping the school.

We intend to run a County Schools Championship in May as an independent (albeit small) event.

We have work on going with Leicester Outdoor Pursuits Centre for teacher training and are working with Melton and Brooksby College, Welbeck and Laxton (at Oundle) as expert contractors. c) POC's

New POC's have been put in (paid for by the County Council Olympic legacy grant) at Ivanhoe and Hood Park, Ashby with two at Loughborough University and we have upgraded the course at Brigstock Country Park. We are working on courses at Hicks Lodge and Bradgate Park.

Maintenance of the courses is an ongoing problem and users can now notify us of defects through our website. We are asking LEI members to "adopt" a course and help keep it in decent condition. As new maps become available the relevant POC should go onto it.

9) Event Coordinator report: [see attached Event Coordinator report 2013](#)

10) Treasurers report and Budget for 2014

LEI made a profit of about £2000 for the year and have approximately £9000 in the bank which is sufficient for requirements next year unless we have to replace/upgrade our SI equipment. The 2014 budget predicts a break even for that year.

Entry fees for 2014 will increase to £4.50/1.50 for Level D events and £7/2.50 for Level C because of reductions in support grants and increases in levies from BOF. Junior club night fees will also increase to £1.50.

CASC is now in place so we can now claim Gift Aid for expenses and RE asked everyone to sign the necessary form.

Our Independent Financial Examiner, Andrew Palmer, has approved the accounts. RD voted to approve the accounts seconded by EW.

11) Club membership fees for 2015

It was agreed that they would remain juniors £3/adult family /correspondent member £6 and new rate of £6 for groups. Proposed CP seconded GS.

12) President's remarks and election of chairman

EW said that LEI is a very successful club with good social cohesion and strong leadership. He thanked the Officers and Committee and all volunteers and helpers. He nominated Bob Haskins to continue as Chairman, seconded by RD.

13) Election of Principal Officers

RH proposed that IT to continue as Vice Chair, RE as Treasurer and LF as Secretary, seconded by popular acclaim.

14) Election of Committee

The Committee members will continue as last year with the exception of Junior Captain who will be Hannah Cox. Proposed by RH and seconded by CB.

15) Election of Independent Financial Examiner

To be left open for the moment

16) Election of President and Honorary members

EW was proposed as president by RH and seconded by PH. RD proposed that Honorary members continue as last year, seconded by EW. IM said she was happy to be a normal member.

17) Any other business

RD, TB and IM were thanked for organising the rooms and refreshments for the meeting.

WW gave out pieces of her birthday cake (to the sound of Happy Birthday being sung)

EW congratulated the club for a good event at Martinshaw yesterday and for putting the results up so quickly. HA thanked all helpers.

RD said that with so many social occasions after events he felt that his role as social secretary had changed and asked that if anyone had specific ideas for social events to let him know. It was agreed that the club dinner would go ahead as previously. AH said that club printed maps tend to rub off these days. UW said we weren't sure why but that perhaps it was the batch of paper and that we would try a new lot.

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## Chairman's Report

It has been another successful year for the Club with many excellent events and activities. They can't all be reported tonight, and I will concentrate on some highlights, and also a few more general aspects of the Club and the sport. As with last year I have enlisted some help from the Fixtures and Development Co-ordinators and the Club Captain to put some detail into their areas.

Although we did not put in an application for Club of the Year, I believe we are seen as one of the premier orienteering clubs in the country and still developing further in some directions. I think it is worth repeating a comment I made in LEI News. There was a table in the Spring Focus magazine of the number of Events and Activities organised by Clubs in 2012 in which LEI is top with 164, followed by EBOR with 154 and NOC with 138. Many of these are our Summer and Winter Level D league events but 112 were Activities, i.e. registered club nights and training events. The total of our events and activities now equates to just over three a week throughout the year. This is a great achievement and demonstrates a huge commitment by many members of the club, and again it is something that is recognised within British Orienteering

On that theme of activities I'd once again like to say thank you to pretty much everybody in the Club as we would not be able to run our events and activities without you. This is the reason that we can run such a large programme and a reason why we are a successful Club. I hope you enjoy doing it, there is, as ever, plenty of opportunity for the future.

We offer a large range of events and activities: there have been East Midlands League (Level C) events; the Summer and Winter League series; novelty events such as the Xmas Novelty and some league events, and club and training nights. As well as all these differing activities, we also of course organised a Level A event, The British Sprint Championships at Loughborough University. This event was well received by the competitors and again a tribute to the Club, with my personal thanks to over 60 members who were helping on the day. Peter Hornsby was the Mapper and Roger Edwards was the Planner.

This year the Club Championships took place at Sence Valley, and we held the presentations at the Ravenstone Institute, which was very suitable. There was an excellent turnout and congratulations go to Howard Alcock and Alison Hardy who are our 2013 Club Champions.

Every year we take part in the Compassport Cup, but this year we organised the East Midlands and East Anglia first round at Fineshade. This was a very good and close fought event, and the competitors appreciated the rolling, real time team score updates and we also trialled sending out the results by wireless to smartphones.

Once again we will be putting on a round of the East Midlands Urban League at Ashby-de-la-Zouch. This league has now expanded to six events, the others being Nottingham University, Lincoln, Stamford, Chesterfield and Buxton. It is really quite interesting to run round these towns and cities amongst the local population who are out shopping etc. This year, our event will be part of a weekend of orienteering, which also incorporates the Level B East Midlands Championships at Spring Cottage on the Sunday.

Our accounts will show that we have made a substantial surplus over the past financial year. However, there are special circumstances for this, which our Treasurer, Roger Edwards will explain

when he presents the accounts and next year's budget. We are indebted to Roger for looking after our finances and keeping us on track with expenditure. We have also applied for Community Amateur Sports Club Status with HMRC. To achieve this, we had to hold a brief EGM to make an alteration to our (new) Constitution after a summer league event. There are a number of benefits to the Club which Roger will explain.

The Club's Development and Training programme continues to improve and expand and Roger Edwards, our Development Co-ordinator, will expand on this a bit later. There will be a Regional training day in the New Year, which will be a chance to start getting involved or improve your skills. The East Midlands Area organised a second Controller/Planner conference in April, and this proved to be a very interesting and useful day, and will be continued in 2014.

At a Club level, the regular Club Nights (plus a social element) are proving popular with a regular attendance. There is a Monday night club for Juniors at Groby, Ashby map runners meet on Wednesday evenings and the regular club night on Thursdays has moved to the Glenfield Sports Centre. There has also been some East Midlands co-ordinated coaching prior to some of the East Midlands league events.

The Juniors continue to have great success and our sizeable and talented group is growing and has a wide age range. Roger Phillips, as Club captain, will expand on this area and tell you about their activities. At the Club Championships each year we present the Rising Star trophy and congratulations go to Hannah Cox as this year's recipient.

We would not get to do any event without maps and mappers. There are large projects to do and new maps to create but also our maps of smaller areas need to be kept fresh to be used for mainly level D events. The intended mapping training course to create map updaters has now taken place and they will be undertaking mapping work over the winter.

The Club presentation dinner in March at Kirby Muxloe Golf Club and was well attended. During the evening, the Club's champions are presented with their trophies and we also award the President's Salver for outstanding work over the last year and the Tiger Trophy to someone who has worked tirelessly for the Club over a number of years. This year's very worthy recipients were respectively Howard Alcock and Iain Tebbutt. We should also congratulate Finn Lydon, the M14 British Sprint Champion, Hannah Cox, W16 Midland Champion, and Trish Lydon, W45 Midland Champion.

We have a number of ways of communicating with our members, and apart from the website, we use a Facebook page and we have started to send out mailings with Mail Chimp and do a bulk posting in August. However, the method most favoured is still through LEI News. This year we have had 3 excellent editions of the newsletter edited by Wendy and Alan West, and also thanks are due to the contributors, as there has been a wonderfully wide range of items.

As some of you know, I am the Club representative on the East Midlands Orienteering Association committee. It has been something of an interim year regarding the EMOA officers as all those standing wished, or were able, to only stand for one year only. Consequently, there has been some introspection about the Association, its value, and purpose, and in many ways this has been a useful exercise and it has been agreed that there are valuable specific purposes including fixtures registration and co-ordination, development, coaching and the East Midlands Junior Squad. After some searching, and concern about getting officers and committee members, a full committee was elected at the EMOA AGM in September, with Ranald Macdonald of DVO taking over as Chairman.

At a National level, there has not been an Event Officials Conference this year, and the Club and Association Conference is imminent, taking place in Stratford-on-Avon. Last year I mentioned that BOF had lost a certain amount of funding and may be looking to a company called Limelight to help them reach participation targets for Sport England. In the end this did not happen, but BOF Development staff have been working with District Councils to roll out two new activities called Xplore Challenge for youngsters and Run Challenge for juniors and young adults. Leicestershire has been part of the initial exercise with events taking place in Melton Mowbray and Blaby. These events, although initiated by BOF are run by Council staff, so BOF do not directly control quality. It is also true that orienteering itself is not directly referred to, so we can only hope that this may result in a pathway into the sport as we know it.

The new BOF committee structure continues to be put in place. Last year I reported that Chris Phillips had been appointed onto the Events and Competitions Committee. Two of that committee's subcommittees are now chaired by LEI members, Ernie Williams chairs Event Officials and Peter Hornsby chairs Event Systems.

There are many things to come in the future that we are organising, some imminent and some longer term. These will be revealed later in the agenda with the help of Chris Phillips, our Fixtures Co-ordinator, but I would just like to mention JK2014 where we will be running Day 3 (the Sunday) as a club and Chris Phillips will be the Day Organiser. Many of you will have been approached about helping, but as with the British Sprints, we will need many helpers, but this time the event is 150 miles away!

Finally, it seems to me that we have an excellent year of orienteering to look forward to in 2014 and beyond, and with your help we will be able to achieve everything in our timetable.

## **Event Coordinators Report LEI AGM 2013**

### **1. Report on the past Year**

We have, during the last twelve months have had a very full and successful events programme. One of the problems with being a successful club is repeating our success year on year and keeping up the high standards that we have set ourselves. This requires a lot of effort from the whole membership and I would like to thank all those members who have contributed to the running of our event programme over the last year. It makes Steve's and my life so much easier when people readily volunteer.

To keep the programme running at its present level we need a significant number of major event officials. We have over the last couple of years lost a number of experienced event officials; moves for jobs or retirement, old age or illness have all taken their toll. We do need some more volunteers to take on roles at Levels C and B. In conjunction with the EMOA we will be running courses for organisers, planners and controllers early in 2014, probably at Groby. I guess that I am preaching to the converted tonight but if you are one of the few people here that have not signed up to be an Level C event official, then please have a chat after the meeting.

Earlier in 2013, at our request EMOA ran a course for new mappers. The course was significantly oversubscribed and it is hoped that the course will be repeated during 2014. Our group of 6 new keen mappers will be turning their attention and newly minted skills to some of our smaller area, with a view to us being able to use them for Level D events during 2014.

There has been some pressure from EMOA to increase the number of events that we host in the East Midlands Urban League. Your Events Sub Committee feels that our present contribution of one event per year is the maximum we can manage without diluting the overall content of our events programme. Conversely there was some debate at the last EMOA Committee meeting about reducing the number of events in the East Midlands League. Something your committee will resist!

## **2. Future Plans**

The 2014 event programme will replicate the very successful programme of the last few years with both Summer and Winter Leagues operating plus a programme of Level C, B and A events. One change will be moving the Club Championships to a Sunday. The provisional date is Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2014.

Our next major event is the East Midlands Championships on 24<sup>th</sup> November at Spring Cottage. Entries are now open on Fabian4. If you would like to help please don't enter online, speak to me a later and we can do a deal on entry fees.

The major event of 2104 is of course LEI's hosting JK Day 3 at Llangynidr. We are only 172 days away. Yes it is big, yes it is difficult, yes it is a challenge and that why it needs a club with the range of skills and experience that we have, and it also why it is worth doing.

All of the major components are in place in relation to the organising of the event. We are now into the detail. The Day 3 Team Leaders will be receiving their first briefing



next month and Ernie, Bob, Ursula and myself will be paying, what will probably be the final site visit before the winter closes in on Llangynidr, next Tuesday.

An event the size of the JK has a major impact on the area and population were it is held. We have already instigated a publicity campaign in South Wales with a several articles in local papers and interviews on the local radio stations.

One of my current tasks is the recruiting of helpers. So far 37 of you have stepped forward to volunteer but we need a few more! There will be a number of “volunteer incentives” including a discounted run on the Sunday and an item of JK clothing. If you are thinking of going to the JK can I suggested that you book your accommodation fairly quickly as it seems to going fast. Entries should be opening in the next week.

The Planning Team, Roger, Peter and Steve have been working away over the last few months. The area present a number of difficulties, not the least of which is the sheer physical challenges of working on a very large high exposed moor land area. This is not your typical LEI forest; in fact I don't think there is any green on the map! Actually I think the biggest challenge for the planners is dealing with the huge amount of data relating to sites of archaeological importance and Sites of Special Scientific Interest. There can be very few event areas in the UK that have bronze age burial site, monuments that are Grade 1 listed and some of the rarest flora in the country all within 5 sq Km.

Looking ahead we are hosting the British Night Championships in 2016, The Midlands Championships in either 2016 or 2018 and the Junior Inter Regional Championships in 2018. Plenty to keep us busy.

## Captains Report - AGM 2013

Once again I have been invited by the chairman to say a few words about how the club and its members have been performing over last year.

Whilst looking back over the records from the last 12 months, I began to notice a pattern emerging in the list of achievements by LEI and members. It was starting to sound a little like a well know Christmas Song and I did wonder if I could make my report, into the "12 Months of Orienteering". As I was getting, 6 of those, 5 of that, 4 of them, but you will be glad to know that I didn't. Mainly because I couldn't decide who would be the captain's true love, the chair or the president.

In the last 12 months of orienteering there have been, and forgive me if I do have any numbers wrong,

Six Championship Badges, all counted from Focus Magazine, These were, Ethan, Hannah, Nick, Euan, Simon and Don

Four relay competitions entered by LEI. The JK, The British Championships, The Harvester & The Peter Palmer's. Many of these competitions we had multiple Teams entered.

Our best positions in these competitions, were, 6<sup>th</sup> at the JK, 4<sup>th</sup> at the British Championships, 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Harvester Relays, 4<sup>th</sup> in the Joan George Trophy

Four juniors were selected for national training camps, which I believe they were Supported financially by East Midlands and LEI.

Twice we qualified for Yvette Baker Trophy Finals, this is because the competition moved to the summer this year. We did come 4<sup>th</sup> in 2012 & 5<sup>th</sup> in 2013, which means LEI are still a seeded team for the 2014 competition. This year's team had an impressive 31 juniors willing to run for LEI, which is a testament to the hard work put in by Birthe and the coaches on a Monday Club night.

Two juniors were selected for the England Team in the Interland Competition

We managed only one round of the Compasses Sport Cup, which we hosted the regional heat at Fineshade Woods. Were we came 3<sup>rd</sup> behind DVO & SYO, our best position for many years.

One social network site was launched.

Finally I would just like to remind you all, that I will be calling on all of your services on the 16<sup>th</sup> February 2014, for LEI's entry into the Compass Sport Cup.