

Lakeland Orienteering Club AGM 6th November 2014

Committee attendees: Richard Tiley (Chair), Graham Walkden (President), Dick Towler (Vice Chair), Sue Butterfield (Treasurer), Chris Heppenstall (Fixtures Secretary), Selwyn Wright (Welfare Officer), Jo Cleary (Secretary), Rob Browne, Steve Buckley, Clare Evans, Hollie Orr, Ian Smith Ward – additional ordinary members.

Other members: Derek Allison, Mike Atherton, Rebekah Beadle, Gill and Rick Browne, Margaret and Steve Buckley, Bob Forster, Derek Fryer, Richard Lecky-Thompson, Mike McIvor, Carol McNeill, Janet and John Nash, John Pullin, Tony and Pauline Richardson, Matthew and Rebecca Rooke, Fiona Stattan, Angela Towler, Dave Walton.

1. **Apologies:** Norma Atherton, Richard Day, Judy and Simon Filmore, Charles Flanagan, Mike and Sheila Hobson, Meg Layfield, Dave and Helen Neild, Roger and Ann Smith.
2. **Minutes of 2013 AGM:** The minutes were accepted as a true record.
3. **Matters arising:** The possibility of abandoning a printed newsletter in favour of an electronic version was to be delegated to a new LOC webmaster. As no webmaster has yet been appointed this matter is ongoing. In the interim, the LOC website has been kept up-to-date by Richard Tiley, Richard Lecky Thompson and Dave Walton.
4. **Officers' reports:**

Chairman

Richard Tiley's report had been circulated, via the LOC Googlegroup, prior to the meeting. Richard is stepping down after three years in post and those present at the meeting expressed their gratitude and thanks for an excellent job well executed.

Treasurer

Sue Butterfield's reports had been circulated, via the LOC Googlegroup, prior to the meeting. In brief, the Club continues to maintain a healthy surplus of funds largely a result of the varied and largely well-attended range of events it organises. Larger urban events, in particular, generally yield a significant profit.

Carol McNeill questioned why, from the Club's balance sheet, we appear to have made only a small surplus from the Lakes5 Days. Derek Allison confirmed that profits from the event have yet to be divided up between the north-west orienteering clubs involved, so don't yet show in our accounts.

Fixtures

Chris Heppenstall's report had been circulated, via the LOC Googlegroup, prior to the meeting. In brief, LOC has organised some 30 events over the past year, including four at regional level alongside the many popular local ones. Next year we are hosting the JK at Easter in South Lakes, which is already drawing heavily on Club human resources. There are plans to increase the number of areas we have mapped, both to widen the scope of event venues and relieve the burden on existing more heavily used locations. CH added that his report had not included mention of the numerous schools' events organised by Meg, Lecky, Selwyn and Rich T, among others.

Derek Allison, as Lakes5 Days Co-ordinator, reported that he had received a number of complaints from participants in the rest day urban event in Ulverston because – as a level D event – they had not received ranking points. He suggested we bear this in mind for the future.

Coaching

Juniors

Relay

Schools

Graham Walkden

Chairman	Iain Smith Ward
Vice Chairman	Selwyn Wright
Secretary	Jo Cleary
Treasurer	Sue Butterfield
Fixtures	Chris Heppenstall
Membership	Richard Tiley
Welfare Officer	Judy Filmore
Junior Reps	TBC
Additional ordinary members	Simon Filmore
	Dave Walton

Other officials

Club clothing	Rob Browne
Club newsletter	Rob Browne
Coaching / training	Derek Allison
CompassSport Cup coordinator	Steve Buckley
Environmental issues	Christine Isherwood
Equipment	Steve Buckley
Helper team coordinator	Norma Atherton
Junior coordinator	Selwyn Wright
Mapping	Chris Heppenstall (from Iain Smith Ward)
Minutes secretary	Vacant (Jo Cleary covering)
Publicity	Vacant
Relay coordinator	Derek Fryer
Results (participation figures)	Jackie Chapman
SI equipment	Dave Walton
Social Secretary	Gill Browne
Talent Squad coordinator	Vacant
Website manager	Vacant (Richard Tiley covering)

7. **Any other business:** There was some discussion and concern about the apparent fall in membership recently, of the order of 20% on the last two years. This trend is shared by most other club and is, in part, attributable to changes in BOF's membership systems and structures. Suggestions for addressing the situation included appointing a pro-active LOC Publicity Secretary, and working on parents of children that are being introduced to orienteering through various schools' activities. It was agreed that the whole issue be discussed at a future Club monthly meeting.

BOF's Silva Award for development of orienteering through field activities was awarded to Carol McNeill at the JK this year. Many congratulations to her for that achievement!