

**Derwent Valley Orienteers**  
**Annual General Meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> October 2013**  
**at The Bell Inn, Cromford**

**Present:** John Hawkins (Chair), Jen Gale, Ian Hodson, Mike Godfree, Judith Holt, Rob Shooter (for part of meeting), Val Johnson, Michelle Mackervoy, Ned Needham, John Hurley, Richard Parkin, Stuart Swalwell, David Parkin, Randal Macdonald, Derek Gale, Ann-Marie Duckworth, Viv Macdonald, Graham Johnson.

1. **Apologies:** Liz Godfree, Sal Chaffey, Sarah Blackburn, Tony Berwick, John Cooke, Claire Selby, Mike Gardner and Rob Shooter (for delayed attendance).

2. **Minutes**

The minutes of the AGM held on 10<sup>th</sup> October 2012 were accepted as a true record of the meeting.

3. **Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising.

4. **Chairman's Report**

Thank you all for coming to the 2013 AGM of Derwent Valley Orienteers. This is probably the most important meeting of the year for the club as you get to hear from the certain of the club's committee members, vote in your new committee and get a chance to air your views on relevant matters. Since the club has its roots in 1969 this must be something like the 44th AGM.

This is my second year as Chairman and, as last year, has been very interesting although somewhat different to the previous year. It is very rewarding and challenging to be involved in the running of DVO. It is a large club and there is a significant amount of effort from quite a number of people who keep it functioning as well as it does. The club has staged a good programme of events from the very successful British Middle Distance Championships, many thanks to all and especially John Duckworth (Planner) and Sal Chaffey (Organiser) and of course all who helped in any way, through to a full series of Level C events and the Level D Event programme which was ably co-ordinated by Rex Bleakman. Rex is standing down from that activity – so there is an opportunity for someone to take that on.

Turning to sporting and club successes, the club has had quite a number of successes this year including:

The British Middles has to be a major highlight

At the East Midlands Championships (2012) DVO achieved 11 East Midlands Champions. Of special note the top family was the Duckworth's, winners in W10 (Rachel), W12 (Sarah), M45 (John) and W45 (Ann- Marie).

Congratulations also to Nathan Lawson (2nd year 11 boy) and Louis Forshaw-Perring (3rd year 8 boy) in the British Schools Championships.

At the British Championships Individual Event Liz Godfree was 1st on W65L, David Parkin 1st on M80, Sarah Duckworth 2nd on W12A and Amy Kimberely 1st on W18L.

At the British Relays the DVO team of Liz Godfree, Pauline Ward, and Judith Holt retained the W60 trophy winning by a huge 30 minute margin over 2nd place OD.

Again winning many many mugs at the recent White Rose Weekend, particularly At the team event on the Monday 1st and 2nd (actually the only teams) on Women 120+ (Liz, Ann-Marie, Michelle and Karen, Claire, Lisa) and 1st on Men 160+ (Dai, Stuart, Mike).

Provision of a new map by Paul Addison of Longstone Moor for the Club Champs that has good promise for the future.

We continue to be a very successful club putting on a good number of quality events. This does depend on the willing donation of time and effort by many people which is very much appreciated by all club members and other orienteers. We do however have, at the moment, a bit of a problem in that a number of people have decided to step down from certain roles within the club – some of these are very much to do with the putting on of events and without people willing to take on some of these roles it is going to be more difficult to maintain a full calendar of events. So in the next few minutes perhaps you could consider if you could play a part in the running of the club – that is assuming you don't do that at the moment.

From a personal perspective, if indeed you are interested, in 2012 I ran the most miles since records began and then succumbed to a calf injury in December. This eventually passed followed by a chest injury (moving heavy rocks), then a knee injury. As a result I have so far managed one O event this year. So it looks like the best year to the worst in very close succession.

On the technology and communication front, the website, the FB pages and the e-group continue to provide conduits to the membership and others. The latter two provide a small amount of traffic and I am not aware of how we determine if the website is well used – John Cooke? In any case it does have all the important announcements and is a rich source of very interesting information. If you haven't looked then don't delay.

The Community O Clubs – Matlock is going well with regular sessions. Buxton is now meeting monthly, Derby and Chesterfield are inactive. BOF has been running Xplorer sessions that have a level of success – it's perhaps early days to see what the success of that initiative are.

This coming year presents plenty of challenge for us. We have the British Schools Championships at Shipley Park – Organiser Val Johnson, Planner Mike Godfree – together with a full series of Level C events and hopefully a full series of Level D events to compliment.

There are many people to thank for all their efforts this year including:

All the event officials and helpers from the many events we have put on

All the Committee members for their sterling efforts on many many fronts

The Mackervoys and the Johnsons for hosting the regular Wednesday evening runs throughout the year – and of course those who have put on the less regular runs.

Then finally just to mention that there is the Compass Sport Final for those of you who are fit and able on 20th October, Liz is very much looking for some stunning performances, then there is the Club Dinner and Awards on 23rd November.

## **5. Secretary's Report**

Derek Gale reported that the current membership is 238 down from 299. This large drop does include a number of comings and goings but is more a result of the changes to the membership scheme introduced by BOF.

Derek provided a membership report which is attached as Appendix A.

## **6. Treasurer's Report**

Claire Selby was not present but she had made her report available, it is attached as Appendix B.

Overall the club is in a healthy financial position with a total of £17,475 as at 31<sup>st</sup> August 2013.

Claire has had the club's accounts examined by Ashmore and McGill, Chartered Certified Accountants in whose opinion the accounts give a true and accurate view of the state of the club's affairs as at 31<sup>st</sup> August 2013.

## **7. Amendments to Constitution - None received.**

## 8. Election of Officers

<b>Post</b>	<b>Person Elected</b>	<b>Proposer</b>	<b>Secunder</b>
Chairman	John Hawkins	Ranald Macdonald	Jen Gale
Vice Chairman	Stuart Swalwall	Judith Holt	Derek Gale
Secretary	Derek Gale	Ranald Macdonald	Viv Macdonald
Treasurer	Claire Selby	Viv Macdonald	Ann-Marie Duckworth
Captain	Liz Godfree	Jen Gale	Ian Hodson
Fixtures Secretary	Jen Gale	Mike Godfree	Judith Holt
Committee Member	Ned Needham	Judith Holt	Viv Macdonald

## 9. Appointed Officers

<b>Post</b>	<b>Person Appointed</b>
Social Secretary	Vacant
Newsletter Editor	Sal Chaffey
EMOA Representative	Mike Gardner
Mapping Co-ordinator	Mike Godfree
Junior Representative	Vacant
Press Articles	Paul Wright
Equipment Officer	Paul Wright
Minute Secretary	Vacant – subsequently filled by Andy Jackson
Coaching Co-ordinator	Val Johnson
Permanent Course Manager	Mike Godfree
Junior Development Officer	Vacant
Development Officer	Ann-Marie Duckworth
Access Co-ordinator	Sarah Blackburn
Publicity Fliers	Vacant
Event Officials Co-ordinator	Ann-Marie Duckworth and Jen Gale
Controllers Co-ordinator	Paul Addison
Level D Programme Co-ordinator	Vacant
Buxton Representative	Sue Allard
Matlock Representative	Judith Holt
Webmaster	John Cooke

## 10. Welfare Officer

This post, which is independent of the Committee, is held by Sue Russell.

## 11. AOB

- a) Next DVO event – Kedleston Park 13<sup>th</sup> October.
- b) Compass Sport Cup Final – 20<sup>th</sup> October in the Forest of Dean

- c) Club Dinner and Awards – Tansley Village Hall 23<sup>rd</sup> November.
- d) Newstrack Copy Date – 10<sup>th</sup> November
- e) British Schools Championships which DVO is hosting – Shipley Park 17<sup>th</sup> November
- f) The Committee is to consider event fees for helpers.
- g) It was agreed to purchase a new club tent – action for the Committee.
- h) The Committee to consider the Social Secretary role.
- i) It was noted that Ranald Macdonald is now the EMOA Chair and John Hurley the EMOA Vice Chair.
- j) The annual footpath relay will be held on 21<sup>st</sup> June 2014 commencing from Ilam. It will be a 20 leg format.

**12. Meeting closed at 22:00.**