

**WCOC AGM**  
**7.30 pm Thursday 23rd October 2014**  
 Kirkstile Inn, Loweswater

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	<b>PRESENT</b> John Taylor, Mike Harrison, Lesley Wornham, Roger Jackson, Jon Eaton, Ian Lowles, David Spencer, Graham Watson, Bob Barnby, Dave Downes, , John Slater, Lynne Thomas, Margaret Mackenzie, Steve Breeze , Angela Jackson, Marguerite Pennell, Anne Burbidge, Richard Wren, Catherine Wetherfield, Dave Fenwick, Stephan Helle	<b><u>Action</u></b>
<b>1</b>	<b>APOLOGIES</b> Mike Hind, Susan Skinner, Kate Skinner, Kate Charles, Vanessa Brierley, Debbie Watson	
<b>2</b>	<b>MINUTES OF THE AGM 24<sup>th</sup> Oct 2013.</b> These were accepted as a true and accurate record. <b>Proposed</b> Dave Downes , <b>Seconded</b> Bob Barnby	
<b>3</b>	<b>OFFICERS' REPORTS</b>	
<b>3.1</b>	<p><b>Chair</b></p> <p>John Taylor reported on a very successful year for WCOC, and wished to thank all the committee for support in a fantastic and successful coaching programme with overall great participation. He proposed a vote of thanks to Roger for his continued hard work in so many different roles and to Mike for co-ordination of areas and organising planners and organisers for events. Although membership has dropped slightly he estimated that participation was stable with 3500 runs in events. Thanks were extended to Lynne for co-ordinating and organising the coaching programme, which is leading to the successes of many juniors who are also inspired by school events, with particular thanks going to Natalie. Behind the scenes there was much support promoting the club via newsletters (Graham Watson), web site (Paul, Phillip Jennings, Anne Burbidge, David Spencer) and Facebook (Roger) and Twitter (Steve Breeze), not to mention the flyers, newspaper and internet coverage by Ian Lowles.</p> <p>John then reported on successes of the club over the year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• October Odyssey with great performances from Niamh, Dan, Kate, Rosie, Katie, Alastair and Isaac.</li> <li>• British Schools successes for Cockermouth school.</li> <li>• Interland selections for Alistair, Dan and Katie, and also Helen Winskill</li> <li>• A fantastic beer trail organised by Pete and Barbara Nelson</li> <li>• A great time had by all at the JK in South Wales</li> <li>• Northern Championships. Caitlyn Irving (W12A) Helen Winskill (W40L) Kate Charles (W45L), Alastair Thomas (M14A) and Mike Pearson (M70L). Isaac first male on Yellow.</li> <li>• Scottish Championship. Alastair Thomas M14)</li> <li>• Junior Home Internationals. Alistair and Daniel both picked to</li> </ul>	

	<p>represent England.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lakes 5 Day – Day 2 with planning and organising by Bob Barnby, Rob Holder and Dave Fenwick. A great turnout by the club to support and Bob complimented on his use of the area.</li> <li>• British Championships. Mike Pearson M70L, Alastair Thomas (3<sup>rd</sup> M14), Joyce Woffindin (1<sup>st</sup> W50S) and Roger Thomas (1<sup>st</sup> M50S), with top 10 places for Wilf Teasdale (M10), Rosie Spencer (W12), Daniel Spencer (M14), Katrina Hemingway (W18E), Sue Skinner (W50), Mike Billingham (M50), Richard Cummings (M55S) and Richard Goodwin (M55S) with 2<sup>nd</sup> place relay result for Daniel Spencer, Ben Breeze and Alastair Thomas on M14.</li> <li>• Steve Birkinshaw’s new record on the Wainwright round.</li> <li>• Success at the Saunders for Lewis with a win on the Klets class, David and Daniel on the Bedafell, Alastair and Roger 4<sup>th</sup>, Katrina and partner first female team in the Carrock.</li> <li>• BOC Middle Distance, 1<sup>st</sup> for Alastair Thomas (M14) and Mike Pearson (M70L), 2<sup>nd</sup> place for Charlotte Watson (W21L) and Helen Winskill 3<sup>rd</sup>.</li> </ul> <p>Next year we have the World Orienteering championships and Scottish 6 days to look forward to in addition to hopeful successes at other events.</p>	
<p><b>3.2</b></p>	<p><b>Treasurer</b></p> <p>Roger presented the accounts and copies were distributed at the meeting. He thanked Dave Fenwick for auditing them. It was reported that we had a surplus of £421. Following some questions, clarifications were made. For subscriptions, although membership numbers were down slightly, we had a reduced contribution to NWOA, so the income increased. Our other main sources of income were from Level B, C or D events. Incomes from the level B event was Harrop Tarn and the Specials included Copeland (x2) and Allerdale Chase. Because of the date of the accounts it included income from 2 Copeland chases. Incomes from level D events had increased, with level C showing a slight fall in income. Our main expense was for Maps and printing, which includes paper, toner, and a cost for production/renewal of map by mapper. Each map was charged at 25p. Because of schools, events and newsletter printing this came to a deficit of almost £1,000.</p> <p>A question asked about levy payment to BOF. The accounts included BOF levy amounts of £1 per senior and 33p per junior from Jan 14 – July 14, so these accounts included some of the old style BOF levy. RJ stated that we also paid a levy for school events. He had negotiated that primary events were activities but levies were paid for secondary schools and the final.</p> <p>A question re clarification of Richard Weston insurance. This covered the SI boxes.</p> <p>Acceptance of accounts proposed Dave Downes. Seconded Jon Eaton.</p>	
<p><b>3.3</b></p>	<p><b>Membership Secretary</b></p> <p>Membership figures were very similar to last year with 107 adult and 55</p>	

	<p>juniors with about 130 actively participating.</p>	
<b>3.4</b>	<p><b>Fixtures Secretary</b></p> <p>Mike Harrison reported on another successful year of events, covering the four main winter, spring, summer and autumn series. Participation numbers have stayed relatively constant, with only a decrease in the Fell Series, so options to change this format will be considered for next year. We also introduced 4 Saturday morning events aimed at novice, junior and improvers into the programme. These were successful so will be continued next year. Our Galoppen numbers are still behind LOC and BL, so this is an area to work on. WCOC retained the Borrowdale Trophy in 2013 with WCOC hosting 4 events. WCOC planned and organised the middle distance event of the Lakes 5 Day, so thanks to Bob Barnby, Rob Holder and Dave Fenwick for a very successful event. Major events for 2015 include the North West Compass Sport Cup at High Rigg on 15<sup>th</sup> March, which Helen Winskill will plan. For the JK in the South Lakes, WCOC have been asked to provide manpower for Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April at Ulpha Park and Barrow Fell. As a result of these commitments we will only be hosting 3 galoppens in 2015.</p>	<b>Committee</b>
<b>3.5</b>	<p><b>Access Officer</b></p> <p>Mike Harrison reported on behalf of the Access officers who work tirelessly to ensure we get permissions from landowners to hold events – issues in the past year have included tree felling, diseases, livestock concerns, or gliding clubs. Two access officers were currently unable to continue in their roles, so we were looking for volunteers for Eskdale and Sale Fell/Ling Fell. Mike felt it would be beneficial to have a Permissions co-ordinator because of the increasing bureaucracy in obtaining permissions for events. Such a person could act as a central point for the NT and liaise with local Access Officers and planners.</p>	
<b>3.6</b>	<p><b>Mapping officer</b></p> <p>The Club's main mappers, Pete Nelson, Jon Eaton, Andy Warner, Howard Leslie and Jane Hornsby were thanked for their continued effort in updating existing maps. It was reported that we had mainly needed minor adjustments to existing maps. The only new map was a complete re-mapping of Mawbray by Pete Nelson.</p>	
<b>3.7</b>	<p><b>Lead Coach</b></p> <p>It was reported that WCOC had run another very successful year of coaching with 9 outside coaching sessions from TD 1 – 5, averaging attendance of 21 at each session, with a range between 9 and 35.. Two sessions of Orient8 had been offered in March, with average attendance of 30. 5 primary schools had each received 2 coaching sessions and a Cockermouth brownie pack. WCOC had also hosted 2 NWJS sessions. Derek Allison had delivered 5 TD5 coaching which had been shared with BL with attendance by 9 WCOC members. This gave a total of 30 directly delivered coaching sessions plus NWJS and Cockermouth schools days in 2013-2014. LT had successfully completed her Level 2 coaching, which</p>	

	<p>Helen Winskill was also working towards and we had 5 new Level 1 coaches. With a grant from NWOA we had purchased 2 Garmin watches with the facility to upload information on-line. Further equipment purchases included compasses and mini kites. Next year will include training of more Level 2 coaches and also continued coaching with an aim for more juniors at the Yvette Baker, Peter Palmers, British Schools Championships and Cumbria Schools. Another important aim is the transition of juniors moving from school orienteering to Thursday nights and then regional and national events. Lynne thanked the coaching team for their support at events, especially the session at Mawbray where all the juniors had been shadowed and given useful coaching feedback. . Lynne was thanked for her work as Lead Coach.</p>	
<b>3.8</b>	<p><b>Equipment Officer</b></p> <p>It was reported that we had purchased 13 second hand sportident boxes. We had lost two boxes at events, with some units damaged at the Cumbria District Games in Carlisle. Thanks were also expressed to Tony Duncan for the gift of a leisure battery for the caravan.</p>	
<b>3.9</b>	<p><b>Newsletter Editor</b></p> <p>Graham thanked all the contributors who provided about 3/4 of the material for the 3 issues a year but emphasised that more contributions were always useful. Graham was thanked for his efforts in producing such a quality product. It was agreed that the newsletter gave a more reflective view and was complemented by the weekly bulletin and facebook pages.</p>	
<b>3.10</b>	<p><b>Social Secretary</b></p> <p>It was reported that we had had a very active year socially. In January the ceilidh, and faith supper held in Embleton village hall had been enjoyed by 71 people, enjoying the dancing and celebrating the successes of WCOC. The Summer picnic social had been held at Rannerdale, with a challenging score event, following a coaching session. The brave also managed a dip in Crummock Water. The now regular Pie and Pea supper in October moved to Keswick with the added attraction of an indoor tunnel/play area The inspirational talk by Steve Birkinshaw was enjoyed by 80, reinforcing our successful formulae of being a family club with 28 juniors and 52 adults . Possible future events might include a quiz night, inspired by the amazing quizzes David Spencer and Ian Teasdale produce at current socials. Lesley was thanked for her role in co-ordinating the events.</p>	
<b>3.11</b>	<p><b>Junior Report</b></p> <p>Kate Skinner reported on another successful year for the WCOC juniors both older juniors and newcomers.. In the Peter Palmers relay WCOC had 14 juniors completing, with a 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the 'Joan George' category. At the British Schools Cockermouth School had a Gold medal for the Year 11 girls team, a Bronze for the Year 9 boys team and overall placing of 4<sup>th</sup>. There were individual success in many main events including the</p>	

	<p>Middle distance champs, Scottish champs, British champs, Lakes 5 day, Northern champs, Sprint champs, Cumbria schools league and the JK. Katie, Daniel and Alastair were selected for Interland where they completed in France and returned with 2 podium medals for the main competition. Alastair and Daniel were also selected for the Junior Home Internationals where they returned with a gold and a bronze medal. WCOC currently have 9 juniors in the NWJS. She expressed thanks to all the coaches for helping with these successes.</p>	
<b>3.12</b>	<p><b>Schools League Organiser</b></p> <p>Roger reported on an excellent series with 4 primary and 4 secondary events well supported including 200 children in the final. 14 primary schools and 4 secondary schools had completed in the league. The Cumbria Schools Orienteering final had been hosted by WCOC/BL at Mawbray. For the Cumbria District games held in Carlisle the orienteering section had been won by Carlisle. Thanks were expressed to Natalie for organising the league.</p>	
<b>3.13</b>	<p><b>Child Welfare Officer</b></p> <p>Steve Breeze stated that there was nothing to report this year.</p>	
<b>3.14</b>	<p><b>Team Captain</b> <b>Junior Team</b></p> <p>Vanessa Brierley reported on the successes for the junior teams. Successful team results have already been noted for the JK and British Championships. We also had lots of younger juniors participating in the Peter Palmers with a great time had by all cheering for club and each other. Thanks for the lead coach and all the parents for transport, catering etc. Next year the JK is in the S Lakes, so hopefully another good attendance.</p>	
<b>3.15</b>	<p><b>Publicity Officer</b></p> <p>Ian Lowles reported that we had placed some adverts online with Running Diary and the BBC website (get inspired page). We continued to produce flyers for the Night, Spring and Summer events. Ian still considered that the most effective publicity is by word of mouth and by flyers. Next year we hoped to be involved with the Keswick Mountain Festival.</p>	
<b>3.16</b>	<p><b>NWOA</b></p> <p>John Taylor reported that WCOC had been represented at all the club delegate meetings but that we were not represented on the Executive Committee. Richard Tiley was now the new chairman of NWOA. There was concern that numbers in the NWOA membership clubs was falling, and Barro club had ceased existence in September. It was reported that the Lakes 5 Days had made a reasonable surplus even though it had a paid co-ordinator. It was noted that there had been a lot of entries on the day, possibly caused by the high pre-entry charges. Dave Downes wished it noted that the entry fee of £19 a day should be reduced in future because of the surplus made. It was noted that the surplus would be divided amongst the NWOA clubs, so WCOC would get a contribution. John Slater wished an article to be placed in the newsletter about the</p>	Newsletter

	success of the event. There would be a debate in future on the sustainability of the Lakes 5 Day. It was noted that other future major events in the NWOA included BOC in 2017.	
<b>4</b>	<b>ELECTION OF OFFICERS.</b> Most of the Committee were willing to stand again and duly elected. It was noted that there was a vacancy for the Junior representative and one other committee member.	<b>Committee</b>

<b>Position</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Proposer</b>	<b>Seconder</b>
Chair	John Taylor	Vanessa Brierley	Simon Hunter
Vice Chair	Mike Harrison	John Slater	Angela Jackson
Secretary	Lesley Wornham	Anne Burbidge	Dave Fenwick
Treasurer	Roger Jackson	Dave Downes	Rob Holder
Committee 1	David Spencer	Paul Jennings	Jon Eaton
Committee 2	Ian Lowles	John Taylor	Steve Breeze
Committee 3	Jon Eaton	John Taylor	David Spencer
Committee 4	Graham Watson	Jeff Goodwin	Debbie Watson

<b>5</b>	<p><b><u>MOTION</u></b></p> <p><b>The Committee are proposing to change from the present WCOC membership fees to a zero cost membership for all, seniors and juniors.</b></p> <p><b>Many clubs (approx. 25%) have moved to this - it simplifies membership, and thereby also membership overall of the sport / British Orienteering. It leaves only one fee to BO of £5 for Seniors and £2 for Juniors. This also simplifies the insurance cover provided through BO. The shortfall in income to the club can be recovered by a modest increase to event entry fees.</b></p> <p>Proposed: Roger Jackson    Seconded: John Taylor</p> <p>It was explained that British Orienteering currently advises that insurance will only be offered to participants for 3 events, and that after that they should be encouraged to join BOF or discouraged from running. WCOC are currently giving out leaflets explaining the insurance issues. It was felt that reducing the WCOC membership to £0 would simplify the membership to BO. The committee estimated that the shortfall in membership income would be about 50p per event entry. John Slater cited British Mountain Bike Orienteering events, where you needed to be a member to participate in an event, or pay a Day membership rate. It was suggested that the Committee would decide on appropriate event increase charges to meet the shortfall. Currently coaching was classed as an activity, so all participants were covered for insurance and schools could join British Schools Orienteering Association which was currently free membership-.</p>	<b>Committee</b>
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	<p>Votes for the motion.</p> <p>In favour        15</p> <p>Against         1</p> <p>Abstention     1</p> <p>Motion carried.</p>	
6	<p><b>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</b></p> <p>There was no further business.</p> <p>Dave Downes on behalf of regular orienteers proposed a vote of thanks for all the Committee for all the work carried out over the year.</p>	

**There being no further business the meeting finished at 10.15 pm**