

Quantock Orienteers' Annual General Meeting

Held at Broomfield Village Hall on Saturday June 23rd 2018 at 5.15pm.

The meeting was held after the club relay which was won by Brian Pearson, Andy Rimes and Graham Hartley. Roger Craddock thanked Angela Modica and Richard Sansbury for planning and controlling an interesting event with extra maze content. Prior to the meeting the QOFL awards were presented by Mike Crocket. The winners were:

- White – Jacob Shirvington
- Yellow – Hamish Braine- Clarke
- Orange – Andrew Page
- Light Green – Jenny West
- Short Green – Chris Hasler
- Green – Graham Hartley
- Blue – Ben Chesters

Minutes:

1. Apologies for absence – Brian Pearson, Bill Vigar, Steve and Julia Robertson, Steven Lysaczenko and Graham Hartley. 13 members present.
2. Minutes of the 2017 meeting – proposed Roger Craddock, seconded Judy Craddock - agreed.
3. Matters arising – none
4. Roger Craddock presented his Chairman's report as a PowerPoint: the main points reproduced as follows (if you would like the full version with photographs please contact the chairman directly):

Chairman's Report Highlights of QO Year 2017/18

2017 Club Championships and AGM

- Longrun Meadow and COACH Centre
- Richard Sansbury planned a score and 'trail O' event
- Club Champion: Brian Pearson
- Presentation by Ray Toomer on Kite-skiing

Summer SWOA Relay series

- Thanks to Captain Chris Hasler
- Some successes. 3rd/9 last year.
- Today's QO relay by Angela Modica, part of SWOA Chairman's Series.

Club Nights

- Sport England Grant. Thanks to Steve & Julia for application.
- Thursday evenings. Coaching from Tess Stone and Vikki Page
- Use of the Park Room for meetings, socials, courses.
- Thanks many members (and non-members) for presentations and expertise.
- Excellent AV facilities
- Use of Link room as base for activities and training.

QOFL Series

- Experiment with Saturday events. Not popular
- Thanks to planners, controllers, organisers – and Judy for pulling them together!
- Cancellation of QOFL2 which would have attracted many Compass Sport Cup finalists. High winds.
- Thanks to scorers and uploaders, Tony Milroy and Brian Pearson.
- Course winners collected trophies and Certificates today.

Compass Sport Cup Preliminary Round

- Thanks to Steve Robertson (planner), and Richard Sansbury (organiser), and Alan Simpson (DEVON, controller)
- Heavy snow on top of Quantocks made assembly/parking impossible
- All SW competing clubs have been invited to take part in the final!
- Let Captain Chris know if you are available and we will give you 50% off. It is hoped to arrange transport to Cannock Chase in October.
- Thanks to NSOC for agreeing to a re-run of the event next year.

Mapping

- Steve Robertson heads up sub-committee, Bill Vigar, Jim Mallinson, Andy Rimes
- Many years of excellent maps from Bill Vigar
- Andy Rimes is working on conversion to OCAD
- Urgent need for members prepared to survey areas and report back to cartographers.

LONG 'O'

- Rosie and Andy have decided to take a 'rest' this year
- "Special" event for many supporters, often shared with DEVON
- Good use of Exmoor and Quantocks
- Too many competing events and other 'extreme' sports
- Thanks to all who helped put these on.

Junior Orienteering Group (JOG)

- Now only operating in winter terms
- Grass roots development of QO
- Juniors, families, training opportunities - all benefit
- Thanks to Angela for taking on role of 'controller'
- Thanks to Jim Pearson for steady stream of photos.

Coaching

- Expanded thanks to SE grant
- Tess Stone and Vikki Page throughout winter terms at Club Nights
- 13 sessions during the Summer term at various areas around Taunton
- 'Wild' running. Congratulations to Tate Modica for his regular attendance and his progress.

Website

- Chairman's Award last year to Jeff Pakes.
- Continues to providing information, entertainment and comment
- Archive of pictures and past items
- Well designed and organised

Year 4 Festival of Orienteering, Norton Camp

- Dave Bullock and SASP
- 850 children spread throughout the day
- Thanks to helpers
- Repeated this week – but better weather!

'Techie' Orienteering

- Jeff Pakes' enthusiasm
- QR codes. Use on Longrun Meadow POC.
- e-Sporting. Use of smartphones to identify pre-designated control sites in urban areas
- Richard Sansbury series of events later in the summer
- Vikki Page has purchased 'Go-Pro' for juniors to improve performance. Andrew's successes with Urban Series.

Help from other Clubs. Thanks to:

- Gavin Clegg (BOK) supported our Club Nights and is planning SW Sprint Championships with Andrew Page.
- Robin Carter has planned and supported the QOAD series, won by Gavin this year.

Chairman's Award 2017/18

Dave Holmes Memorial Trophy:
For services to Quantock Orienteering Club

- My decision was influenced by:
- Regular attendance at all types of events, training, and Club nights
 - Enthusiasm, determination to improve others, especially juniors
 - Persistence in creating, planning and cajoling to create two events
 - Awarded to _____

Angela Modica received the Chairman's award for 2018

5. Rosie Wych presented her Secretary's report: reproduced as follows:

QO continues much as ever just about coping with a busy program of events and a sometimes rather stretched volunteer team.

Activities are always well presented on the website which goes from strength to strength - full of topical news and regular updates – many thanks to Jeff for this.

Roger has obviously reviewed much of the year in his report and so I would like to add a couple of observations.

First - The club officers sometime feel overwhelmed by the amount of bureaucracy backing up what initially appear quite simple events. Having met Peter Hart (the new CEO of British Orienteering) when he visited the region, I was thoroughly impressed by someone coming into head up the sport with a serious professional background and obviously demonstrating the ability to bring expertise into trying to rationalize this whole structure. At present we are reviewing and updating some of the club policies to make sure we follow the guidelines to reflect how we need to be more aware of issues like safeguarding, data protection and photography.

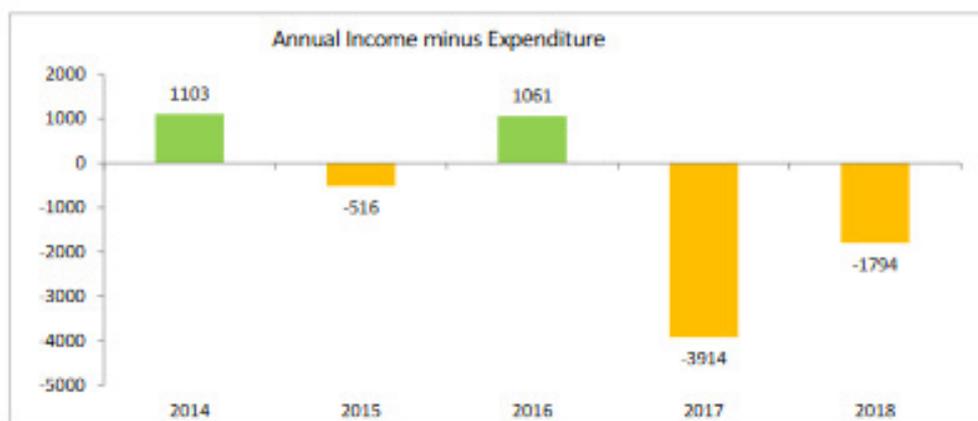
Second - A trend increasingly apparent is the popularity of urban/street orienteering and the growing number of these events. I am the first to admit that as a traditional forest runner I originally rather disdained the idea of running around towns; but now eat my words and have discovered how enjoyable it can be – requiring quick thinking, careful map reading....and the ability to run! All vital orienteering skills surely? Plus they are generally easy to access and possibly appeal more to non-orienteers.

So, I really feel that we need to always embrace change, look to the future and do what we can to maintain the profile of the sport.

6. Treasurer's report: Jeff Pakes presented the report prepared by the treasurer Steve Robertson to explain the summary financial status sheet:

QO AGM -- Income and Expenditure Summary Fiscal 2017 - 18	June 23, 2018
<p>Overview</p> <p>2018 Net Income versus Expenditure is £(1,794) negative, an improvement of £2,120 versus 2016-17 and despite the negative balance on the year the QO cash balances remain healthy at £9,795.</p> <p>Income during the year was significantly boosted by a Sport England Grant of about £6,300 which allowed increased expenditure on Coaching and Equipment to support increased participation in Orienteering.</p> <p>Membership fees will remain unchanged in 2018-19 and event entry fees, that increased at the end of 2017-18, are expected to remain unchanged in 2017-18.</p>	
<p>Income</p>	
<p>Membership -- steady flow of memberships -- new and renewals, a net increase of £105 versus prior year</p>	
<p>Events -- steady income from QOFL's, QOAD's and JOG map sales means that, including subsidising JOG, there is a net event surplus (£750).</p>	
<p>Sport England -- A SE grant of £6,294 was received to support increased participation and has been used mainly for Coaching and Equipment purchases -- grant period is 12 months from September 1, 2017.</p>	
<p>Other -- Club funds were increased by £900, primarily £ 670 from support given to the Norton Manor Camp day and Startrac.</p>	
<p>Expenditure</p>	
<p>The two main areas of expenditure in 2017/18 have been Equipment (£5,106) and Coaching/Development (£4,601). Both areas have benefited significantly from the Sport England Grant contribution.</p>	
<p>SI equipment has been both refurbished and increased -- 30 SIAC dibbers purchased, laptops replaced with refurbished kit, power inverters upgraded plus additional control boxes and stakes purchased.</p>	
<p>For coaching purposes the club now has a selection of GPS equipment -- watches and mobile phones plus GoPro camera.</p>	
<p>Coaching/development funds have been used to hire the COACH facility in French Weir/Long Run Meadow, provide coaches for the sessions run in parallel with the club nights and for summer training evenings, and to provide first aid training for coaches and club members.</p>	
<p>Future Outlook</p>	
<p>The increased event fees plus the re-scheduling of the CSC Regional Heat should ensure a continuing positive event balance in the 2018-19 season.</p>	
<p>Following computing hardware and SI equipment purchases in 2017/18 total equipment purchases are expected to be lower in 2018 -19.</p>	
<p>With the ending of the Sport England grant the format of coaching sessions that take place after completion of the present Summer Training sessions is under review.</p>	
<p>Also, a change in the OCAD mapping software licence structure requires that we decide during 2018 on the software and resources used for future map updates.</p>	
<p>Note: Accounts remain subject to final auditing</p>	

Quantock Orienteers -- Financial Status June 2017 - May 2018



<u>Fiscal Year 2017-18</u>	<u>Fiscal-Year</u>	<u>Memo:</u>
Net Income	2017-18	<u>2016-17</u>
Membership fees	£ 673	£ 568
Events (net of levies & expenses)	2,120	1,977
Contributions/Misc. -- Norton Manor / STARTRAC	904	360
Grant	<u>6,294</u>	<u>0</u>
	£ 9,991	£ 2,905
Expenditure		
Equipment (SIAC Dibbers, replacement laptops, software)	£ (5,106)	£ (1,980)
Mapping (printing costs)	(1,377)	(1,165)
Website	(8)	(2,580)
Development (COACH, coaching)	(4,601)	(1,169)
Clothing and Misc. Expenses	<u>(693)</u>	<u>75</u>
	£ (11,785)	£ (6,819)
Total	£ (1,794)	£ (3,914)

May 31st Cash Balances

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AGM Financial Decision / Information:

- o QO Membership Fees remain unchanged for 2018 - 19
- o Event entry fees were reviewed and increased during 2017-18 and the full year benefit will impact on the 2018-19 financial results.

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7. Fixtures Secretary's report: Judy Craddock displayed the events calendar for 2017-18 and 2018-19

Date	Event/Activity	Venue	Grid Ref	Post Code	Planner	Organiser	Controller
23/06/2018	Summer Ralye	Tyne Court	ST224319	TA5 2HQ	Angela Woodcock	Judy Craddock	Richard Jansbury
01/08/2018	Senior Trek	BAT release	ST214 248	TA8 5LL		Judy Craddock	
19/08/2018	50K Sprint Champs	Ball + Tarrant etc.	ST221748	TA1 1GG	Gavin Clagg/Andrew Page	Roger Craddock	Chris Hasley
09/09/2018	Club Champs	Hare Hill	ST179165	TA14 6RW	Brian Pearson		Tony Hoot?
10/09/2018	Roverdale Beavers				Jana Lindy		
15/09/2018	JOG1				Tony Wych		
22/09/2018	JOG2	The Spinney			Angela Woodcock		
29/09/2018	JOG3	Tyne Court- WT			Steve Robertson		
07/10/2018	QJCH 1	Ashley Combe	ST178376	TA5 1HN	Mark Maynard	Chris Philip	Brian Pearson?
13/10/2018	JOG4	Lydson Hill			Karen Lewis		Bill Vigar
20/10/2018	JOG5	Brownfield Hill			Chris Hasler		
27/10/2018	JOG6	Queens College			Andrew Page		
03/11/2018	JOG7/QOAB				Richard Jansbury		
11/11/2018	QJCH 2	Whinze Aul	ST151377	TA4 4AB	Robert Green	Team 2	Andy Rimes
17/11/2018	JOG8/QOAB	Castle Neroche			Chris Philip		
24/11/2018	JOG9	Millstone Wood			Rosie Wych		
02/12/2018	QJCH 3	Great Brook + Combe H	ST150439	BA6 11P	Matthew Carter	Rosie Wych	Mike Crockett
22/01/2019	QJCH 4	Glen Dary	ST121167	TA21 9QH	Karen Lewis	Team 2	Bill Vigar
10/02/2019	QO Bekkopp	Croydon Hill	SS978423	TA24 6TA	Rosie Wych	Andy Rimes	Andy Reynolds
18/02/2019	Wook	Lansport					
17/03/2019	JOG	The Spinney			Steve Robertson	Richard Jansbury	Alan Simpson
14/04/2019	QJCH 5	C Neroche - Middle Room	ST257159	TA25 5LU	Tony Hoot	Angela Woodcock	Nick Akane
19/06/2019	QJCH 6	Blackborough North	ST182063	EX15 2HF	???	Chris Hasler	
Spring Term	JOG/QOAB					Angela Woodcock	
Spring Term	JOG/QOAB					Brian Pearson	

8. Membership Secretary's report:

Existing membership figures are 46 seniors, 10 juniors and 24 family units. This brings QO almost to the maximum permitted to still qualify as a small club in the annual CompassSport team competition.

9. Junior Orienteering Group report:

There were 17 JOGs in the 2017-18 autumn and spring terms. Attendance figures ranged from 31 to 84 with an average of 57. A new venture was a very successful summer term event in liaison with Millfield School. Chris Hasler as club captain added a brief statement to report the demise of Avon Schools Orienteering which has been absorbed by BOK.

10. Amendments to the constitution: none

11. Elections.

Chairman: Roger Craddock – proposed by Rosie Wych and seconded by Chris Hasler – unanimous

Treasurer: Steve Robertson – proposed by Roger Craddock and seconded by Jeff Pakes– unanimous

Secretary: Rosie Wych- proposed by Roger Craddock and seconded by Judy Craddock – unanimous

Committee members to continue: Bob Lloyd, Chris Hasler, Bill Vigar, Jeff Pakes, Judy Craddock

Proposed by Roger Craddock and seconded by Rosie Wych – passed

New members who agreed to be proposed prior to the meeting:

Karen Lewis – proposed by Bill Vigar and seconded by Roger Craddock - passed

Matthew Carter – proposed by Roger Craddock and seconded by Rosie Wych - passed

Roger also proposed that Mike Crockett continue as President, seconded by Chris Hasler and he agreed.

12. AOB: none

The meeting closed at 6.30pm Minutes signed: Chairman.....