

CLARO Orienteering Club

Minutes of the 17th AGM held on 11th October 2007 at Harrogate Cricket Club

Present:

Chris Dicken (Chairman)	Graham Ramsden	Peter Pozman
Allen Barnes	Tim Moon	Peter Ward
Jackie Barnes	Phil Headford	Chris Bale
Sheila Smith	Geoff Hensman	
Sandra Appleton	Lindsey Hensman	

1. Apologies

Chris Shovelton	Frank Appleton	Lisa Headford
Maria MacKenzie	Allen Banister	Carina Tait
David Day	Mike Calvert	The Birwistles
Elaine Day		

2. Minutes of the 16th AGM held on 12th October 2006

Accepted as a true record.

3. Chairman's Report

Chris Dicken gave a short presentation on the future of orienteering and that of Claro Orienteering Club. He suggested changes to the way that the Club operates so that it will survive and meet the needs of its present and future members. Discussion ensued and a summary of the presentation and matters raised will be published in the Clarion.

4. Treasurers Report

Sandra Appleton presented the accounts for 2006/7 which had been audited and found correct by Chris Shovelton. Key issues arising from the report were as follows:

- The accounts showed a surplus of £406.15 over the year
- Event income was £686.71
- The accumulated surplus stood at £5458.37 on 31 August 2007

The accounts were proposed by Sheila Smith, seconded by Phil Headford and accepted by all.

5. Membership fees

The Club now has to inform BOF of its membership fees for the coming year, prior to the time that we usually hold our AGM. The Claro Committee has therefore already informed BOF of the following membership fees for 2007/8:

Senior/family	£6
Junior	£1
Affiliate	£10

These fees were proposed by Geoff Hensman, seconded by Chris Bale and agreed by all.

It is presumed that the membership would accept the Committee's recommendation in future. If this is not ratified at the following AGM, BOF would have to be contacted and the matter resolved.

6. Appointment of Auditor

Chris Shovelton was thanked for auditing the accounts and was elected auditor for the year 2007/8.

7. Amendment to Claro Club Constitution

The following changes to the Club Constitution were proposed by Lindsey Hensman:

An additional Clause to follow 3.1.7:

3.1.8 That in exceptional circumstances as defined by the Committee, the AGM shall have the power to waive Clause 3.1.7 above to allow the Chairman to continue in office for the following year.

An addition to Clause 9.2 as follows:

After... "in writing" add "or by e-mail"

The proposal was seconded by Allen Barnes and the whole meeting agreed.

8. Election of Officers and Committee Members

The officers and committee were elected as follows:

		Proposed	Seconded
Chairman	Chris Dicken	Lindsey Hensman	Sheila Smith
Treasurer	Sandra Appleton	Geoff Hensman	Phil Headford
Secretary	Graham Ramsden	Sandra Appleton	Lindsey Hensman
Fixtures	Sue Birtwistle	Chris Dicken	Pete Ward
Committee	Lindsey Hensman	Tim Moon	Allen Barnes
	Allen Banister	Chris Bale	Jackie Barnes
	Sheila Smith	Chris Dicken	Jackie Barnes

9. Appointed Posts

Membership	Sheila Smith
Relays Secretary	Lindsey Hensman
Social Secretary	Lindsey Hensman
Committee Junior Representative	Duncan Birtwistle
Mapping Officer	Geoff Hensman
Compass Sport Cup/Trophy Co-ordinator	Phil Headford
Coaching Co-ordinator	Maria MacKenzie
Clarion Editor	Lindsey Hensman
Equipment Officer	The Birtwistles
Schools liaison	Peter Pozman
Publicity Officer	Phil Headford
Club league organiser	Phil Headford
Web Master	Tim Moon
Footpath Run Co-ordinator	Liz Potterton/Geoff Hensman/Tim Moon

10. Any Other Business

a) Schools

Peter Pozman informed the meeting of the schools events that had taken part in the year:

- A group of children took part in our Hollin Hill colour coded event
- Several school children from the Claro area competed in the YHOA School Championships (one girl getting a gold medal in her age group)
- A Ripon schools event had taken place earlier in the day which was attended by approximately 250 children from 14 schools

In the coming year Peter has plans to organise a Claro BSOA event, possibly at Harlow Hill. A trophy could be presented to the winners.

It was suggested that a sub-group should be set-up within our club to help Peter with our schools strategy.

b) Great Yorkshire Show

The club will be putting together an orienteering course for a Sport England stand at the GYS.

c) Development conference

Chris Dicken and Graham Ramsden recently attended an orienteering development conference organised by YHOA which had proved to be very interesting. There may be plans to hold this as an annual event.

d) White Rose 2008

The organisers of the 2008 White Rose event have asked for help in running the event. It was agreed that the principle of helping was acceptable.

e) Compass Sport Trophy

As it is difficult for Phil Headford to collect entry money for this event and to try encourage more members to compete for our Club, Phil proposed that the Club should pay for the entry fees for all competitors. This was seconded by Geoff Hensman and agreed by the whole meeting.

f) Publicity

Phil informed the meeting that articles have been published in the local papers relating to the opening of the permanent orienteering course and that orienteering is mentioned regularly in the 'Outdoor Events' section of the newspaper. The newspapers seem to like a complete item presented to them which includes the 'story' together with pictures.

g) Harlow Hill permanent orienteering courses

In addition to the beginners and intermediate courses that have been set up this year, Phil informed the meeting that the posts for the advanced course would be in place shortly.

h) Mapping Ripon Schools

At the Ripon Schools event today Geoff Hensman had been approached by the schools-sport co-ordinator for Ripon to map over 20 of the Ripon schools.