**Minutes of the 2023 AGM of South Yorkshire Orienteers held on Saturday 16th December 2023 Lees Hall Golf Club, Hemsworth Rd, Norton Lees, Sheffield S8 8LL**

**Attendees**

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| Ella Baxter  Jack Baxter  Kim Baxter  Richard Baxter  Catherine Beresford  Colin Best  Marcia Bradbury  Paul Bradbury  James Bryant  Louis Bryant  Robert Bryant  Jim Butterworth  Rhys Caudwell  Vanessa Caudwell  Mark Chapman  Charlotte Chapman  Hannah Chapman  Amanda Crawshaw  Judith Cudden  Jacky Dakin  Bronwen Doyle  Tom Entwistle  Mary Fleming  Alexandra Garnett | James Garnett  Adrian Garratt  Peter Gorvett Maxwell Groom  Peter Guillaume  Susan Guy  Joseph Guy  Freddie Guy  Cinnamon Hodgson  Lawrence Hodgson  Dave Howsam  Vanessa Howsam  Abigail Howsam  Sophie Howsam  Beverley Inkson  Dylan Jenkinson  Evan Jenkinson  Alex Johnson  Jenny Johnson  Paul Johnson  Oli Johnson  Ciara Keen  Jenny Lightfoot  Robbie Lightfoot | Max Mobus  Claire Morris  Richard Morris  Phil Murray  Paul Norman  Jenny Peel  Nathan Peel  Oscar Peel  Yana Petrovska  Imogen Pieters  Emily Pieters  Andy Preston  Louise Preston  Will Preston  Stanley Preston  Martha Preston  Jago Reynolds  Louise Reynolds  Pasco Reynolds  Arun Sahni  Colin Smith  Lindsay Snow  Lynn Speakman  Robyn Stanyon | Ben Stevens  Sarah Tipple  Euan Tryner  Pauline Tryner  Pete Tryner  Freya Tryner  Anna Todd  David Todd  Rosie Walwyn  Paul Walwyn  Lucy Walwyn  Jack Walwyn  Lesley Ward  Martin Ward  Lucy Wiegand  Tim Wiegand  Chris Williamson  Hannah Woods  Todd Woods  Oskar Woods  Felix Woods |

**Apologies**

Mark Dakin

Jill Gorvett

Ian and Monica Cooper

Nick Barrable

Nick Lightfoot

Neil and Sheila Sprot

The Chairman (Paul Bradbury) noted that the quorum was 12 and therefore the meeting was quorate.

He thanked the organisers of the Club Champs event.

**Minutes of the last AGM**

The minutes of the AGM held on 3rd December 2022 were approved.

**Chairman’s report**

The Chairman read his report:

**Chairman’s report - AGM 2023**

Welcome everyone to SYO’s 2023 AGM.

Firstly, I’d like to thank all the committee members for their support in my first year as SYO chair. Judith Cudden had to step down as secretary recently. I would like to thank her for all her work over the past few years.

In 2023, things seem to have settled back to normality after the covid outbreak. SYO have continued to put on a full programme of events throughout the year, the biggest being the Northern Championships at Burbage. Regular club nights and Sat school’s events have added to these events.

SYO’s biggest success of the year was to win the CSC Final, this being for the third time on the trot. The final is usually held in October, but this year it was in November. A strong team of over 90 competitors travelled down to the event, and It was good that we were able to book a coach for the day.

Our qualification heat was due to be held by LEI. This was then changed to Park Hall in the Potteries. Due to the late change only 50 SYO runners were allowed, but qualification was still comfortably achieved.

This last year has seen a couple of improvements that will help SYO to put on events efficiently. Dom Dakin has introduced a new SYO entry system. This is being used successfully for our local events. Also, the SYO website needed updating. Adam Bradbury designed the original site a few years ago. He updated the site this summer, giving a fresher feel, though still retaining much from the old site.

2024 sees SYO putting on our usual spread of events. There will be a national urban event in June. Also, in January a double header at Baslow on 11th and Burbage on 12th. Progress is being maintained for the big JK event at Easter in 2025.

Finally, thanks to Lees Hall for hosting us, and also, to you all for coming today.

Paul Bradbury, Chair, SYO.

**Treasurer’s Report to SYO AGM 2023**

Good afternoon, everyone.

The accounts were circulated with the notice of the AGM.  The accounts have now been signed and Peter and Julian have nothing to draw to your attention. I would like to thank them once again acting as examiners. Thank you also to all volunteers at events that make all of this happen and for giving me something to add up.

We made a deficit in the year, as expected, due to the costs of the 50th Anniversary Dinner and the costs of defending our CSC title in Scotland. We are budgeting for a further deficit this year and probably next, with fewer major events in the run-up to JK2025, but we have sufficient reserves to fund this.

Has anyone got any questions?

The following were raised as questions on the accounts.

1. Is there a view on the minimum level of reserves the club should hold? It was commented that SYO reserves were inflated in recent years following the British Schools Champs and CSC final, and that they are now at a more ‘normal’ level.
2. Should SYO be investing more money in the club/supporting member activities? It was commented that the awards policy is reviewed annually as is the level of club funding for inter-club competitions.

Both questions were noted and will be put forward as agenda items for discussion at the next SYO committee meeting.

**Approval of the accounts.**

Proposer: Pete Tryner

Seconder: Vanessa Howsam

**Membership fees: it is proposed that the membership fees are left unchanged for 2025.**

Proposer: Robyn Stanyon

Seconder: Pauline Tryner

**Election of Officials/Committee for 2023-2024**

There are three official roles in the club: Chair, Secretary and Treasurer. Judith Cudden has stepped down as Secretary and Robyn Stanyon has volunteered to take on the role. The Chair (Paul Bradbury) and Treasurer (Mark Dakin) have agreed to continue their roles.

**Election of Chair, Secretary and Treasurer**

**Chair:** Paul Bradbury

Proposer: Mark Chapman

Seconder: Oli Johnson

**Secretary:** Robyn Stanyon

Proposer: Judith Cudden

Seconder: Cinnamon Hodgson

**Treasurer:** Mark Dakin

Proposer: Chris Williamson

Seconder: Robyn Stanyon

**Election of Committee**

The rest of the committee have agreed to continue their roles.

The full committee members are:

* Chair – Paul Bradbury
* Treasurer – Mark Dakin
* Secretary – Robyn Stanyon
* Team Captain – Chris Williamson
* Fixtures – Peter Gorvett
* Membership Secretary – Jacky Dakin
* Equipment – Paul Norman
* SI Manager – Pete Tryner
* Mapping – Ian Cooper
* Junior Co-ordinators – Jacky Dakin and Pauline Tryner
* Permissions – Lucy Wiegand
* Child Protection Officer – Janet Adams
* Volunteer co-ordinator – Susan Guy
* Emily Pieters as Committee Member without portfolio

The Chair reiterated that further Committee members without portfolio were welcome if anyone would like to join.

Proposer for current committee to be elected: Pete Tryner

Seconder: Mark Chapman

The committee were elected.

**AOB**

There was no further business, and the formal business of the AGM was declared complete by the Chair.