

# AGM Minutes 2002

Minutes of 33rd A.G.M held on Wednesday 9th October 2002 at 7.30 p.m. at the Griffin Inn, Swithland

Attending: Simon Ford, Diane Ford, Roy Denney, Roger Kelly, Chris Bosley, Andy Portsmouth, Kevin Gallagher, Maureen Webb, Sue Bicknell, Bob Haskins, Tony Vance, Isabel Griffiths, Peter Leake, Thelma Spalton, Gerry Spalton, Kevin Bradley, Peter Hornsby.

## 1 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Chris Phillips, Ernie Williams, Robert Kerr, Jean Hall, Dave Hall, Roger Edwards, John Cooke, Judith Holt.

## 2 Declaration of membership numbers

The club has 92 voting member units (141 members) and 10 or 8% forms a quorum - The meeting was therefore declared quorate.

## 3 Approval and signing of minutes of 32nd AGM.

The minutes were proposed by Roy Denney, seconded by Sue Bicknell to be a true record of the meeting so were approved by the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

## 4 Matters arising from those minutes

None

## 5 Chairman's Report

Whether it is traditional or not I will try and keep the Chairman's (or should I say Chair's) remarks brief. This has been a good year for Leicester Orienteering. We have concentrated on what we do best:- put on a number of very well organised events and, in doing so, progressed competently into the E-punching era. Our website is now amongst the best in the land – thanks to Kevin and Andy. We have club representatives in various positions on the East Midlands Committee – including Roy as chair. Our skills and expertise are recognised at national level. As you are no doubt aware Chris Phillips has been asked to organise one of the days at JK 2004. I'm sure we will all hear a lot more of this when the plans are more advanced.

The regular programme of C4 events and our single Badge event were very

successful using either new maps or, in the case of Old Dry Hills, a new area. We have a similar programme mapped out for next year but this time with two Badge events one in spring and one in the autumn. In fact, we have events scheduled through to 2004 for good measure – most of which have been meticulously registered by Andy.

As we, together with other clubs, gain experience with electronic punching, we are becoming aware of the planning and organisational requirements of this new medium. At present our skills in all aspects of this new technique are concentrated in a few individuals – particular thanks to Kevin again. All next year's planners will be seeking help particularly in setting up. This is a great opportunity for the inexperienced to learn new techniques and procedures. The more members learn the skills involved the more the load will be spread.

The Summer League programme, which must rate as one of the most ambitious in the country, once again has produced a series of well organised, very well attended, competitive events for all to enjoy. The planning for next year's Summer League – with two events jointly run with Octavian Droobers – is well advanced. Thank you Chris for your continued co-ordination of activities.

It is now my duty and pleasure to continue with a number of 'thanks'. Roy has spent time looking to the future and a great deal of backroom work has been progressed, under his guidance, on new area development. Some of our members are now able to add to their CVs 'creation of new map features'!

The finances of the club remain very healthy despite very limited activities last year. We must thank our Treasurer, Chris, for his assiduous care and attention to detail.

The Club Shop appears at all our events and provides an excellent service to all members – thank you Kevin and Maureen. Look out for the redesigned new 'O' suits that will soon be on sale.

Our newsletter continues to be expertly produced by John and is always a good read – many thanks to him for all his efforts and, should I still be in the Chair, I will try to get my 'ramblings' in on time next year!

Last year's end of season Dinner and Awards evening was an enjoyable and well-attended occasion. We are hoping for an equally successful occasion at the end of November - a date for your diaries. Thanks go to Tony for this together with the rest of our social programme of quiz and petanque evenings.

Isabel has recently taken on the task of holding map stocks and Roger Kelly now looks after the organisers and planners equipment – thank you both.

To summarise, I believe that 2002 has been a good year for LEI with many of its members contributing in the background in so many ways. I personally would like to see more of the registered members at events – particularly ours – as without the support of our members the club will have difficulty moving forward. The LEI Committee meets on the third Wednesday of the month throughout the year. All club members are very welcome to attend either to listen or contribute their point of view.

Finally, and most importantly, I must thank each, and every member of the Committee, and of course our President, Ernie, for their commitment and hard work over the last year. It is your contributions that have ensured the clubs' overall success. Thank you.

## 6 Matters arising from Chairman's Report

### 7 Treasurers report and budget projections for coming year

The treasurers report was distributed. It has not yet been audited, but Chris will publish the audited report on the internet and in the newsletter. We have had an extra donation of £400 this year for putting on a corporate event for Interbrew. The club shop stock is now fully incorporated into the accounts. Only one map print run was needed this year.

### Budget Projections for 2003

Chris's estimate was to make a small loss for 2003 if we did not increase the membership fee or event fees. Due to a change in the East Midlands levy arrangements we break even at a C4 if we have 80 competitors, not including the cost of maps. As electronic punching events are more expensive to put on he proposed an increase of 50p, but this was opposed due to the problems which could be caused in organising if fees keep changing. Chris therefore proposed that no changes be made, Roy Denney seconded that we should not increase event fees. This was carried unanimously.

The event fees will be £3:50 for seniors, £4:50 for non members, £1:50 for juniors. Each badge event is assessed separately to take into account land use fees etc. BOF is allowing non club members to enter badge events, but suggest an extra £3 entry fee. Chris Bosley proposed this and Gerry Spalton seconded it. This was carried unanimously.

BOF has scrapped the group membership, but is still available at club level.

Thanks were expressed to Lewis Sutton, who is auditing the finances as he has for the last 21 years.

## 9 Matters arising from Treasurers Report

### 10 Approval of Accounts

Acceptance of the Accounts was proposed by Roy Denney and seconded by Gerry Spalton. The motion was carried unanimously.

### 11 President's remarks:

Mr Chairman and Club Colleagues Please accept my apologies for not being with you this evening as I am currently enjoying a holiday in the Lake District, an area that is very much on the road to recovery following the devastating effects of the Foot and Mouth disease last year. In a much, much lesser way, I too am on the road to recovery having taken 1:46:35 on the LOC Claife Heights 5.1 km/165m climb Green Course, albeit that I heard someone younger than myself say in the car park that they had taken 2 ½ hours plus!

The more I reflect on the past year I realise how fortunate we are as a club in having the volunteers to put on an extensive range of events – as always more organisers, planners, controllers and helpers at events are always welcome. Though we can also help each other by, for example, encouraging attendance at courses such as the BOF P3 Planners course held in the summer (as a number of club members did) as well as continuing to encourage the organising and planning of C5 events for the very successful Summer League.

I would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of the membership, to thank Simon for his quiet and efficient Chairmanship. His skills at delegation are much to be admired! And also to express thanks for the sterling work undertaken by the various officers and committee members, without whom the club would not be able to function so successfully year after year.

In the short term, may you enjoy the remainder of the AGM and the buffet afterwards. In the long term, may you all enjoy the sport that gives pleasure and challenge in equal measure both near and further a field. *Ernie Williams LEI Club President*

## 12 Election of Chairman

Simon Ford was proposed by Roy Denney and seconded by Chris Bosley. This is Simon's 3rd year so he will stand down at the next AGM.

## 13 Election of other Principal Officers

Vice Chairman: Roy Denney proposed Andy Portsmouth and Sue Bicknell seconded. Thelma Spalton as Secretary and Chris Bosley as Treasurer were nominated by Roy Denney and seconded by Sue Bicknell. They were elected unanimously.

## 14 Election of Committee

Jean and Dave Hall and Tony Vance have requested to stand down from the committee. Roger Edwards would not be able to attend meetings on a Wednesday, but will receive minutes as Treasurer of the East Midlands.

The following members were proposed by Roy Denney and seconded by Roger Kelly and all expressed a willingness to serve on the committee:-

Kevin Bradley, Andy Portsmouth, Robert Kerr, Roy Denney, Chris Philips, Roger Kelly, Pete Leake, Kevin Gallagher, Maureen Webb.

Roy Denney proposed Isabel Griffiths and was seconded by Thelma Spalton. Judith Holt, John Cooke, Eric Porter and Peter Hornsby all carried out roles for the club and were proposed for the committee by Roy Denney and seconded by Roger Kelly, although some probably only attending when relevant to their respective roles. All were duly elected.

## 15 Election / adoption of Auditor

The rules have been relaxed and we are now only required to have the accounts independently examined, not necessarily by a qualified auditor. However, Lewis Sutton was willing to continue and was duly elected,

## 16 Election of President, Honorary Members

Ernie Williams was nominated to continue as President by Roy Denney, seconded by Peter Leake and was unanimously elected. Roy Denney proposed that Lewis Sutton be given an honorary membership for his work as auditor. This was seconded by Chris Bosley and it was agreed that Lewis Sutton should be awarded an honorary membership.

## 17 Club Fees for coming year

Sue Bicknell asked about progress of BOF proposed changes to club only membership. The BOF rules are remaining unchanged for the time being. Roy Denney is now on BOF Council (since EM AGM) so will keep us informed about any proposals.

As in item 7 - It was agreed that fees should be unchanged as follows:

Fees for regular Colour Coded events (C4, N4, S4) were to be:

Independent Senior £4:50; BOF or Club Senior £3:50; Reduced (OAP, UB40, Student) £1.50 Juniors (under 21) £1.50; Helpers to remain free.

Summer League (£1.50 seniors / 50p juniors).

Limited colour coded events (C5s) should be £2:00 Seniors and £1:00 juniors. N5s should be in line with the other EM N5s.

Each badge event is assessed separately to take into account land use fees etc. BOF is allowing non club members to enter badge events. There will be extra £3 surcharge.

The Treasurer proposed that the club membership part of BOF fee and the club only membership fee be kept the same for the new year. Membership fees for the coming year to be as follows. (2002 fees show in brackets):

	Senior	Junior	Family	Associate	Group
BOF	15:00(10:00)	3.:50(2:60)	22:50(14:50)	10:00	N/A
EMOA	(6:00)	(2:00)	(9:00)		11:00
LEI	4:00	1:00	4:00		4:00
Total	20:00	5:60	27:50		23:20
LEI Club only	7:00	1:00	7:00		7:00

The proposal for these fees was passed unanimously.

## 18 Plans for 2003

We have scheduled 1 Badge (C3 ) event, 8 Colour coded (C4) events, 1 Score (S4) event, 17 Summer league events (C5) (2 combined with OD) and 2 Night (C5) events. Sue Bicknell asked that we try and avoid clashes with OD events. It had been agreed that Ernie Williams would forward our future fixtures to OD.

## 19 AOB

Andy Porstmouth thought it would be a good idea to honour our landowners. Roy replied saying we normally present them a framed copy of the map of the area and

any revised maps.

Robert Haskins, who is Chairman of Shepshed Running Club together with Laurie Fluck (Race Director) is interesting in fostering an association with LEI. He will forward us a copy of their fixtures.

We are hoping to be able to revive the Bike 'O' and the Canoe 'O' in the summer. Roy Denney would like any volunteers to organise the Canoe 'O'. Kevin Bradley volunteered.

We hope to be able to arrange a BBQ after one of the Summer League events  
Tony Vance has a copy of the menu for the club dinner and would welcome comments after the AGM.

Andy Portsmouth pointed out that the East Midlands now has a web site  
– [www.emoa.com](http://www.emoa.com).

Peter Hornsby reported that we were in a good position to get money through a lottery bid. We could get funding for development for Youth/Schools orienteering, where we are particularly weak. We could also fund our own e- punching equipment, or part of it.

We need volunteers for delegate to East Midlands meetings.

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