

# **Borderliners Orienteering Club AGM Minutes 2018**

## **Stoneybeck Inn, 11 October**

### 1. Present

Stella & Andy Lewsley, Christine Goulding, Dick & Angela Whitworth, Richard & Anita Evans, Anita Laird, Jeff Powell-Davies, Isabel Berry, Raymond & Jenny Wren, Karen Blackburn, David Rawle, Chris & Helen Lates, Karen & Dan Parker, Dougal Kyle, Marguerite Pennell, Shirley & Richard Moss, Carol Edwards, Paul Williams, Jane Yates (minute taker)

### 2. Apologies for Absence

Louise and Gerry Wilson, Di Mitchell, Alan Fowler, Andrew & Judy Suddaby, Mike & Joan Cumpstey, Christine Kiddier, Keith Tonkin

### 3. Minutes of the 2017 AGM (previously circulated)

Minutes agreed - proposed by Dougal K and seconded by Dick W

### 4. Matters Arising not otherwise on the Agenda

None

### 5. Chairman's report (read by Richard)

It has been an extremely successful year both for the club and for many individual members, and I'd like to begin by thanking everybody who has been involved in any way- which of course is everybody in this room, plus many others!

The most important event was of course our Lakes Five day on Askham Fell. There were 1655 entries, the most for any of the five days. The organisation was excellent thanks to the organising team of Isabel Berry, Christine Goulding, Anita Laird and Raymond Wren- names in alphabetical order!- and the sun shone.

The club has put on 14 events- 1 Level B (Askham), 9 Level D, 2 Level C and two special events- the New Year Charity event (thanks to Raymond and Jenny) and Angela's Birthday Event.

Turning now to individual achievement, I'm very grateful to Andy for providing a list- however he prefaced it by saying: "I cannot be certain that I have got them all, mainly because there have been so many successes."

Highlight has to be the World Masters Medals for Keith Tonkin - silver in the Sprint and Christine Kiddier - Bronze in both the Sprint and Forest race.

Following that Christine is British and JK champion at Classic and Middle and Sprint. Keith is British Sprint Champ (and 4th at middle).

Stella was 2nd at JK and 3rd at British Classic and middle.

Stella won the France O week in the Vosges and the Lakes 5 Day, and 2nd in the Kempen 3 day (Belgium) and 2nd White Rose W45, and the Irish Champs sprint, middle and classic

Carol Edwards is British Champ at Sprint.

Karen Parker won JK and was 3rd British classic.

In domestic relays we had silver at the British in W50 and W60 and 2nd at the Scottish relay in the 18+ handicap.

At the Portuguese O Meet Karen Parker and Christine Kiddier both won and Stella was second.

The Ypres urban races saw Keith Tonkin finish 3rd.

Andy and Stella both won the Leinster Champs in Ireland.  
We qualified for the CST final (just) beating RR a club who two years ago finished 2nd.  
Quote from Andy "There are many more good results, it has been a great year."

In addition to all this, club members have been active planning, controlling and Organising high status events (particularly Dan & Karen). Dan and Karen have also been active mapping, with two new maps produced this year. There is an urgent need for new competition areas so this is a hugely important contribution. Dan and Karen also ran a mapping day, based at their home, aimed mostly at novice mappers and we hope to build on that. To quote Andy again "We punch way above our weight. We are a genuine small club but we can organise a day of the Lakes 5 Day, mainly because the BL machine knows what to do. Talking to other clubs I think we are quite special."

All this activity does not happen in isolation of course, there would be no events without the enormous volunteer effort that makes things possible. I must again thank everybody who has been involved in any way this year. The club would be nothing without the friendship, companionship, willingness and experience that we see at every event.

However, things do not stand still, and looking at the committee posts on the agenda, we can see that four post-holders are standing down, and there have been three vacant posts for the whole of last year. So it's important that anybody who feels they have something to offer comes forward so that we can continue with what we are doing. Finally I'd like to note that after 30-odd years, Dick Whitworth is stepping down as Mapping Officer. This huge contribution to the club cannot go unmarked- thousands of hours of work in the field and at home. Dick also prints the majority of the maps we use- time consuming technical work in its own right.

#### 6. Schools & Youth Development officer's Report (read by Richard)

Our juniors have also been achieving a lot and I'm grateful to Jane for this summary:-  
Quote from Jane: "Lots of positive to report."

A significant development this year has been three dedicated coaching sessions in the spring term attended by 12-15 juniors aged between 8-16 years, at Miltonrigg, Talkin Tarn and Hackthorpe. The sessions were run by Isabel and supported by Jane. The focus was on moving from Orange to Light Green.

We've also attracted 4 brand new junior BL members during the coaching sessions.

Tom and Ruben then went on to be successfully assessed for North West Junior Squad so they join Laura and Zoe who train with the squad on a monthly basis.

Christine Kiddier has been travelling with the juniors and assisting with the sessions.

Juniors have also attended a coaching session in Borrowdale run by WCOC.

Notable junior achievements in competitions this year were a team entered in the Yvette Baker Trophy which saw 9 BL juniors on a tough course on Newton Fell.

Juniors also took part in national events at the Compass Sport Trophy, JK, Lakeland 5 day, White Rose Weekend and York City races with some notable podium places from Maria, Isabel, Laura, Maisy and Lewis.

BL juniors were successful in the Cumbria School's orienteering competition with notable podium places from Finn, Laura and Ruben.

We have a growing group of seniors who are keen to support junior development and we are currently looking at ways of maximising Saturday morning events for socialising and coaching for juniors. Contact with local schools and the Eden Schools Sports Partnership has also been made and this will be developed upon in the coming year to encourage more juniors to attend local events. "It certainly feels like the juniors have got to know each other this last year and there's more of a team spirit which is fantastic to see!"

So, huge thanks to Jane and Isabel for all the work which is really beginning to bear fruit.

#### 7. Membership Report (previously circulated)

Richard reported about stability of the membership. 1 additional member. RE thanked Richard and Shirley Moss

#### 8. Club Night report

Jenny reported there have been 7 club nights. October was abandoned at Armathwaite due to an electrical fault in the village. November at High Hesket Village Hall, 9 attended. Xmas social, 24 members attended. Venue is cold so a change of venue for this year. Angela's February event in Carlisle, only a handful attended. Angela has offered to repeat in the spring. April was Rickerby Park. Gerry organised Penrith in November which was very well attended.

In 2017, 9 club night's average attendance was at 14.2. In 2018, with 4 events this has an average of 8.7. Some members would like to step down so new volunteers are needed. SL proposed the second Monday of every month except for the social so everyone knows when it is and there is no confusion over dates. There was a grid at the AGM for volunteers to complete with list of venues which anybody else can put their name on the list. SL reminded everyone that one person needs to be a COLA member or L1 or L2 coaches need to be present. Anita L also needs to know where and when the training is so it can be insured with BO and organisers need to keep a list of attendees. Dick will continue to print the maps. Don't forget to let Karen Blackburn know for the bulletin.

#### 9. Treasurer's Report & Financial Statement

Copies circulated at the meeting

Surplus of £815 due to grant from NW region of £1000 (as for every club for development). Grant was used to buy OCAD 12. L5D equipment was paid for by NW Region. Fingland Rigg made a loss of £7.20 as English Nature asked for a gift of £25. Event at Swindale North incurred costs of £193 to Lowther and £120 to United Utilities. Never had to pay fees in the past. Anita L reported that Lowther charge a standard £1 per head for any event. An issue this time was that a small amount of Lowther land was needed for parking which incurred the additional cost. Discussion about considering we charge higher entry fees in future if additional costs are incurred.

Dick reported that one toilet had been stolen after the event and we will have to pay for a replacement if not found.

We are expecting a payment from L5D.

Membership Fees – Dick suggested we leave the fees as they are at £5 per adult and £1 per junior. RE proposed. SL seconded.

Thanks to DW for all your hard work in Treasury.

#### 10. Club Awards

**Junior: Tom Rawle and Ruben Razzetti.** Richard commented that both have enormously improved and are now NW Junior Squad members. Boys will share the trophy for 6 months each. Stella to retrieve the junior trophy.

**Senior: Gerry Garvey** Richard commented that Gerry is standing down after several years on the committee because of work commitments. He has put an enormous amount of work in, organising events and also as vice chairman and NWOA rep. Thanks for all the work and best wishes for the future.

#### 11. Election of Committee and other Post holders

Thanks to Stella for rallying around everyone to consider joining the committee. See below for new list.

#### 12. AOB

Fixtures Officer: SL reported that Anita L is struggling to visit areas and make new contacts to progress our areas. Anita L gave an example of a location and the work involved in finding out the owners and making contacts. Anita also mentioned the possibility of mapping Lowther gardens and woods. Anyone who is able to help with new areas, please contact the committee.

Personnel for club training and events to be circulated after the meeting for completion.

19<sup>th</sup> November for next committee meeting.

50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Border Liner in November. First event was in 2020. Please suggest ideas to committee.

Raymond reported that the recent Saturday event had attracted new members who asked when the next event was. Request for a sign and a note of next date to be put on SI results.

Pin punches at L5D. 55 supplied and 23 returned. Raymond has been in touch with Dave Walton but no response. Richard will take an invoice to the NW meeting.

Angela commented on the inclusivity by Andy in the team events.

Raymond thanked the committee for everything that is done this year.

#### POST

#### NEW POST HOLDER

		Nominated	Seconded
Chair:	Richard Evans	RW	AndyL
Vice Chair:	Stella Lewsley	RE	JPD
Secretary:	Carol Edwards	Andy L	RW
Treasurer:	Dick Whitworth	IB	CL
Fixtures Secretary:	Anita Laird	JY	JPD
Minutes Secretary:	David Rawle	SL	CG
Club Coaching Officer:	Christine Kiddier	DW	IB
Electronic Equipment Officer:	Jeff Powell-Davies	AnitaL	AndyL
Junior Rep:	VACANT		
Schools & Youth Development Officer:	Jane Yates	SL	RE
Relay Team Manager:	Keith Tonkin	RW	AndyL
Mapping Officer:	Dan Parker	AW	JPD
Committee Member - 1:	Christine Goulding	CL	DW
Committee Member - 2:	Karen Parker	SL	CL

Fixtures Personnel Manager:

Paul Williams

DW IB

Assistant Mapper:

Richard Evans

SL AndyL

NON COMMITTEE POSTS

Press & Publicity:

David Rawle

Equipment Officers:

Jenny & Raymond Wren

Membership Secretaries:

Richard & Shirley Moss

Club Emailer:

Karen Blackburn

Web-Site Manager:

Anita Evans

NWOA Liaison Officer:

Richard Evans

Safety Officer:

Raymond Wren