

Appendix 1 to SWOA AGM 2010 Minutes: CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Welcome to the 2010 AGM of the South West Orienteering Association. While there are a number of things to cover this afternoon I'll be as brief as I can and unsurprisingly this report is not unlike last years - or the years before that!

The highlight of the year in my opinion was the JK. Without sounding too smug I think I can say that this years JK will be as well remembered as JK97 - if for different reasons. It didn't go smoothly. We lost the Sprint venue fairly late on in the proceedings and a new one was found which served admirably. It was a shock, of course, to lose Dave Stubbs at the event and even more tragic that Katy was on site controlling the event. Cookworthy was a different kettle of fish - or mud-bath. I wasn't there in person but I did see some photographs. I was, however, at Braunton Burrows and although before the last two days we did get wet we were blessed with good weather for the WRE and Relays. We did get a poor deal from the land agent at Braunton; although the event made a surplus it was less than expected which was a disappointment for SWOA and BOF. On the positive side I think those who attended really enjoyed it.

I must thank Erik Peckett who coordinated the whole show and also the Race Day Managers who worked wonders - they were John Rye, Carol Pearce and Peter Brett. The cash was managed by Andy Reynolds. The process didn't just occur - it has been evolving since 2008. I did a small calculation of miles travelled in my own role attending JK committee meetings and planning D3 (with Andy Reynolds) at Braunton - the answer was 5001!

I have been keen to ensure that the region plays its part in the activities of our national governing body. I'm no longer a Director of British Orienteering and there have been other changes to those who contribute on the board and committees. Neil Cameron of NGOC and Mike Forrest BOK are on the Board of Directors of British Orienteering. The current SWOA representation on committees is:

Arthur Vince: Rules Group.

John Shucksmith: Fixtures group.

Christine Vince: Coaching Committee.

Erik Peckett: Map Group.

Mike Forrest: the Chairman of the Major Events Group.

Scott Collier: Development

Scott Collier: Senior Competitions

International - is the only committee on which SWOA is not represented

The Galoppen continues at slightly less than last years level with about 8 regulars on Brown [more than 4 events], 18 on Blue, 24 on Green, 5 on Short Green and 4 on Light Green. The remaining colours don't seem to be regularly well supported. Congratulations to the winners of the last series and I'm looking forward to the next season already.

I'm confident that Jeff will outline the successes of the squad members and I'm sure we all offer our congratulations on selections for tours, championships and others.

As last year Anne Donnell tells me that the Colour Awards aren't as active as they have been so I'd be pleased if every club would publicise the scheme in newsletters etc. I'd also like to thank Christine Vince for her work on the SWOA development plan. It has been a focus for the activities that we have been trying to deliver for clubs and members. Don't forget too that British Orienteering have a largely untapped Development Fund that can be accessed if clubs have the vision.

I'll end there and pass you on to the next on the list. Thank you and I have enjoyed being your Chairman for the past year.

Roger Hargreaves, KERNO