

**SROC - Red Rose Orienteers 57th AGM**  
**Wednesday 15 September 2021 at 7.30 - 9.30pm - via GoToMeeting**

**Members present**

Mike Johnson, Jo Matthew, Martyn Roome, Sue Roome, Andy Mort, Miriam Rosen, Alex Finch, Julia Preston, Mark Edwards, Sarah Watkins, Jon Carberry, John Embrey, Matt Cochrane, Joe Murphy, Dawn Lock, Chris Roberts, David Rosen, Jill Cochrane (18 attendees)

**Apologies**

Rowena Browne, Gavin Smith, Tony Marlow, Julian Lailey, Jackie Embrey

**Minutes of the 56th AGM**

Accepted without amendment - members were offered an electronic copy of the minutes if they wish to view it.

**Matters arising**

None

**Chairman's report**

It is only 11 months since the last AGM. Following a few months disrupted with restrictions and lockdowns, the 1st event was the postponed NY cracker, which eventually ran at Easter (1 April). Since then run a further 5 events including the club picnic, initially for members and friends and later for others as well.

In the meantime, club members have been very active elsewhere, in slightly different ways including pre-entry, limited numbers, and start time slots.

There has been a slow relaxation of regulations/ restrictions - the 1st major event was the British Middles and Northern Champs in the South Lakes. Notable SROC performances include Finlay Johnson 3rd M20, John Taylor 4th M70, Miriam Rosen 3rd W70 in the Middles, and Finlay is also the M20 Northern champion. Lots of club members participated, and there were some good performances. We were encouraged to not socialise, so there was not much interaction.

Other major events this year include the Scottish 6 Days (3 days competition) - Lucie Todhunter was 5th W21L, Deb Murrell was 2nd W55L.

At the sprint relays, SROC had involvement in organising (David Rosen was controller), John Embrey won his leg. At the individual sprints Andy Quickfall planned the heats, and SROC ran the heat start, with Matt Cochrane as team leader and approximately 14 club members officiated. SROC won two silver medals (Finlay Johnson (M20) and Julia Preston (W35) and a

bronze medal (John Embrey (M60)), plus lots of other good performances in difficult circumstances.

There has been success for the juniors, who have struggled with the restrictions. Three SROC members are members of NWJS - Ben Todhunter, Cate & Alex Matthew. All 3 were selected to run for the NW at JIRCS in 2021. Cate got selected to the M/W15 talent camp, and Alex joined the (not)Stockholm camp for M/W17s, held at Findhorn, where there are some fantastic areas. Both benefited enormously from these opportunities. Finlay went on the (not)Gothenberg tour to Duffus.

Selection races were held for JWOC - Finlay was selected, though the British team didn't travel due to the restrictions, which was a big disappointment. Finlay was then selected to run for England at the SHIs - he competed for England, who was beaten by Scotland, then he got an invitation to the Euro meeting in Switzerland with the senior squad, though has withdrawn due to travel restrictions/ difficulties.

There has been a restricted programme of events in the last year, but there is lots going on now. Thanks to members who have put on events, and to those who have events lined up in the future.

During the last year the committee met 5 times online, and club members have put lots of work in in the background: Martyn Roome has continued to publish the Red Rose news bulletins, is encouraging guess publishers of the newsletter (Heather & Julia), and is working on coaching activities; Chris Roberts for his work on SI, Rowena Browne for her work on fixtures, Dave Hargreaves for his work on permissions, Alex Finch has been developing mapping, Tony Marlow joined the NWOA as our club rep, and is on the NW executive committee too. John Ockenden, who technically runs for Drongo, prints all our maps, which is a very useful and important role. Thanks to all those people.

This year has had a holding pattern to it, things have not been as free as previously. We have been subject to restrictions. Astley park was delayed from July to September, the British sprints got permission to go ahead at the last minute, our Blakeholme event was originally scheduled for April 2020, and hopefully will run in 2022. There is a Logjam of events that were postponed. The S6D was toned down compared to previously.

Looking to the future and club commitments, there is talk of LSD in 2022 - Helsington hopefully will be used. The JK 2023 will be held in the NW and Lancaster university is planned for the sprints. Both of these events will require a big effort from SROC to run, hopefully with fewer restrictions.

We still have a qualification for the Compassport trophy final on 17 October - this will be the first club event (apart from the British sprints) since March 2020 when we qualified and is an opportunity for a club gathering. The venue is now scheduled for Tankersley.

Thanks to all of the individual event organisers and the teams they assemble. Thanks again to Matt Cochrane for his role as team leader at the sprints.

### **Secretary's report**

Report provided separately before the meeting.

Regarding membership fees, a majority of 11 people (7 abstained) voted to keep fees the same for 2022, and **CR** agrees that we should maintain them.

### **Treasurer's report**

Provided separately before the meeting.

The club has spent more than we made over the last year as there have been few events, but no major expenses are expected, and we should have more events in the coming months to make some money. We had plenty of reserves before the restrictions hit.

We have continued to upgrade equipment over the last year.

ME wishes Chris a happy birthday!

Dawn Lock - did the Astley village urban cover its costs? **CR** - yes, the costs were covered, as it was not a great expense.

David Rosen - do we pay bank charges on the club account? **CR** - we have received nothing from the bank to say they are going to charge us. **AM** - lots of business accounts have the first year free, then introduce charges. **JP** has a business account that costs £5 per month, not a great expense.

### **Election of officers**

All existing members are willing to stay in post.

It is agreed that the existing committee can be voted back in with a show of hands. Mark Edwards proposed and Dawn Lock seconded for the entire committee; passed with unanimous show of hands.

President - Miriam Rosen

Chair - Mike Johnson

Vice Chair - Tony Marlow

Secretary - Jo Matthew  
Treasurer - Chris Roberts  
Fixtures - Rowena Browne  
Mapping - Alex Finch  
Coaching/development - Martyn Roome  
Access/Permissions - Dave Hargreaves  
Committee members - Gavin Smith, Mark Edwards, Joe Murphy, Julia Preston

Lucie Todhunter resigns from the committee.

John Embrey proposed by Martyn Roome, seconded by Mike Johnson to join the committee.

No other attendees wish to join the committee.

The committee can co-opt other members to help with specific tasks as needed.

#### **AOB**

Miriam Rosen - the Compasssport trophy final for 2020 will be held on 17 October in Tankersley. Miriam has given Martyn lots of information to circulate via Red Rose and then people need to respond to Miriam if they can run. She needs responses by Sunday 26 September.

The area has lots of detail, lots of pits, even on top of knolls. It is advised that members study routegadget before the event.

**JE** asks if it will be SIAC enabled - **DR** confirms that it will be.

Miriam needs name, bof number, siac number, current age class for each participant.

The date for the next committee meeting is proposed as Tues 19 October.

Formal business closed at 20.30