

SROC - Red Rose Orienteers 59th AGM

Tuesday 19 September 2022 at 7.30 - 9.30pm - Yordas Group, Lancaster Environment Centre, Lancaster University

Members present

Martyn Roome, Sue Roome, Jo Matthew, Paul Ferguson, Miriam Rosen, David Rosen, Simonas, John Embrey, Alex Finch, Louise Dunn, Graham Capper, Roy McGregor, Michael Hendry, Chris Roberts, Gavin Smith, Rowena Browne, Dave Hargreaves, Rebecca Rowe, Sarah Watkins, Jon Carberry

Apologies

Joe Murphy, Julia Preston, Jacky Embrey, Julian Lailey

Minutes of the 58th AGM

Accepted

Matters arising

None

Chairman's report - Martyn Roome

Thanks to Jo M for once again hosting the event at her place of work.

Events

- The major SROC Event this year was the JK Sprint event held at Lancaster University, a repeat of the 2015 event. A huge thank you to everyone who helped, which was most of the club and many from outside the club too, but especially to Les Davies who did a superb and unruffled job as Event Organiser.

We also held

- o 3 Autumn Series events
- o North West Night League
- o New Year Cracker
- o 2 Spring Series
- o 5 Summer Sprints
- o Numerous Street League events in the Autumn/Winter
- o Lancashire Youth Games
- o Club Handicap and Social

- There are 3 unsung heroes in all of this. One is Rowena Browne, who works tirelessly to find event organisers and planners. The second is Chris Roberts who handles all the entries and results. And the 3rd is Mike Johnson who makes sure all the equipment is in the right place as well as printing all the maps for local events. I would like to thank all of them on our behalf for all this work.

- Also of course thanks to all the organisers and planners and helpers and Dave Hargreaves for permissions
- This year we are introducing a Level C event into the Autumn schedule, which we intend to continue in future years if we can.

Club Members Achievements

The Compass Sport Trophy final was hosted in 2022 by FVO and a dedicated band of team members travelled north and achieved a creditable 10th place, despite not being at full strength.

As a Club, we moved up to the large club category in 2023, the CS Cup as the cut off number itself was lowered. As the regional heat was cancelled, we got through to the final and will travel hopefully but not expectantly to the Forest of Dean later in the year.

Our new club captain is John Embrey, who has organised all our relay teams and the CSC in exemplary fashion, sorting not only teams but club tent too. Again, a huge thanks to him.

A few individual results from British Champs and the JK include

JK – David and Heather Roome 2nd each in M and W40

M/W210 class where Martyn Roome, Miriam Rosen and Julian Lailey 3rd

British Long Champs

David Roome 2nd in M40

British Sprint Champs

John Embrey 3rd in M65

Finlay Johnson was selected for the GB Development Squad and attended a number of international races.

David Roome and Lucie Todhunter were selected to run for England in the Interland Competition in Belgium where they also put in good performances.

Juniors

Cate Matthew, Ben and Ellie Todhunter and Zac Thomas are all members of the NWJS, whilst Alex Matthew graduated from it at Xmas. Edward Shawcross, James Hendry and Tom Chapman have all been invited to attend the squad and we hope to see them as regular members this coming year.

Cate, Alex, Ben and Ellie were all selected to various junior coaching tours over the Summer.

Coaching

Looking to the future, I see that recruiting new members through our regular introductory events and providing those new people and existing members with appropriate coaching as the way forward to ensure a healthy and thriving club.

So I am hugely pleased to report that Julia Preston and Joe Murphy have qualified, after a lot of hard work, as Level 2 BOF coaches. Which means that we now have 4 active Level 2 coaches. On top of that, Alex Matthew has done a foundation course in Coaching and is on his way to qualifying too.

I would urge all members, however long you have been in the sport, to take advantage of the coaching that is on offer (eg on Colonel's Drive on 4th November) – believe it or not, you will improve and get more enjoyment from the sport! And if you think you would like to be a coach please let me know!

In Conclusion

I know that I have missed out many achievements of both members and the Club – but this summary is long enough already, I am sure you will all agree!

Looking forward, I note that 2024 will be the Club's 60th Birthday! Perhaps we should mark it in some way? I will leave that one for discussion, perhaps after we have formally closed the AGM part.

Secretary's report

On 19 September 2023, there were 128 members (a decrease of 4 since last year). This includes 102 seniors (-5) and 26 juniors (+1). The membership consists of 34 family groups, 40 individual senior members and 3 individual juniors.

Membership fees are £5 per individual senior or family group, free for individual juniors, which will be reviewed at the AGM.

Fun fact: the oldest member was born in 1939, and the youngest member was born in 2020 - so the oldest member is 81 years older than the youngest.

Treasurer's report

In the twelve months leading up to our financial year end on 31st July the SROC finances returned to an even keel. This was despite us losing our big event of the year, on Whitbarrow, to late permission problems. Had this event gone ahead we might have expected 2 or 3 thousand pounds surplus from it.

As it happens the SROC share of the surplus made by the very successful 2023 JK compensated for this, being just over £3000. This was in recognition of us providing two areas and considerable manpower for the Sprint day.

Other smaller events all contributed to the total income and helped us reach a total balance of £18493.19 at year end, meaning a surplus of £3861.71 was declared for the year.

This fortunate set of circumstances means we have continued to be able to support our talented juniors, when they are selected for various tours, and our SROC teams entering the JK and British Relays, and the CompassSport Cup.

Our finances are now in the best shape since 3 or 4 years ago, and all being well we can continue to operate as normal over the forthcoming year.

Election of officers

President - Miriam Rosen (P: MR, 2: RB)

Chair - Martyn Roome (P: JE, 2: RB)

Vice Chair - not required

Secretary - Jo Matthew (P: MR, 2: RB)

Treasurer - Chris Roberts (P: RB, 2: JE)

Fixtures - Rowena Browne

Mapping - Alex Finch

Coaching/development - TBD

Access/Permissions - Dave Hargreaves

Club Captain - John Embrey

Committee members - Gavin Smith, Mark Edwards, Joe Murphy, Julia Preston, Mike Johnson, Rebecca Rowe

New committee member - Simonas Sakalauskas (P: MR, 2: CR)

(All other officers en masse proposed by RM, 2nd by DR/MH)

AOB

We agree to maintain the current level of membership fees and raise the age of free membership to 25 in line with BOF recommendations.

Formal business closed at 20.05.

AOB outside of AGM business

60th birthday of the club next year

JE trying to recruit for CSC final, volunteers for TWT