

**MINUTES OF THE 60th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE EAST MIDLANDS
ORIENTEERING ASSOCIATION HELD ON MONDAY 16th SEPTEMBER 2024 AT 19.30 IN
PACE ROOM, CLIFTON.**

Present: Simon Brister (DVO), Sal Chaffey (DVO), Ann-Marie Duckworth (DVO), Roger Edwards (LEI), Mike Gardner (DVO), Judith Holt (DVO), John Hurley (DVO), Andy Nicholls (LEI), David Olivant (NOC), Pauline Olivant (NOC), Chris Phillips (LEI), Amanda Roberts (LOG), Matt White (LEI), Ernie Williams (LEI), Ursula Williamson (LEI), Dorothy Woodall (NOC), John Woodall (NOC) and Paul Young (NOC).

The meeting was held in person at the Pace Room, Clifton Village and was quorate as more than 15 members were in attendance.

1. Apologies for absence:

Trudy Crosby (LOG), Anne Kayley-Burgess (DVO), Jane Kayley-Burgess (DVO), Nicki Hart (DVO), Hilary Palmer (NOC) and Iain Phillips (LEI) offered their apologies.

2. Minutes of the 59th EMOA AGM held on Monday 11th September 2023.

It was proposed *“That the Minutes as circulated are a true and accurate record.”* Proposed by Roger Edwards (LEI) and seconded by John Hurley (DVO). The proposal was carried nem con.

3. Chair’s Report to EMOA AGM September 2024:

I am very pleased to report that once again the Association has had a very full and varied year.

The highlight of the year has to be the Association’s involvement in the 2024 JK. As I expect you are all aware DVO and LEI were responsible for planning and organising two of the four days with support from LOG and NOC. As someone who had responsibilities over the four days, I can say, without any bias, that days one and four were the best planned, organised and the smoothest running of the whole of the JK. Thank you to all those who volunteered to help. Especially our thanks go to the organisers and planners for delivering what is the major undertaking of putting on the largest orienteering event in the annual calendar and thanks also to Ursula Williamson, Simon Starkey and David Olivant who had core roles that covered all four days. You will be relieved to know that if everything goes according to plan our next involvement in the JK is not scheduled until 2034!

We did not forget our regular events programme and the fixtures for our two regional leagues have been taking place at regular intervals over the last year with attendances that seem to have returned to pre Covid levels. I am aware that clubs are in many cases struggling to get permission for events on areas that we have in the past regarded as regular orienteering locations. We are not alone in this as there is clearly, though out the UK, more and more constraints being put on the use of forest and moorland areas. Regretfully this may well mean, in the future, the increased use of a smaller number of areas.

One key post was that not filled at the last AGM was that of Development Officer. I am very pleased to be able to report that subsequently John Hurley from DVO volunteered to take on that role in an acting capacity.

At the 2023 AGM there was a discussion on how the non-ring fenced financial reserves (that is excluding the EMJOS reserves) that have been accumulated by the Association might be best used for the furtherance of the objectives of the Association. Further discussion has been held by your committee over the last year. The outcome of this was that the Association’s Development Officer should contact our clubs to offer financial support for development projects that they might wish to undertake. As a result of that your committee has made one grant of £500 to DVO for a Map Active Course and received two other expressions of interest which are still in the pipeline.

The East Midlands Junior Squad has continued to meet and train over the last year. Some of these sessions have been held jointly with West Midlands and Yorkshire. Squad members have also participated in both the Peter Palmers and the JIRCS. We have also been able to support junior athletes who have been selected for Lagganlia and an overseas tour. The Association is indebted to Anne-Marie, Ant and their team of coaches for all the time they spend working with our juniors.

After 4 years in post, Paul our Financial Secretary is standing down. Many thank Paul for all the work that you have put in, not least sorting out the issues with our Bankers.

On behalf of the Association, I would like to thank all the members of the committee for the work they done, not only in the past year but for the four years of my tenure of the Chair.

I think as most of you know this is my final meeting after 4 years in the chair and 12 years on the committee. (I have at last find the escape tunnel!) Thank you to all those who have supported me over the years, it has been a pleasure working with everybody.

Chris Phillips – EMOA Chair

4. Financial Secretary's Report

Paul Young circulated the accounts before the meeting to the committee for review.

Below is the proposed income / expenditure statement for next year and outline for further 3 years:

I&E East Midlands Orienteering Association					
2023/24					
Income	2022/23	2022/23	2023/24	2023/24	
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Var
Membership	1,300.00	1,280.00	1,305.00	1,304.00	(1.00)
Event Levies	1,440.00	1,453.90	1,480.90	1,519.50	38.60
Interest	6.00	26.45	50.00	154.26	104.26
Sponsorship and other income	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
EMJOS Income	1,000.00	693.00	1,500.00	901.00	(599.00)
EMJOS Clothing Sales	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
EMJOS Fund Raising	100.00	142.00	150.00	10.00	(140.00)
Total Income	3,846.00	3,595.35	4,485.90	3,888.76	(597.14)
Expenditure					
EMJOS Expenses	3,000.00	2,891.07	3,500.00	1,989.28	1,510.72
EMJOS Squad Kit	0.00	0.00	0.00	647.41	(647.41)
Trophies & Certificates	250.00	269.00	300.00	277.42	22.58
Volunteer Development	700.00	218.34	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00
Grants to Clubs	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	(500.00)
External Conferences	0.00	0.00	200.00	0.00	200.00
Support for Senior/Talent Orienteers	1,000.00	1,012.90	1,000.00	1,124.34	(124.34)
Coach development	1,000.00	171.00	0.00	214.50	(214.50)
Sub total	5,950.00	4,562.31	7,000.00	4,752.95	2,247.05
Running costs					
Web licence and bank charges	85.00	79.53	85.00	84.53	0.47
Hire of meeting room	90.00	60.00	70.00	70.00	0.00
English Orienteering Council	400.50	353.00	371.05	363.00	8.05
Sub total	575.50	492.53	526.05	517.53	8.52
Total Expenditure	6,525.50	5,054.84	7,526.05	5,270.48	2,255.57
Surplus / Loss	(2,679.50)	(1,459.49)	(3,040.15)	(1,381.72)	(1,658.43)

Below is the balance sheet:

Balance Sheet				
	2022/23	2023/24	2023/24	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	
Current Account	11,030.05	8,989.90	10,419.76	
Deposit Account	3,322.23	2,322.23	2,550.80	
	14,352.28	11,312.13	12,970.56	
<u>Represented by</u>				
Accumulated fund	15,811.77	14,352.28	14,352.28	
Current year surplus / (loss)	(1,459.49)	(3,040.15)	(1,381.72)	
Carry forward	14,352.28	11,312.13	12,970.56	
Note EMJOS "Old" Clothing Stock	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	
Note EMJOS "New" Clothing Stock	-	250.00	341.25	
I have examined the accounts and confirm they agree with the underlying records				
		Roger Edwards	3 September 2024	

2023/24 Accounts

The EMOA year end is 30th June 2024, Roger Edwards has reviewed the accounts and issued the following statement:

"I have examined the accounts and confirm they agree with the underlying records."

A copy of the noted accounts is attached for the record.

Roger was thanked for again being the independent financial examiner of the accounts.

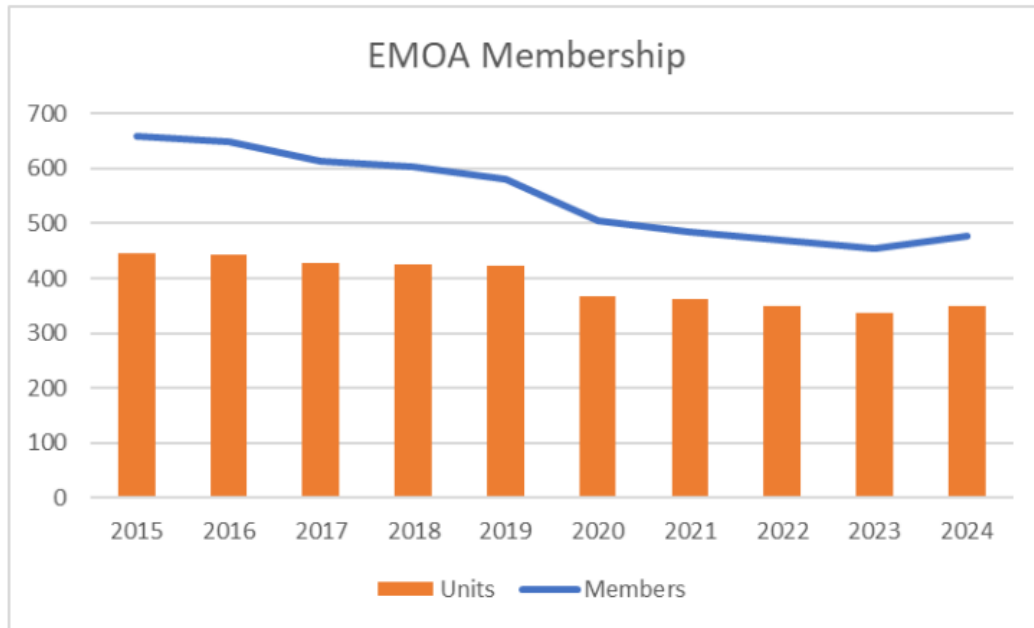
Paul provided the following details on the accounts:

Context

The 2023/24 financial year was broadly in line with financial predictions, with the exception of development activity which was lower than forecast. Whilst JK had no direct financial impact on the region's accounts, it consumed a significant amount of people's time which might otherwise have been focused on structured development activity. Good groundwork has been put in place during the year, with a revised development structure having been successfully implemented, progress made in supporting club initiatives, and the next development conference has already been scheduled for later in 2024. Income from membership and events has been in line with forecast, and EMOA has been able to provide a varied selection of events and continued to support junior and talented athletes. EMJOS has also continued to provide a range of opportunities for younger orienteers within the region.

Membership

EMOA Membership at 30 June 2024 was 478. This represents an increase of 24 compared to the previous year. This is the first increase in membership for over a decade. During the year British Orienteering introduced a revised membership structure, adding the Young Adult membership for those aged between 21 and 25 as well as part year membership options for all.



	Members	Units
2024	478	349
2023	454	336
2022	469	349
2021	485	361
2020	504	367
2019	582	422
2018	604	425
2017	613	427
2016	648	444
2015	660	445

2024 membership figures compared with 2023

	2024	2023
Senior	251	244
Young Adult	8	N/A
Junior	6	11
Family	84 (150 Sen, 7 YA, & 56 Jun)	81 (149 Sen, 50 Jun)
Totals	349 units	336 units

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EMOA generated a loss of £(1,381.72) for the 2023/24 year.

The Budget for the same period was for a loss of £(3,040.15).

Variances to the Budget are set out below:

Membership – Income from membership of the EMOA clubs was £1 lower than forecast. The number of members in the region has increased for the first time in over a decade as set out above. Part way through the year BO made an administrative error in the over payment of membership fees to all Regions, this was subsequently recouped by BO as the year went on. As at the end of the year BO owed EMOA £2.

Event Levies – Income from events during the year was £39 higher than forecast. There were three more events than assumed in the budget, however no income is earned from the x2 JK events which took part in the region nor from the British Schools Scores Championships which was also well attended. The clubs across the region have also continued to provide orienteers with a significant number (57) of local level events during the year. NOC hosted an event on the final day of the financial year, the associated event levy of £50.20 was paid in full in July and will be recognised in the 2024/25 accounts.

Interest – Bank interest was £104 higher than forecast due to the continued high level of the Bank of England base rate and the decision to put the majority of available EMOA funds in the deposit account throughout the financial year.

EMJOS income and fundraising – Income relating to EMJOS included contributions from participant for training and competition events including JIRCS, Hawkshead, Orienteering Foundation training, and a skills event at Allestree Park. In addition, there was a small amount of donations during the year. Whilst this was significantly lower than forecast, £599, it is more than offset by the lower than forecast costs.

EMJOS expenditure – Expenditure was £1,510 lower than forecast despite members partaking in a range of events including those mentioned above.

EMJOS squad kit – During the year £647 was invested in the purchase of new squad tops which will be issued to squad members over the coming years.

Trophies and Certificates – Expenditure was £23 lower than forecast, despite the addition of a W80 trophy during the year. EMOA continues to provide prizes for the regional urban and forest leagues.

Volunteer development, Grants to Clubs, External Conferences, and Coach Development – Expenditure during the year was £1,485 lower than forecast. The region provided support to DVO for their Map Active course which helps to introduce new participants to the sport. In addition, EMOA supported ongoing development for those involved in coaching EMJOS.

Support for Senior / Talent Orienteers – 2023/24 saw continued support for the orienteering talent in the region, this enabled x5 individuals to participate in training and competitive events within the UK and overseas. This resulted in an overspend of £124 compared to the budget.

Web licence and bank charges – These costs were in line with forecast, although web costs are expected to increase next year due to a rebasing of costs by the supplier.

Hire of meeting room – These costs are in line with the forecast. The continued use of Zoom for some of the committee meetings has been successful. It is expected that a “blended” approach to meetings will continue into 2024/25.

English Orienteering Council – Payments to EOC are £8 lower than forecast due to a slightly lower number senior members of EMOA than was forecast.

EMJOS – Memorandum

All numbers are included within the EMOA numbers above.

Bank interest of £154.26, contributions from event attendees of £901.00, fund raising of £10.00, and a contribution of £800.00 from EMOA totalled £1,861.45.

EMJOS costs associated with attendance at organised events totalled £(1,989.28) and the purchase of EMJOS squad kit of £(647.41), resulting in a net reduction in EMJOS funds of £(771.43) during the year.

2023/24 Income from event levies.

LEVY INFORMATION 2023/24			
Event	2023/24 Income (less £25)	Seniors 50p	Juniors 10p
EMUL 2023 Lincoln City Urban Lincoln City	50.40	150	4
EMOA Urban League 2023 University of Nottingham University of Nottingham	70.10	187	16
EMOA League 2023 Kedleston Park Kedleston Park	67.60	179	31
EMOA League 2023 (Irchester) Irchester Country Park	14.30	78	3
EMOA League 2023 Longshaw Longshaw	116.50	271	60
British Schools Score Championships Martinshaw Woods	0.00	0	177
EMUL 2023 Grantham Urban Grantham	26.70	103	2
EMOA League 2023 (Donisthorpe and Moira) Donisthorpe and Moira	42.40	132	14
East Midlands Urban League 2023 Southwell	42.30	133	8
East Midlands League 2023 Watchwood and Calverton	62.20	174	2
EMOA League 2023 Linacre	65.50	175	30
EMOA League 2023 Martinshaw Martinshaw Woodlands	34.30	117	8
East Midlands League 2023 Strawberry Hill	88.80	222	28
EMUL 2024 Ashbourne Urban Ashbourne	80.00	201	45
EMOA League 2024 Bagworth (Middle Distance) Bagworth	68.20	182	22
Eyam Moor Eyam Moor	77.00	199	25
Robin Hood Trophy Sherwood Forest	170.80	378	68
EMOA League 2024 Beacon Hill Beacon Hill	57.40	159	29
East Midlands Championships 2024 Chambers Wood	32.00	112	10
EMOA League 2024 Shipley Park Shipley Park	92.40	227	39
East Midlands League 2024 Byron's Walk	73.10	191	26
Jan Kjellstr�m Orienteering Festival - Sprint (UKOL) University of Loughborou	0.00	-	-
Jan Kjellstr�m Orienteering Festival - Relays Stanton Moor	0.00	-	-
East Midlands League 2024 Boundary Wood & Tippings Wood	57.80	163	13
EMOA League 2024 Hardwick Park & YBT Heat Hardwick Park	96.20	224	92
EMUL 2024 Ibstock Urban Ibstock TBC	33.50	120	2
East Midlands Urban League 2024 Clifton, Nottingham			
Totals	1,519.50	4,077	754

Levy Analysis

	Events	Lewy	Entrants	Seniors		Juniors	
				Qty	%	Qty	%
2023/24	27	1,520	4,831	4,077	84%	754	16%
2022/23	27	1,454	4,932	3,997	81%	935	19%
2021/22	21	1,223	3,860	3,398	88%	462	12%
2020/21	6	322	1,064	914	86%	150	14%
2019/20	19	1,505	4,531	3,755	83%	776	17%
2018/19	24	1,502	4,739	4,071	86%	668	14%
2017/18	25	1,367	4,560	3,840	84%	720	16%
2016/17	30	1,747	6,093	4,718	77%	1,375	23%
2015/16	32	2,036	6,917	5,360	77%	1,557	23%
2014/15	24	1,665	5,744	4,497	78%	1,247	22%

5. **Approval of Balance Sheet and Income and Expenditure sheet:**

There were no questions raised about these accounts.

The balance sheet was approved by the meeting.

Proposer: John Hurley Seconded: Ernie Williams

The floor unanimously approved the balance sheet and income and expenditure sheet for last year.

6. **Development Co-ordinator's Report**

John Hurley started by stating that he took on the role of Development Co-ordinator with a couple of provisos. He wanted the Development Group to act without financial authority (i.e. the financial authority remained with the EMOA Committee) as this, he felt, would be easier to get going. The second point was that the 2023 AGM had wanted a finally agreed figure for the EMOA Reserves balance to be fed back to the membership by March 2024. John felt it would be better to get a clear development plan in place first and this may take more time than March. The development plan was sent out prior to this meeting and a plan for development activity aligned to the budget.

The first major development activity is the Officials Training Day which is scheduled to take place on October 12th. So far there are 4 main training courses, Organisers (with 6 participants), Planners (with 8 participants), Controllers (with 3 participants) and Mapping Workshop (with 9 participants).

In terms of the Development Plan itself, John circulated 2 different forms to the clubs in the East Midlands. The first asked for applications for grants, and the second asked for sharing any development activity underway in the club.

1 formal request for funding was received from DVO for a MapActive proposal. John contacted the other clubs to see if they wanted to be involved (NOC already have a MapActive approach in place, and LEI and LOG did not want to be involved). It was therefore agreed to provide DVO with £500 to get their MapActive proposal underway. Initially the intention was to continue this into future years but DVO have now also received funding from the Orienteering Foundation, so they will not be coming back to EMOA for additional funding.

2 other preliminary requests for funding were also submitted by clubs. DVO had requested funding for support of their MapRuns work and LOG had requested support to develop their website. In the case of the DVO MapRuns the decision by BOF not to charge levies on these

events along with additional funding provided by SportEngland has meant DVO withdrew their request for funding. The LOG website request had asked for more details on costs, etc. and once those are received will be reviewed.

We are still looking for further opportunities for development and while the priority states we want to encourage minority groups, we also think it is most important to encourage younger people from all groups.

7. Election of Principal Officers:

John Woodall took over the chair as EMOA President for the election of officers and started by thanking the current committee for all their work to keep orienteering going in the East Midlands over the last year. John then gave special thanks to Paul Young for his work as Financial Secretary over the last 4 years, and even more thanks to Chris Phillips for his last 4 years as Chair, previous 3 years as Vice-Chair and 5 years as Development Co-ordinator. In addition John thanks the secretary Mike Gardner for all his diligent work over the years.

The proposals for the main 4 posts are shown below:

Post	Nominee
Chair	Ann-Marie Duckworth (DVO)
Vice-Chair	Vacant
Financial Secretary	Andy Nicholls (LEI)
Development Co-ordinator	John Hurley (DVO)

The Principal Officers for the year 2024-2025 listed above were unanimously elected by a show of hand of those present and thanked for their willingness to both stand and serve.

Proposed by: John Woodall (NOC) Seconded by: Ernie Williams (LEI)

8. Other EMOA Officers:

Members of the Association shown below had expressed their willingness to continue to undertake for the year 2024-2025 the non-elected roles as listed and were thanked en-bloc for their continued service to and for the Association's membership.

Post	Nominee
Mapping Advisor	David Olivant (NOC)
Coaching Co-ordinator	Hilary Palmer (NOC)
EM Junior Squad	Ann-Marie Duckworth (DVO), aided by Andy Simpson (LEI)
EM League	Ursula Williamson (LEI)
Urban League	Ursula Williamson (LEI)
Regional Fixtures Secretary / Event Scheduling Committee	Ursula Williamson (LEI)
President	John Woodall (NOC)
Minutes Secretary	Mike Gardner (DVO)
EMEWS Editor	Mike Gardner (DVO)
Webmaster	John Cooke (DVO)
National Forest	This post is now removed as no longer applicable.

NB: The Club Representatives for DVO, LEI, LOG, and NOC on the EMOA Committee are nominated by their Clubs.

9. Appointment of Independent Financial Examiner:

Roger Edwards agreed to continue as Independent Financial Examiner for the next year. Roger was again thanked by the meeting for performing this role.

10. Budget Projections and Recommendations for membership fees and event levies:

At this point in the meeting Paul Young went through each of his recommendations and Budget proposals for 2024-2025 (see below), along with a long term forecast for 2025-2026 and 2026-27.

Some of the key points are highlighted below:

- Membership – It is hoped that the trend for a slight increase continues and therefore it is proposed the membership fees and levies remain at the same level, but this should result in a 3% increase in income.
- Expenses Policy – It was agreed that a single policy covering all types of vehicle should remain (i.e. covering petrol, hybrid and electric vehicles at the same rate) at 25p per mile.
- Interest – it is assumed this will fall slightly as we have lower savings and interest rates are due to fall
- Sponsorship – Not had any for some time so assumed zero again.
- EMJOS – Numbers are based on a plan agreed with Ann-Marie
- Trophies – Assume similar level of expenditure
- Web license – There has been an increase in costs this year
- Talent Support – a similar budget to last year has been assumed (we provide 1/3 of direct costs up to a maximum of £250 per person per annum)
- Coach Development – It is believed there may be additional costs next year and the new level 2 coaching qualification comes on line (Clubs reimburse the club coaches, EMOA Reimburses those working at EMOA level with junior squad). There may be a need for extension of First Aid Training for coaches as well.
- EOC – Assumed similar to last year

The proposed Budget for the year 2024/25 is set out below for the A.G.M.

East Midlands Orienteering Association									
FY 2024/25 Budget v0.1									
INCOME	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	Var	Memorandum		
	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Budget v0.1		2025/26	2026/27	
							LTF v0.1	LTF v0.1	
Membership	1,310.00	1,312.00	1,280.00	1,304.00	1,342.00	38.00	1,394.00	1,449.00	EMOA
Event Levies	321.60	1,222.90	1,453.90	1,519.50	1,584.50	65.00	1,671.50	1,763.00	EMOA
Interest	0.36	0.82	26.45	154.26	125.00	(29.26)	100.00	75.00	EMJOS
Sponsorship and other income	0.00	127.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	EMOA
EMJOS Income	21.00	668.00	693.00	901.00	640.00	(261.00)	670.00	670.00	EMJOS
EMJOS Clothing Sales	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	EMJOS
EMJOS Fund Raising	0.00	186.50	142.00	10.00	150.00	140.00	150.00	150.00	EMJOS
INCOME	1,652.96	3,517.72	3,595.35	3,888.76	3,841.50	(47.26)	3,985.50	4,107.00	
EXPENDITURE									
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Volunteer Development	0.00	60.00	218.34	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	EMOA
Community Coaching Development	0.00	124.24	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	(1,000.00)	0.00	1,000.00	EMOA
Grants to Clubs	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	1,500.00	(1,000.00)	1,500.00	1,000.00	EMOA
External Conferences	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	EMOA
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Hire of meeting room	0.00	30.00	60.00	70.00	70.00	0.00	80.00	90.00	EMOA
English Orienteering Council	354.00	371.00	353.00	363.00	382.95	(19.95)	419.60	435.80	EMOA
Sub total	377.33	459.33	492.53	517.53	562.95	(45.42)	614.60	645.80	
EXPENDITURE	496.34	2,584.22	5,054.84	5,270.48	6,216.95	(946.47)	5,614.60	6,145.80	
Surplus / Loss	1,156.62	933.50	(1,459.49)	(1,381.72)	(2,375.45)	(993.73)	(1,629.10)	(2,038.80)	

Proposed by: Paul Young (DVO)

Seconded by: John Woodall (NOC)

“That those present approve the Budget headed ‘East Midlands Orienteering Association FY 2024/25 Budget v0.1’ as set above”. The proposal was carried nem con.

Paul Young was thanked by all present for his presentation and work on the financial affairs of the Association undertaken on behalf of all of the membership.

11. Fixing of Charges:

It was proposed that the above budget had been based on the assumption that there would be no change in the existing rates for members and levies for events.

Membership Rates

£3 per Senior member.

£1 per Junior member.

£10 for Associate membership

£15 for Club membership

Levies

£0.50 per Senior and £0.10 per Junior with the first £25.00 continuing to be retained by the organising club.

Proposed by: Paul Young (DVO)

Seconded by: Ernie Williams (LEI)

“That the above membership rates and levies are retained for the next calendar year.” Proposal carried nem con.

12. Changes to the EMOA Constitution and Standing Orders:

There were no proposed changes to the constitution or standing orders.

13. Chairs Plans for Coming Year: 2024/25

In the coming year we will look to continue the program of orienteering on the forests and moors of the East Midlands, though I recognise that this has given a lot of folk headaches as access to many of these areas is proving more and more difficult. We hope to continue to host a full program of urban league events to keep orienteering active at times of year when access to forest and moors can be more difficult.

Next year LEI are hosting the East Midlands Championships in February and NOC are hosting the Compass Sport Cup heat also in February, maybe it is our year to have a finalist winner in one of the main categories! NOC and LOG are both due to host Eurocity races in July and DVO are also hosting the Midland Championships later in the year. So, as well as the normal level C and D events there are a lot of major events in EMOA as well.

The East Midlands Junior Squad has 7 regular members currently but we want to expand this to encourage new members. If there are any young orienteers wanting to move up from Orange then let Ann-Marie know.

We also need ideas for future development activity across the region. EMOA do have funds available to help clubs so please have a think about new ideas to encourage development activity and feed them through the clubs.

I look forward to working with all the clubs in the forthcoming years.

Ann-Marie Duckworth - Chair 16.9.24

14. Any Other Business:

There was no 'Any Other Business' raised apart from the Chair inviting all present to the 'Open Discussion' to be held following a tea, coffee, and biscuits break.

15. Close of formal meeting:

Those present were thanked for their attendance and contribution to the discussion on the Agenda items, and the Chair formally closed the 60th EMOA AGM at 20:31.

The next EMOA Committee meeting is 4th November 2024 in Pace Room, Clifton.