

**MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE EAST
MIDLANDS ORIENTEERING ASSOCIATION HELD ON MONDAY 20th OCTOBER 2025 BY
ZOOM AT 20.30.**

Present: Frankie Adams (LOG), Karen Bedwell (DVO), Trudy Crosby (LOG), Ann-Marie Duckworth (DVO), Roger Edwards (LEI), Mike Gardner (DVO), Alan Gould (NOC), John Hurley (DVO), Graham Johnson (DVO), Jane Kayley-Burgess (DVO), Anna-Kaisa Koskela-Brook (LOG), Vic Knight (NOC), Angela Lucking (NOC), Mick Lucking (NOC), Tricia Neal (NOC), Andy Nicholls (LEI), Louise Orgill (NOC), Robert Orgill (NOC), Hilary Palmer (NOC), Chris Phillips (LEI), Amanda Roberts (LOG), Ernie Williams (LEI), Ursula Williamson (LEI), Dorothy Woodall (NOC), and John Woodall (NOC) & User?

The meeting was held as the AGM had not been quorate and the intention was to formally approve the decisions that had been made at that meeting. As more than 15 attendees this meeting was quorate.

1. Apologies for absence:

Matt White offered his apologies.

2. Chair's Report.

Ann-Marie Duckworth gave a brief summary of her chair's report that is available in the AGM minutes in EMEWS. She highlighted that the region's clubs continue to put on a large number of events, the success of various competitors and that all EMOA clubs reached the CompassSport Cup Final. She highlighted that we needed to try to get some "younger" people involved in organising events. She wanted members to think of what attracted you to the sport and what has kept you involved? How can we use those thoughts to attract new members? Any ideas, please feedback to the committee. The chair's report was accepted by all attendees.

Since the AGM we have now appointed Karen Bedwell as our Welfare / Safeguarding Officer (a role now required in order for associations to affiliate to BOF). Karen was thanked for volunteering for the role.

3. Formal Ratification of Balance Sheet and Income and Expenditure Statement.

Andy Nicholls gave a brief summary of the balance sheet and income and expenditure statements (again available in full in EMEWS), highlighting that the actual loss for the year was £193.25 (against a planned loss of £2,375.45). The meeting ratified the balance sheet and expenditure statement for the previous year.

4. Ratification of election of Principal Officers.

The following principal officers were elected at the AGM but needed formal ratification from a quorate meeting:

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

The meeting ratified these elected officers in post for 2025-2026.

5. Formal Ratification of appointment of Independent Financial Examiner.

The AGM has to formally appoint the Independent Financial Examiner. Roger Edwards agreed to continue in the role for the next year. Roger was formally ratified in the role by the meeting.

It was mentioned that we had changed the constitution standing orders during the year to accommodate this role (in the constitution changes can be made to the standing orders by the Executive Committee, but the AGM must be informed of these changes). The change was in relation to the Independent Financial Examiner (IFE) role. The constitution stated that the IFE

must be from a different club to the Financial Secretary. The wording has been changed to replace must with the word preferably (i.e. the IFE would preferably be from a different club) – If we had not made the change we would need to have tried to find a new IFE!

6. Formal Ratification of Charges.

Andy Nicholls summarised the membership fees for 2025-2026

Membership Rates

£3 per Senior member.

£3 per Young Adult member

£1 per Junior member.

The meeting ratified these membership rates.

Andy Nicholls summarised the event levies

Levies

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

The meeting ratified these levies.

A question was asked that in the accounts over a 3 year period showed us currently making a loss of around £1,500 each year for next 3 years. Is this sustainable?

Andy responded that the aim was to reduce the surplus down so that we had around £10,000 in our accounts, but that the position would be reviewed each year to ensure we continued to keep this level in the accounts and if needed we would review the position each year.

7. Any Other Business.

Ernie Williams thanked the committee for introducing the Very Short Green course, as he knew many of the older competitors very much appreciated this. Although numbers have been low he believes more will be using the course in future. Ann-Marie confirmed the intention is to continue to encourage use of the VSG course at events going forward.

Ann-Marie also mentioned that the class to course mapping for the East Midlands Championships is still under review by Iain Phillips and we should have more proposals on this at the next committee meeting.

Ann-Marie thanked everyone for attending and again encouraged everyone to think of new ideas we could take forward to develop the sport.

8. Close of formal meeting:

The Chair formally closed the EGM at 20:48.

The next EMOA Committee meeting is 10th November 2025 in Pace Room, Clifton.