**Minutes of AIRE AGM, Thursday 8th October 2020, 8pm**

This was held online via British Orienteering Video Conferencing

1/ **Attendance/Apologies**

Attendance: 14: David Williams, Guy Patterson, Pete Jones, Dave Shelley, Alice Leake, Steve Webb, Ian Marshall, Joyce Marshall, Lindsey King, Rob King, Tim Ayres, Andrew Stemp, Tony Thornley, Richard Foster (from midway)

Apologies: Dave Murgatroyd, Anne Murgatroyd, Leon Foster

2/ **Approval of Minutes of 2019 AGM** – universally approved

3/ **Matters arising from the Minutes** – none, apart from the AOB item of Organisers; the club ran an organisers course, organised by Liz and Guy; DW offered his thanks to them.

4/ **Treasurer’s Report 2019/2020** – it is now online. PJ offered his summary. Income £9500, Expenditure £8300 – therefore approx. £1200 surplus (some planned expend and income did not take place, owing to covid-19 restrictions). Event income was v volatile – eg Bramley Fall £1100 excess but a couple of others fell short. Hard to predict entries. £2600 income from BOC 2019 – chosen to reinvest into SI training kit £2300. Unusual expenditure items included SI kit (as in recent years). We are in a pretty good position. DS asked about the breakdown of money from BOC – TT knew the rationale – it was based on club size, number of helpers, etc – the overall income was c£12000. SW asked about lead-in times for major events as Dales Weekend only had an expense of £68 before it was cancelled. Biggest shock since 2001 Foot and Mouth outbreak. Lead time of 12 months for events in advance, eg Natural England.

5/ **Proposed Budget 2020/2021** – plan to generate £5000 of income. Expenditure – planning to spend less than the last year. Some items are ‘non-optional’ – eg OCAD fees of £1300 will arise this coming year. We may see continued SI expenditure just from quicker battery usage thanks to SIAC. Bottom line is deficit of £1800 with an end of year budget of £9300 cash reserve. Aire Affairs costs may reduce from £400 if subscriber numbers drop. Garage fees will probably not change as the garage will probably remain the location of the store for the foreseeable future. DW voiced his thanks to PJ for managing the finances in an awkward year, and these comments were echoed by other attendees.

6/ **Chair’s Report 2019/2020** – This was distributed prior to the meeting and DW ran through it. It included financial information, member achievements, event data (the lockdown series saw about as many participants as midweek informals would have received), and significant progress with mapping and map revisions. Challenges regarding the 2020/21 events programme have appeared but we have several upcoming local events. Membership is 216 (compared with 238 last year). We have attracted some new people – e.g. junior membership has gone up from 41 to 45. The junior membership may be due to the coaching on offer. Hard to predict for next year. Coaching on 31 Oct – plenty of interest in this session. JDO – Simon Martland – activities were plentiful before the lockdown: 30 half-day sessions: approx. 1800 pupils, plus other competitions. The Leeds Schools Day had the highest entry numbers of any sport. JDO has had plenty of enquiries for this year; he will be working at his paid job for one more day a week from this year. TT moved to thank SM formally for his work.

Looking forwards: • Refine Strategy to build on JDO’s work and get more juniors and families at our events by bringing forward specific Parkland and cafe newcomer events. • Work to enlarge and refurbish base of Permanent Courses. •Try to ensure regular continuous programme by regular or virtual events dependant on Pandemic rules. •Facilitate Adult newcomers to move from Night Score League to regional urban and terrain events. •More coaches particularly at Introductory level to facilitate coaching and mentoring. • Even better Club performance •Continue to stage top class high profile events • Maps and access – continue to bring in more new areas

7/ **Proposals** – SW to put on record thanks to those involved in the MapRun events. Also TT’s photo o courses on Ilkley Moor. RK asked if there was a cost to using MapRun and what the income might be. The club made a donation of £50 to MapRun and £50 to Open O Maps. MapRun have suggested an approximate contribution of 50 cents. For the Wednesday evening MapRun events we are charging an entry fee. BOF are not currently charging a MapRun levy. If they do, we will need to revisit the fee strategy. SW had been to a Peak Raid which used MapRun with flags and waterproof maps for a fee of £12. PJ said we have also invested in contactless payment technology.

8/ **Election of Officers: Chair, Treasurer, Secretary, Fixtures Secretary**. Chair David Williams, Secretary David Alcock, Membership Ian Marshall, Fixtures Chris Burden, Treasurer Pete Jones are all willing to stand again. TT offered thanks to the committee and DW in particular. Other officers are also willing to stand again. Julie Mair will be joining the committee after the AGM.

9/ **Election of up to Eight Committee Members**. All re-elected.

10/ **AOB** – DW: Permissions update. Bradford Council was initially reluctant at the start of its extra lockdown measures. Regarding Esholt and Buck Wood, Yorkshire Water are not giving permission (similar to their stance for non-orienteering activities). The club is looking at using maps/plans from Middleton Park event (from May) and possibly Harden Moor instead. Leeds gave permission for Roundhay Park. Leeds and Bradford Councils both withdrew their blanket annual permissions and replaced them with an event-by-event permissions basis. Since the Leeds situation has changed, more agencies have been involved in Leeds. Re Morley, CB and DW have worked together to submit risk assessments for the event – with up to 20 days to be processed. DA said indoor events will take a lot longer to get off the ground than outdoor ones. RF said that United Utilities has a similar policy to YW. Several members gave thanks to DW for doing such work at this tough time.

LK said that there were elite orienteering events in the Lakes last weekend and Laura King was 2nd in two races and Alistair McLeod won one event. It was a semi-closed event for elites and helpers.

The staggered start / time trial nature of orienteering lends itself to Social Distancing MapRun usage. Perhaps we may get some crossover from the Harriers vs Cyclists race on Baildon Moor.

IM passed on information that YHOA are looking for someone to replace Vince Grealy to take over as the YHOA webmaster.

Time was called on Airienteers’ historic first virtual AGM at 2115.