YORKSHIRE AND HUMBERSIDE ORIENTEERING ASSOCIATION

Minutes of meeting held on 01 May 2014

Attendees: Alistair Tinto (Chair, EPOC), Ray Waight (Secretary, SYO), Mike Cope (Fixtures Secretary, CLARO), Ian Marshall (AIRE), Neil Harvatt (HALO), Stan Appleton (CLARO), Bill Griffiths (EBOR), Mark White (Treasurer, EBOR)

1) **Apologies:** John Butler (HALO)

2) **Minutes of the meeting held on 24 September 2013** were agreed.

3) **Actions from meeting held on 24 September 2013** None

4) **Other matters arising from the minutes** None

5) **Treasurer's Report**
MW asked club reps to find out clubs' Senior membership renewals so the regional element (£4.20) can be sent to YHOA before the year end of 30th June. Next year's YHOA fee will remain at £4.20.

Expenditure for the financial year so far was £2051 which included a £549 returnable deposit to Malham Youth Hostel relating to 2015 Senior Home Internationals. Grants of £153 were made to YHOA juniors or seniors who had represented GBR or individual countries at the World Schools Champs Home Internationals or Interland. MC attended the EOC AGM and reported that the regional fee, to be confirmed, would be 65p per Senior.

MW informed the committee that he would be standing down as Treasurer at this year-end, and the committee thanks him for all his work, usually unrecognised by YHOA members, over the last 8 years.

6) **Fixtures**

MC reported that fixtures have been OK for this year although there have been some weekends with no events in YHOA. In January/February, once the shooting season had started, access to some areas was not allowed. MC has participated in an audit summary of areas for the BOF Events and Competitions Committee. Fixtures for YHOA leagues in 2015 have been finalised, with the Super League fixtures to be confirmed.

7) **Development in YHOA**

Colin Best (SYO Chairman) had sent a list of pertinent questions to the committee regarding development in the region, and what sort of initiatives clubs were undertaking. It was noted that there was a useful article in the Spring Focus magazine about coaching sessions/school grounds orienteering for Year 5/6 juniors and stating that School Sports Partnerships (SSP) have funds of £8000 pa available for 2 years for every primary school, which CB had also mentioned.

CLARO have set up try-o coaching etc. at already mapped schools, and the SSP deal with entries. Children pay £2.50 to cover coaching, training and an event. HALO has a similar initiative but need more coaches, but in both cases, only a few children have joined the club. AIRE are finding it hard to get under 11/12 juniors to join but are making links with Leeds University OC.

EPOC have mapped 2 Huddersfield parks and put on mini-events for juniors, and are offering free entries for White-Orange at local events. Xplorer has also been used to recruit members by EBOR and EPOC although this is no longer occurring in York. SYO are putting on local events in parks on Saturday afternoons and also have a schools league for 8 to 11 year olds. Coaching is offered and some are joining the club. Two SYO members are able to go into schools to provide coaching but more are required.

The committee did have reservations re. SSPs and box ticking, and whether in future another sport would be chosen to support, but in summary it was noted that initiatives are occurring across the region but in different ways. Officials always required, with retired or non-working orienteers the ideal people. Also, the Yorkshire Schools Champs. are available each year for children who want a true competitive experience.

8) **YHOA Controller shortage**

It was agreed that another Controller's course would be arranged. IM will ask Tony Thornley to run a course for Level B and Cs simultaneously in Autumn 2014 at Ilkley Grammar School. Once confirmed, clubs to put forward attendees. MC will send an up to date list of YHOA controllers to club Fixtures Secretaries.

9) **JK Progress and other JK Items**

Two points were discussed. **(1)** Do all current attendees need to attend every meeting? After discussion it was agreed that the answer was no, as long as based on the agenda, the appropriate person(s) from the main club(s) had attended, and the non-main clubs were kept informed. **(2)** It was also agreed that the way the split of the 33% of any profit from the JK would be shared between the clubs and possibly YHOA itself, would be decided by the YHOA committee, and not the JK 2016 sub-committee.

10) YHOA League Rules for 2015

The changes to 2014/15 Night League rules re. course eligibility that organiser Steve Corrigan has proposed were endorsed by the committee. A decision on the proposed change to Super League rules as to whether M65/M70 run Short Blue or Green, was deferred to the next YHOA meeting.

11) Short Green courses for all YHOA events

It was agreed that all YHOA Level C events should have a Short Green course if the Green course was considered too long by the Controller. The target runners for Short Green courses are older orienteers who want a short but technical course.

12) Any other business

Club reps were asked to suggest any suitable person in YHOA who could take over Treasurer's job on the committee.

13) Next meeting

Thursday 25th September 19:30, The Vine Tree, Wakefield