Suffolk **Orienteering Club** **Minutes**

Festina Lente – Make Haste Slowly

Annual General Meeting
Date 3rd October 2026 11.30am
Venue Christchurch Park

Present	Simon Hooton (Chair)	Adam Willis	Clive Wilkinson
	Sally Wilkinson	Rod Mansel	Sarah Mansel
	John Liston	Phil Halford	June Webb
		Martin Hore	

1 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Bert and Rika Park, Andrew Elliott, Louise Walker, Hannah Constable-Simmonds, the Radcliffe family, the Wightman family, Emily Vallow and Hannah Steventon.

2 Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes were approved.

3 Matters Arising

Martin Hore asked about the auditing of the accounts which was left to the later point 8.

4 Chairman's Report

Medals were awarded to the East Anglian League winners at the Brandon event on 22nd February. Congratulations to:

- Reuben Constable-Simmonds M10 EAL winner 2025
- Sarah Mansel W60 EAL winner 2025
- Sally Wilkinson WSV EAUL winner 2025

At the local qualifying heat of the Compass Sport Trophy held at Brandon Country Park on 22nd February, SUFFOC gained 3rd place and will be at the final on 18th October.

We had a fantastic turnout of 24 competitors across most of the classes. The final scores were very close, as we were only 2 points behind second placed LOG.

We attended the Yvette Baker Qualifier at Weald Park, Brentwood (HAVOC) on Sunday 8th March 2026. Our juniors competed excellently and came 2nd to Norfolk Orienteering Club by one point. The results were:

- Ethan Radcliffe: 100 (Green - Boys)
- Aaron Radcliffe: 100 (Light Green - Boys)
- Reuben Constable-Simmonds: 100 (Yellow - Boys)
- George Wightman: 99 (Green - Boys)
- Emily Wightman: 98 (Orange - Girls)

A small group of SUFFOC Orienteers travelled to South Wales to compete at the British Orienteering Championships at Carreg Goch. Congratulations to them all.

Their results were:

- M16A Ethan Radcliffe 27th
- M45L Gareth Radcliffe 14th
- W60L Louise Walker 32nd

The following day the British Relay Championships took place at Margam Country Park. SUFFOC had two teams running and their results were

- Men's Short: SUFFOC Scurriers Ethan Radcliffe, Rod Mansel, Gareth Radcliffe 16th
- Women's Short: SUFFOC Skedaddlers Louise Walker, Bronwen Mansel Sarah Mansel 10th

In June we ran the Suffolk School Champs at Haughley Park. There were 31 pairs that finished in the Under11/Primary category and 33 pairs finished in the Under 14 category. Leading teams came from a pleasing spread of schools.

Events this year were held at:

- West Harling
- Nowton & Hardwick
- Tunstall
- Sudbury
- Clare
- Needham

And thanks to all the volunteers that helped put on events. Members also contributed help to regional and national events mapping, planning, controller, results, and organising etc. including most recently the national Junior events at Writtle and Hatfield.

The Club champs were held at Mildenhall with the overall winner being David Hodkinson (M40) with an ave pace of 5:05 per Km. Second, and leading Junior was Ethan Radcliffe (M14) at ave speed 5:17 per Km. Coming in third was Gareth Radcliffe (M45) at 5:49 per Km.

SuffOC were represented at events all over the UK – well England, Scotland and Wales – and abroad with racers in Portugal, Romania, Poland, Sweden, New Zealand and Australia!

Also just worth expressing thanks to all the people that have volunteered to run the Club – from officers, committee members, helpers in the background like with the equipment store, and masterminding entry to events.

5 Treasurer's Report

Made a loss of £38.64

We held the same number of events but had £800 less income (£4370 vs £5113) compared to 2024/25 which resulted in £310 less net income (£710 vs £1025)

Attendance at events has decreased and costs are increasing. We pay more for Forestry Commission events now. We need to review events fees as a club.

For non event costs we spent £1666 this year vs £2164 last year

Entry fees £303 were higher as the club supported the Sprint Relay, JK and BOC relay entries

The Grant of £51 was for supporting a Junior who attended a Lagganlia training camp

The Admin Fees £444 are higher than 2024/25 as they include website hosting costs. 2024/25 was for only the club equipment insurance.

For the Schools work we have still to invoice to recover the costs.

In 2024/25 we paid for a 5 year SI licence so this is the reason it is so high compared to this year.

In terms of the bank balance we still have £6500 which is a reasonable amount to support the clubs activities.

Proposed Sarah Mansel Seconded Martin Hore. Accounts accepted on condition of them being examined by a person appointed by the committee.

6 Setting of Annual Subscription 2027

Members present voted on and agreed the following subscriptions.

Senior	£9 plus BOF fees of £20	=£29
Junior	£0 plus BOF fees of £6	=£6
Young Adult (21-25)	£7 plus BOF fees of £12	=£19
Family	£11 plus BOF fees of £46	=£57

(Two adults and any number of children at same address)

Proposed John Liston Seconded Clive Wilkinson and accepted.

7 Election of Principal Officers

Chairman –Sarah Mansel

Treasurer – Andrew Elliott

Secretary – Rod Mansel

Club Welfare and Safeguarding Officers – Sally Wilkinson

Proposed: Simon Hooton Seconded: Martin Hore. The meeting confirmed these appointments unanimously.

8 Election of Committee Members (C) and Club Roles

The following people agreed to act in these roles respectively and were unanimously agreed:-

- Team Captain – TBC (C)
- Mapping Co-ordinator – Martin Hore (C)
- Fixtures Secretary – Sally Wilkinson (C)
- Publicity Coordinator – Adam Willis (C)
- Webmaster – Adam Willis
- Equipment Officer – Louise Walker

- Club Coach – TBC
- Regional Representative – Andrew Elliot (C)
- Membership Secretary – Sarah Mansel (C)
- Junior Committee Rep – Ethan Radcliffe (C)
- SI Co-ordinator – Rod Mansel
- Map Run Co-ordinator – Sarah Mansel
- Volunteer Coordinator – vacant
- Entries Coordinator – Sarah Mansel
- Safety Liaison Officer – John Liston

It was agreed to increase effort to encourage new members to step forward and be mentored to take on officer and committee roles through the coming year to ensure continuity of the club.

9 Appointment of Auditor

The wording of this item is to be changed to reflect the fact that the accounts only need to be examined rather than audited. It was suggested that the committee should appoint an examiner at their first committee meeting. Martin Hore could take this on as he has experience as treasurer at other organisations.

10. **End of AGM**

The AGM closed at 12.38pm