UK Obstacle Sports Federation Ltd t/a British Obstacle Sports

2026 Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) Minutes

Date: March 9th 2026

Location: Zoom

In Attendance:

Voting Members:
Alan Moore, Alex Hands, Becky Neal, Carisma Baskeyfield, Dasos Gonnella, Dawn Jolleys, Encarnacion Cascales Aranda, Emma McCrea, Gary Ewen, Harsha Burton, Jamie Gane, Jamie Stephenson, Jill Wildish, Karen Glasse, Laura Baskeyfield, Malcolm Dunne, Matthew Kirk, Max Wildish, Michelle Carney, Nathan Hawkins, Oliver Hickson, Oner Avara, Ramunas Uikys, Rabea Hands, Reece Sanders, Shaun Brooks-Gallop, Stacey Speakman, Susan Jarman, Teresa Goddard, Tim Kirk, Tim Rolfe, Tommy Matthews, Victoria Welsby, Wayne King, Wendy Brothers, Wil Chung

Non-Voting Members:
Jake Jolleys, Maimie McCrea, Ruben Archer-Cascales

Non-Voting Directors:
Ben Holliss, Olaide Yussuf

Guests:
N/A

Apologies:
Alvin Czajka, Bethany Lodge, Clara Norman, Erika Poole, Gavin Hogarth, Ian Kay, Jackie Day, Jean Paul Martyn, Jon Chapman, Kerry Eddie, Kerry White, Louise Ferriman, Sam Gascoigne, Sarah Solomon, Shaun Wilde, Tamar Barclay, Vicky Wheelhouse

1. Welcome & Introduction

1.1. The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed all individuals in attendance.
1.2. The Chair outlined ‘house-keeping’ for the meeting
1.3. Quorum

1.3.1. The Chair reported that the meeting was quorate and ready to begin.

1.4. The Chair thanked members and volunteers for their support and gave an update on the organisation's finances and current work.

1.5. The organisation was in a healthy financial position, with reserves expected to exceed £10,000 at the end of the financial year. The Board's target was to build reserves to £20,000. A pilot combined Level 1 coaching course for OCR and Ninja had been launched, and the Obstacle Explorers programme was being delivered with Pentathlon GB and the Youth Sport Trust for primary schools. Members were encouraged to renew their membership and consider the True Cost subscription.

1.6. The Chair reported that Oner Avara and Professor Mike Loosemore had resigned from the Board, citing personal circumstances and the time required to fulfil their roles. Professor Mike Loosemoore would continue as Medical Adviser. The Chair thanked both for their contributions.

2. Resolutions

2.1. Voting procedures were outlined and it was confirmed that:

2.1.1. All eligible members were sent ballot details to their registered email addresses in order to vote.

2.1.2. This was the only way to vote, and once a ballot was cast it could not be changed.

2.1.3. Associated details for each resolution were sent in advance of the meeting to eligible members' registered email addresses.

2.1.4. A process for voting if there were any technical difficulties was outlined.

2.1.5. Voting members had until 8:00pm on March 9th 2026 to cast their ballot.

2.1.6. The following information was compiled after the close of the ballot and is included for completeness.

2.2. Turnout

2.2.1. 181 votes (19% of eligible members).

2.3. Resolution 1 - Approve the minutes of the British Obstacle Sports AGM held on September 6th 2025, made available to all members.

2.3.1. No questions, comments or corrections were raised.

2.3.2. Results:

2.3.2.1. Yes: 163 (98.79%)

2.3.2.2. No: 2 (1.21%)
2.3.2.3. Abstentions: 16

2.4. Resolution 2 - Members of British Obstacle Sports authorise the Board to exercise its vote at the World Obstacle (FISO) Congress in favour of the proposed dissolution of World Obstacle, with effect from 00:00 (UTC) on August 10th 2026.

In the event that the Congress approves the dissolution of FISO, British Obstacle Sports shall, with effect from 00:00 (UTC) on August 10th 2026, become a Union Internationale de Pentathlon Moderne (UIPM) Member Candidate in accordance with the transition arrangements set out in the FISO Congress motion.

2.4.1. The resolution sought members' authority for the Board to vote in favour of the proposed dissolution of World Obstacle at the FISO Congress. If Congress approved the dissolution, British Obstacle Sports would become a UIPM Member Candidate under the transition arrangements set out in the Congress motion.

2.4.2. The Chair outlined the Board's recommendation and the safeguards agreed for integration, including maintaining the obstacle sports community and the distinct identity of OCR and Ninja; ensuring representation for obstacle sports within UIPM; protecting athlete records; and providing for a phased governance model that could move to elected representation. He also explained that integration would not force national federations to integrate with their national pentathlon bodies.

2.4.3. Members asked how other sports within modern pentathlon relate to UIPM. The Chair explained that fencing and swimming have their own governing bodies, while laser run developed from running and shooting. These sports pre-date modern pentathlon, whereas obstacle sports would be a newer addition to the UIPM multisport family.

2.4.4. A member asked whether voting representation could reflect federation membership size rather than follow a one-federation, one-vote model. The Chair said this would require constitutional change and could be difficult to achieve, as smaller federations would be asked to reduce their voting power. In response to a further comment about equitable representation, he acknowledged that the model would continue to present challenges. He said UIPM's governance processes were stronger and that the Obstacle Commission would inform recommendations to the Executive Board.

2.4.5. A Board member noted that the proposal had been thoroughly debated and challenged by the Board, and encouraged

members to review the ten integration principles in the Congress materials.

2.4.6. Results:

2.4.6.1. Yes: 147 (88.55%)

2.4.6.2. No: 19 (11.45%)

2.4.6.3. Abstentions: 15

3. Appointments

3.1. The Chair formally welcomed Ben Hollis and Olaide Yussuf (Laide) as Independent Non-Executive Directors. He noted Ben's knowledge of the sports sector and Laide's finance experience. Both introduced themselves and thanked members for the welcome.

4. Honorary Life Memberships

4.1. The Board formally recognised Oner Avara as a Honorary Life Member of British Obstacle Sports. Oner's role in establishing the organisation in 2019, his service as Chair from 2019 to 2022, and his ongoing contribution to the Board and the organisation's finances were noted.

5. Adjournment

5.1. The official business of the EGM was brought to a close by the Chair.

6. Additional Business*

6.1. The following additional business was discussed:

6.1.1. Youth Development and Safeguarding*

6.1.2. National Team Update*

6.1.3. Committee Updates*

6.1.4. General Q&A*

6.1.5. EGM resolution results*

6.1.5.1. The Chair displayed the results through the voting platform and thanked members for voting and taking part in discussions. The results are recorded under the relevant resolutions above.

* Details available via YouTube recording:

https://youtu.be/BqbacjymCzQ