



# Wimborne Orienteers

## Minutes of 47<sup>th</sup> AGM

Held at Wimborne Town Hall on Friday October 9<sup>th</sup> 2015

**Present:** Gillian Cross, Martin Cross, Sophie Lawrence, John Warren, Barbara Warren, Bernice Tonge, David Tonge, Mike Kite, John Shucksmith, Jo Stanley, John Whittingham, Dick Keighley, Cris Tween, Karen French (**Treasurer**), Andrew French (**Chairman**), Grace French, Alice French, Philip Harvey (**Secretary**)  
(16 voting, 2 junior)

**Apologies:** Trevor Bridle, Simon Branford, Lynn Branford, Chris Branford, Nikki Crawford, Kevin Pickering, Hilary Pickering, Jo Pickering, Mary Kite, Liz Whittingham, Judith and David Bland, Keith Henderson, Richard Brightman, Nicola Harvey, Di Tilsley, John Tilsley

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*The meeting was called to order at 19:45 by the Chairman*

### 1. AGM Attendance

The assembled membership present numbers 16 voting members.

For an AGM to be valid, the constitution requires minimum 20 voting members, or 20% of the total voting membership of the club, whichever is the lesser.

A figure of 80 voting members was accepted as the club total. Therefore, 16 is indeed 20%.

There were no objections, and the meeting was allowed to proceed.

### 2. Minutes of last AGM:

These were approved by the meeting and duly signed by the Chairman.

### 3. Chairman's Report:

Andy French presented his report. The full version is attached as Appendix A.

In Summary:

- A very successful series of events over the year. 18 events that ran a profit of £5472.49. Thanks to all the organisers, planners, controllers, helpers.
- Congratulations to WIM juniors: 3<sup>rd</sup> at Yvette Baker Trophy Round 1: Fraser Smith, Robert Munday, Sarah Horsler, Darren Whittingham, Elizabeth Horsler, Charlotte Oakes, Harry Bratcher-Howard, Samuel Mullen, Charles Woodley.
- Congratulations to Barbara Warren for becoming W80 British Champion
- Congratulations to Sally Calland as the SEOUL Women's Open Champion 2014
- Congratulations to Emily Benham: 2 gold medals in the MTBO World Cup in Hungary – for Long Distance and Middle Distance, to become World Champion.
- Congratulations to Kirsty Staunton for becoming Southern Night Champs W55 champion.
- Congratulations in the Galoppen 2014/15 season to Sarah Horsler: 2<sup>nd</sup> in Light Green, Darren Whittingham: 2<sup>nd</sup> in Orange, Elizabeth Horsler: 4<sup>th</sup> in Orange

- Congratulations to Robert Munday, Darren Whittingham, Grace French, Monty Bratcher-Howard and Harry Bratcher-Howard as individual winners in the Dorset Schools Score Champs. Thanks to Dick Keighley for organising.
- Congratulations to Karen French, Sue Hands, Harry Bratcher-Howard, Keith Henderson, Richard Brightman, Grace French who are reigning South West Sprint Champions.
- Congratulations for the following for top 5 finishes at 'Springtime in Shropshire': Sue Hands 1<sup>st</sup>, Kevin Pickering 1<sup>st</sup>, Grace French 2<sup>nd</sup>, Richard Brightman 2<sup>nd</sup>, Jo Pickering 3<sup>rd</sup>, Keith Henderson 3<sup>rd</sup>, Wendy Bullen 4<sup>th</sup>, Debs Mays 5<sup>th</sup>.
- Congratulations to South West Champions: Becca Ellis W21, Elizabeth Horsler W12.
- Well done to winners of Summer League series (see full report in Appendix A)
- Well done to us all for improving our year-on-year club performance at the Compass Sport Trophy Final 2014. Many thanks to Trevor Bridle for his years of organising the team.
- Well done to us all for qualifying for the Compass Sport Trophy Final 2015. Many thanks to Hilary Pickering for taking over organisation of the team, and already put in an extraordinary amount of time and effort. Around 40 members will be travelling together by coach to the Lake District for the Final.
- Congratulations to Wimborne Orienteers Trophy winners: Sue Hands, Roger Hills, Darren Whittingham, Sarah Horsler.
- Thanks to this year's committee:
  - John Warren – huge effort in liaison and obtaining permissions
  - Chris Branford – huge effort with fixtures and co-ordination of organisers, planners, controllers. As well as organising events himself
  - Mike Kite – huge effort in West Dorset, club league, Waffle
  - Dick Keighley – huge effort in computing, webmaster
  - John Whittingham – huge effort in computing, driving forward technological updates
  - Karen French – huge effort as Treasurer, fitted in between hectic life schedule
  - Philip Harvey – Secretary, recently re-submitted Clubmark.
- Message of farewell and thanks from Sally Calland, who has moved to Stafford.

#### **4. Treasurer's Report**

Karen French presented the financial report. The full report is attached as Appendix B.

In Summary:

- 20 events with surplus £5472.49; an increase of more than £1000 from last year.
- All the events made a surplus.
- Membership fees contributed £584.00; an increase from last year
- We received donations and Premium Bond wins
- Expenditure on team relays, SI equipment and computing costs
- Excess income was £2967.69
- Balance is £13810.23

**Martin Cross:** What do we intend to do with the excess £3000 from the year, considering that we have of £13000 in hand?

**Chairman:** Rather than accrue an excess in the bank, we intend to spend on:

- Computers
- Website
- Activities (including the coach for transport to Compass Sport Trophy Final in Kendal)
- Banners
- Other expenses

The accounts were adopted and signed by Treasurer and Secretary.

## 5. Election of Officers

Chairman – Andy French has completed 3 years as Club Chairman, and is not allowed to stand again.

Kevin Pickering was nominated by Andy French, Seconded by Dick Keighley, and unanimously elected.

Secretary - Philip Harvey was nominated for re-election by Andrew French, Seconded by John Warren, and duly re-elected.

Treasurer - Karen French was nominated by Martin Cross, Seconded by John Warren, and re-elected.

**John Warren:** Karen has done an excellent job as Treasurer.

## 6. Election of Committee

Mike Kite is stepping down from the committee, but will continue to work tirelessly organising and promoting orienteering in West Dorset.

John Whittingham is stepping down from the committee, but will continue to be involved in SI and computing.

Both Mike and John have put in monumental efforts, for which they are heartily thanked.

The following indicated that they were willing to stand for re-election:

Chris Branford (Fixtures Sec)	Nom: Martin Cross	Sec: Dick Keighley
Dick Keighley	Nom: Gillian Cross	Sec: John Warren
John Warren	Nom: Karen French	Sec: Mike Kite
Andy French	Nom: Gillian Cross	Sec: Philip Harvey

All were duly elected.

**John Warren:** Many thanks to the outgoing Chairman

## 7. Club Fees for 2017

These will remain unchanged at £5 Senior and £1 Junior.

## 8. A.O.B

None

*The meeting closed at 20:25. A fine spread of refreshments was served.*

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