



Wimborne Orienteers

Minutes of 49th AGM

Held at Wimborne Town Hall on Friday October 13th 2017

Present: Kevin Pickering (Chairman), Karen French (Treasurer), Dick Keighley, Eamon Staunton, Sophie Lawrence, Chris Branford, Lynn Branford, Richard Brightman, Trevor Bridle, Madeleine Bridle (g), Martin Cross, Judith Bland, David Bland, John Shucksmith, L-J Evans, Serena Sheldrake, Keith Henderson, John Oakes, Charlotte Oakes (j), Di Tilsley, John Tilsley, Mike Kite, Grace French (j), Alice French (j), Andrew Howard, Becca Ellis, Deborah Mays, Paul Pickering, Annie Pickering, Andrew French, David Tonge, Bernice Tonge, Adam Cooke, Charlie Smurthwaite, Dan Quinney, Nikki Crawford.

Apologies: Philip Harvey (Hon Sec), Heather Harvey, John Warren, Gillian Cross, Simon Branford, Hilary Pickering, Tamsin & Steven Horsler, Harry & Monty Bratcher-Howard (j), Kirsty Staunton, Mary Kite

The meeting was called to order at 19:35 by the Chairman

1. Minutes of the 48th AGM:

Last year's minutes were signed by the Chairman.

In the absence on the high seas of the Secretary, Dick Keighley agreed to take the minutes for the 49th AGM.

2. Chairman's Report:

The Chairman gave an interesting personal review of the orienteering year (See attached report - Appendix A)

Some highlights:

- The club held 19 events with well over 1500 competitive runs overall. The Boxing Day Canter was the best attended with around 300 people.
- Club members are increasing competing abroad. During 2016-17, members ran at events in N Zealand (World Masters), Lithuania (World TrailO Champs), Sweden, Latvia, Portugal, Belgium & France
- Emily Benham is a World Champion in MTBO and has won the World Cup title for 4 consecutive years. Currently she holds 4 world champion titles and 5 silver and 3 bronze medals making her the most successful MTBO athlete in recent years. In 2017 she medalled in every world championship race she started: an outstanding achievement.

- Dick Keighley represented GB in the Paralympic class at the 2017 World TrailO Champs in Lithuania
- Michelle Spillar was selected to run for England at Interland
- The club have qualified for the 2017 CompassSport trophy and hopefully everyone will be sporting the new club tops designed by Annie & Jo Pickering
- The chairman thanked all the club volunteers who have helped at events, on committees or behind the scenes. In particular, he singled out for thanks Chris Branford for all the work he does in arranging our fixtures and finding planners, organisers and controllers for them.
- Much more is to be found in the full version of the report in Appendix A.

3. Treasurer's Report

From Karen French. See Appendix B for the full report

In Summary:

- The club hosted 19 events and a number of activities during the year with an overall operating surplus of £2014.76
- The Caddihoe showed a very healthy surplus of over £2000 and was the main contributor to this year's operating surplus. Income from the other 18 events has largely been ploughed back into running the club
- The Godshill Galoppen showed a surplus of over £1000 and the Boxing Day Canter and the Dorchester SEOUL Urban race both showed a surplus of over £500
- The Winter Warmer at Wilverley only showed a surplus of £53 (as opposed to the usual £1000+) owing to the necessary expenses of remote parking and bussing competitors from Holmsley.
- Some of the Summer League events showed a small loss because it was invidious for members to pay entry fees to them when members of the public were getting free entry through the Activate scheme.
- Over £1000 was spent on updating/adding to the SI & computer kit, including the replacement of many control unit batteries
- Over £1000 was spent on replacing/refurbishing other club equipment
- Relay entries cost the club £780 and we also gave members selected for GB or for Junior tours a total of £500 in sponsorship & paid £455 for members to attend Coaching Courses
- The finances are in a very healthy state. Balance £14,862.40

John Tilsley reminded members acting as Planners/Organisers to claim realistic expenses; the club was able to afford them. If members didn't feel they wanted to claim expenses, they could instead be donated to the Orienteering Foundation, as suggested in an article in CompassSport this year.

Eamon Staunton felt that such unwanted expenses could alternatively be donated back to WIM to support tour grants to our junior members, or those selected for international duty and that the accounts could reflect such donations..

Dick Keighley concurred with Eamon and thanked the club for financial support when he was selected to represent GB at WTOC 2017 in Lithuania.

4. Election of Officers

Chairman – Kevin Pickering was unopposed. Nominated by Andy French, Seconded by Chris Branford.

Secretary - Philip Harvey was unopposed. Nominated by Dick Keighley, Seconded by Debs Mays.

Treasurer - Karen French was unopposed. Nominated by Kevin Pickering, Seconded Trevor Bridle.

All were duly elected.

5. Election of Committee

The serving committee members were all prepared to stand for another year. There were no other nominations. Nominated en bloc Prop Kevin Pickering Sec Lynn Branford All were duly elected.

Chris Branford (Fixtures Sec)

Dick Keighley

Andy French

Andrew Howard,

John Oakes,

Eamon Staunton

Note In addition to the six elected members allowed by the club constitution, John Warren (Life member) & Becca Ellis (Club Captain) are co-opted members of the committee for 2017-18.

6. Club Fees for 2018

The fees will remain unchanged at £5 Senior and £1 Junior. Proposed by Keith Henderson, seconded by Karen French, carried by the meeting.

7. A.O.B

- **Dick Keighley** had proposed an amendment to the constitution to reflect the club's adoption of the latest BOF Child Protection policy, in line with the recent amendment to SWOA constitution.

He explained that after consultation with the committee, he was withdrawing the amendment because the club's current constitution, together with the statement on the WIM website adopting the BOF policy, already covered our child protection policy and the amendment was unnecessary. The amendment was withdrawn.

- **Chris Branford** noted that in addition to John Warren, who was made a Life Member of WIM at the 2016 AGM, both Trevor and Helen Bridle were already Life members of WIM. He proposed that Emily Benham also be made a Life Member in recognition of her outstanding achievements as multiple MTBO World Champion over the last four years. Seconded Andy French, carried unanimously.
- **Christmas Dinner**
After consultation with club members, the club Christmas dinner would be held at the Langton Arms on Thursday 7th December.
- **Martin Cross** suggested that as next year would be the club's 50th Anniversary, we should plan suitable celebrations, possibly a 'retro event' with B & W maps, master maps and pin punching. The suggestion was accepted and the committee will act accordingly.
- **Becca Ellis** (club captain) reminded members present to check their entries and start times for the upcoming CompassSport Cup final.
- **Sophie Lawrence** wondered whether the club should have 'social membership' for those members who have retired from being (or have never been) active orienteers but wish to maintain their link with the club without being BOF members. This would avoid inflating the club membership. The committee have promised to investigate this.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 20:11

A selection of fine foods was then served, (thanks to Trevor and Madeleine Bridle for organising this). which the assembled throng decimated with gusto.

Then the following talks were beautifully presented and well received:

Grace & Andy French: Scottish 6-Days 2017

Becca Ellis: Swedish O-Ringen 2017

Paul and Annie Pickering: Chile to Peru: an epic 4000 mile cycling journey through the Andes.

Appendix A 49th AGM Chairman's report

Fellow members

One of the duties of the Chairman is to give an address at the AGM and it gives me a chance to ramble on about anything I like. Nobody knows what the chairman will say but he could possibly get himself voted out of the Job as election of the committee comes after this speech, so sit back relax and enjoy for the next hour or so.

Since the last AGM we have as a club run 19 events with over 1500 people taking part. Our biggest participation event was our annual event, the Boxing Day Canter with over 250 people enjoying the fine dry day we had last year, long may the event continue.

Members have again travelled far and wide in the last year to Orienteering events.

Hilary and I competed in the World masters in New Zealand.

Becca and Michelle in the O-ringen in Sweden.

Dick was selected for the British Trail O team in the world championships in Lithuania.

Eamon, Kirsty, Joanne the Portugal city races.

Sue and Brian competed in the 5-day French event.

Chris and Lyn competed in Antwerp

Sarah and Elizabeth were selected to attend training camps in Scotland.

Grace had a brilliant result of 3rd in the Scottish 6-day event where many members competed.

British sprint champion is Keith Henderson.

British middle-distance champion is Brian Johnson.

JK champions are Harry Bratcher-Howard and Michelle Spillar.

World Champion is Emily Benham, she is the World Cup overall winner MTBO for 4 consecutive years. Emily now holds 4 world champion titles, 5 silver and 3 bronze making her the most successful MTBO athlete in recent years. In 2017 she medalled in every world championship race she started an outstanding achievement.

The club have qualified for the final of the Compass Sport Trophy and hopefully everybody will be running in the new superfast club tops. Thanks to Annie and Jo for the long hours of design, although giving me crayons and a sheet of paper after Christmas lunch to help with design was not a good idea. I hope you all appreciated the subsidized cost of the shirts that the committee agreed.

In last year's report I spoke about the beauty of orienteering and who where and how.

This year I wonder why.

Why do we orienteer?

Is it to win? Is it for fun? Is it to get out of the house? Is it because our parents or children make us? Is it because we like being in dark cold forests often at the crack of dawn? Is it for the friends we meet? Or is it for the personal satisfaction we get?

I believe every time I orienteer that today could possibly be the day I win, if not I will have fun outside the house, my children encourage me to keep going and yes, I do like dark forests early in the morning, I enjoy the friends we discuss our routes with and often get good satisfaction at finishing the course until I look at the results and find today has not been my day.

Or is it because there are very few rules and regulations and you only have yourself to think of, no referees with dubious decisions, nobody telling you what you should or shouldn't do, telling you where to go. Yes, we all think sometimes the map is not right or the control is not in the correct place but all our events are run by volunteers, from the world champs down to the local park event who try their best to make sure everything is run to the best of their ability. So, I would like to thank on your behalf all our volunteers who have helped with events or been on the committee. I would especially like to thank Chris who does a lot of work on getting events pre-planned and finding the organisers, planners and controllers.

Last year we also made a presentation to John Warren and made him a life member and he attends all our committee meetings as such. This year is the first AGM he has missed for 41 years so I am not quite sure what to say next, possibly John enjoy your holiday, welcome back soon.

Looking back at some of the old AGM reports it was in 1991 that Helen Bridle won the Scottish 6 days in W11A and she went on to fantastic orienteering results as she is still achieving. Further back 1982 the Crawford's and Henderson's competed in the Swedish 5-day event and the Warren family took part in a badge event in Switzerland. My first ever event was that year in Gilwell park, part of Epping forest, over 2 hours for a 7km course, a long time but I was hooked. Back then when I started with my friends, we said we wouldn't ever travel further than 1 hour to an event and needed to get our Sunday pint, home for Sunday roast lunch before football on the tele in the afternoon. How times have changed we now all travel a long way, drink orange juice and eat pasta. What hasn't changed since those days and it comes out in every AGM report since then is the friendships that are formed as being part of a Club with a strong membership.

Please remember this is your club and it always needs a feedback from members of how we can improve it and not just discussions at the AGM. We welcome any comments that can be discussed at our regular committee meetings.

So, to finish and as a lot of us say in our sport-

There is always next week, I will be better then.

Thank You

Kevin Pickering

Appendix B – Treasurer’s Report

WIMBORNE ORIENTEERS



Income and Expenditure 1 September 2016 to 31 August 2017

<u>EVENTS</u>	<u>INCOME</u>	<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	<u>SURPLUS</u>
Avon Heath Informal 21/01/2017	439.00	146.30	292.70
Blandford Evening Event 5/06/17	200.00	72.00	128.00
Boxing Day Canter 2016	1859.78	996.87	862.91
Caddishoe Chase Oct 2016	8316.54	5806.07	2510.47
Compass Sport Cup	2154.10	1290.34	863.76
Dorchester Evening Event	207.00	176.11	30.89
Dorchester Urban 1/07/17	824.46	322.50	501.96
Dorset Schools 2017	508.00	294.63	213.37
Furrow Hoppers 9/7/17	225.00	245.80	-20.80
Godshill Galoppen 18/09/16	2525.60	1270.62	1254.98
Moors Valley Summer League	16.00	18.90	-2.90
Potterne Park 10 Dec 2016	344.70	164.60	180.10
Potterne Park 12 Sept 2016	172.00	87.68	84.32
Shillingstone 19/08/2017	189.00	113.60	75.40
Stonebarrow 12/11/2016	147.00	94.40	52.60
Sturminster Newton 14/11/2016	183.90	135.65	48.25
SW Sprints	809.70	571.58	238.12
Wilverley Winter Warmer 19/01/17	2019.05	1965.60	53.45
Wimbome Athletics Club Event	40.00	37.02	2.98
Wimbome Night Event 03/04/17	223.95	132.45	91.50
Wimbome Summer League	12.50	89.76	-77.26
Wimbome Town Activate 24/09/16	0.00	18.50	-18.50
	0.00	0.00	0.00
Result of Events			<u>7366.30</u>

<u>GENERAL EXPENSES</u>	<u>INCOME</u>	<u>EXPENDITURE</u>
BOF and SWOA Membership	509.00	46.00
Ultrasport O Tops	20.50	0.00
New Club Tops	0.00	2225.36
Waffle Online	0.00	86.52
Expenses	0.00	471.70
Donation	1430.00	0.00
Computer Equipment	0.00	590.17
SI Equipment	0.00	417.48
Equipment	30.00	1010.91
Relay Entry Fees	0.00	780.50
Club Insurance	0.00	452.52
AGM Expenses	0.00	157.50
Committee Expenses	0.00	112.50
Sponsorship	0.00	500.00
Coaching Course	0.00	455.00
Premium Bond	25.00	0.00
Hosting Fee for Web Site	0.00	59.88
	0.00	0.00
Totals	<u>23431.78</u>	<u>21417.02</u>

Excess of Income 2014.76

Balance as at 1 September 2016 12847.64

Excess of Income 2014.76

Balance in Hand 14862.40

Represented by:-

Bank Current Account 9712.40

Premium Bonds 5150.00

14862.40

0.00

The above receipts and payments accounts were approved at the Wimbome AGM on 13 Oct 2017 and signed by: