

Wimborne Orienteers

Minutes of committee meeting held on Thursday Sept. 14th at Wimborne Town Hall

Present: Kevin Pickering, Chris Branford, Dick Keighley, Karen and Andy French, Andrew Howard, John Oakes, Eamon Staunton, Becca Ellis, John Warren
Apologies: Philip Harvey

Minutes of last meeting:

There were no matters arising and the minutes were approved.

Treasurers Report:

Karen French presented an Income and Expenditure paper for the year Sept 2016-August 2017. The current balance is £14582.38 showing an excess of income for year of £1734-74.

These accounts are to be Audited before being presented to the AGM on Oct.13th. It was noted that only the 'Activate' events had shortfalls. This was because newcomers were not charged entry fees. The meeting agreed that this could be treated as 'marketing' expenses.

Karen also suggested adjusting entry fees for future events as it is likely that increasing problems of land access may reduce income in the coming year.

This item could be raised at the AGM and will be carried forward to future committee meetings.

Equipment

OCAD 12 - has been purchased, with Chris Branford as the user. Existing OCAD8 can still be used. It was noted that new ISOM symbols and criteria are to be introduced with 12 months.

Map Files – Andy French to update and establish an overall map data base accessible to potential mappers and planners.

Tents – Eamon Staunton has obtained details of a tent suitable for event admin.

Supplier is 'Race Arches' and is likely to cost between £700 and £1000.

There is still research to do on a 'social' tent that can be easily carried and be used as a focus for members at more distant events.

New Club O tops – An initial order has now arrived and has been widely admired!

The initial, subsidised price to active members is £12-50, but the true cost is £27-00 which will be the new permanent price in future.

Recent Events

All events from June to early September have been successful and well attended.

AGM Friday 13th October

The venue is the council chamber in Wimborne Town Hall

Notification has been sent to all members by Chris Branford using 'Mailchimp'.

The current committee are prepared to stand for re-election but nominations from members are encouraged.

Club membership fees will remain unchanged.

Refreshments – Trevor Bridle is to be approached to arrange.

Post AGM presentations: To be finalised through the Pickering's.

Forthcoming events

Chris Branford outlined matters regarding events in the next few months.

Saturday Sept 23rd - Potterne Park Informal – Organised and Planned by Kevin and Hilary Pickering.

Wednesday Oct 4th – Military League/WIM event – Moors Valley. Chris Branford is Planner and co-ordinating with the Army Organiser.

Saturday Oct 14th - Hyde and Gorley – Eamon Staunton, Debs Mays and Karen French to handle Planning and Organising.

Sunday Oct 22nd **COMPASS SPORT CUP** final – Yelverton – Devon Becca as Club Captain to circulate details and information to all members. Entry fees will be met by the club.

No special travel arrangements. Car sharing to be used.

Monday Nov 13th WIM/WSX night league event – Avon Heath Country Park

Sunday Nov. 19th Inside Park – Blandford – Informal – Andrew Howard Planner

Saturday Dec 9th Avon Heath afternoon informal. Event Safety workshop during morning.

Tuesday Dec 26th Boxing Day Canter – Ringwood North. Eamon Staunton to Plan and Pickering's to Organise. FC permission being sought.

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Thursday Feb 8th WIM/WSX night event Gillingham

Sunday Feb 18th WIM Galloper ?? Suggested use of Brownhills or Sett Thorns If Brownhills then buses needed. Kevin Pickering to investigate hiring part of Sett Thorns Camp Site as an alternative.

Christmas Dinner 2017

After discussion, it was agreed to seek a date and reservation at the Langton Arms in Tarrant Hinton which was well received last year. Kevin Pickering to investigate.

British Schools Score Champs Moors Valley 13/10/18

Chris Branford presented a paper outlining requirements of an event that is likely to attract several hundred school children. Area to be embargoed from Oct 10/17.

Ibsley Common

Kevin and JW have pursued this problem. Initial issue relating to a local verderer resolved and an event application was accepted by the National Trust, but later revoked following Natural England's refusal of permission to use the area on environmental grounds. (perceived Wild life habitats)

Currently situation deadlocked with Natural England indicating that any discussion meeting with them would cost incur a charge of £500!

Matter to be pursued and passed to BOF and environmental experts such as Jane Smith and Di Smith.

Correspondence

Avon Heath Event Safety Workshop to be opened to WIM members.

SWOA Planning Conference – Exeter. Saturday October 7th

First Aid Course To be held at house of Keith Henderson on Saturday Dec 2nd.

AOB

BOF propose that all affiliated clubs amend their constitution to new wording regarding BOF Policies, Procedures, Rules and Regulations. A long discussion followed about the wisdom of taking this action through lack of information as to the

meaning and significance of these clauses which will need to be explored before any submission of a proposal to the AGM. In effect, this change is being forced on BOF as a pre-requisite of receiving any grants from funding authorities. SWOA chose to delete the last paragraph. (Dick Keighley has an informed view on this issue.

SWOA Chair, Christine Vince has stepped down and in the years interim before a New Chair takes his place Dick Keighley will Chair SWOA meetings.

A new local O business 'Obook' has circulated the club. This is being developed as an entry system by three new young members.

BOK have requested to borrow WIM S/I equipment for use in British Middle and Sprint races in 2018. Details to be agreed.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 22.05

Date of next meeting to be agreed at AGM