



Wimborne Orienteers

Minutes of 51st AGM

Held at Wimborne Town Hall on Friday October 18th 2019

Present: Lynn Branford, Chris Branford, Dick Keighley, Wendy Bullen, Hilary Pickering, Kevin Pickering, Trevor Bridle, Richard Brightman, John Tilsley, Di Tilsley, John Shucksmith, Jim Graham, Becca Ellis, Andrew French (**Chairman**), Kath Pike, John Warren, Rob Mills, Grace French, Alice French, Gillian Cross, Martin Cross, L-J Evans, Caroline Christopher, Mike Christopher, Roger Moore, Bernice Tonge, David Tonge (**25 voting, 2 junior**)

Apologies: David Bland, Judith Bland, Karen French (**Treasurer**), Nicola Harvey, Philip Harvey (**Secretary**), Jo Stanley, Kirsty Staunton, Eamon Staunton, Simon Branford, Debs Mays, Deby Ewing, Mike Kite, Keith Henderson

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

1. Minutes of the 50th AGM:

Last year's minutes were signed by the Chairman.

2. Chairman's Report:

From Andy French:

1. Welcome to everyone to the 2019 AGM

2. Overview

Once again we have had a very successful season. Our membership has grown slightly since this time last year from 111 members to 119. Pleasingly some of this increase is in the junior numbers which have increase from 15 to 20.

As a club our junior membership is an area where we must focus our attention. We must all ensure they are given the right opportunities to flourish and develop their skills because, without being melodramatic, they are the future of the sport and this club.

I will come back later to the achievements of our juniors

We have put on 18 events in the last 12 months with over 1200 competitors taking part. As can be seen from the events summary with the accounts all these events have being profitable, returning a gross income to the club of £5018.37.

We must thank the 20 or so club members who have either organised or planned the events. In addition there are the on the day helpers, which we do not have detailed lists for. However my suspicion is that the majority of the on the day helpers are also those who have planned or controlled other events. I would like to

encourage every member to get involved in helping at events because without volunteers there are no events, no opportunities to run and worst of all no Wimborne Orienteers.

I would like to thank the outgoing committee of Philip Harvey, Karen French, Kevin Pickering, John Warren, Chris Branford, Dick Keighley, Kath Pike, Becca Ellis, John Oaks and Eamon Staunton for all their hard work over the past year

3. Results / Achievements

Founders Trophy	Roger Hills
Men's Club League	Keith Henderson
Women's Club League	Sue Hands
Junior Men's Club League	Harry Bratcher-Howard
Junior Women's Club League	Elizabeth Horsler

For 2018/2019 the Wessex Region Summer League replaced the previous WIM and WSX Sumer League Cups so these were not competed for this season.

In the 2018/2019 WRSL Helen Hodge narrowly beat Kath Pike to be the winner of the Ladies Class.

Jo Pickering won WRNL narrowly beating Becca Ellis

In the 2018 SEOUL Karen won the Vets class and Sue Hands the Ultra Vets

South West Junior Squad – General representation honours go to Sarah and Elizabeth Horsler, Harry Bratcher-Howard and Grace French who are all integral members of the SWJS.

Harry, Grace and Elizabeth travelled all the way to Yorkshire to run in the 2019 JIRCS with the rest of the SWJS. All three juniors ran up a class and turned in some sterling performances in very wet conditions.

On top of representing the SWJS Elizabeth Horsler was selected to travel with the England team for the Interland competition which was held in France. For those that do not know the Interland is England's only international competition that is held outside of the British Isles. There at five teams, England, two from Belgium (one Flemish speaking and one French speaking), The Netherlands and the French Ligue des Hauts de France de Course d'Orientation (LHFCO). England won the senior competition and came second in the junior competition. Well done Elizabeth.

At the South West Championships Monty Bratcher-Howard won the M10 class and Sue Hands won the W70 class.

At the Scottish 6 day we had 4 top five finishes dominated by the Pickering's. Hilary came 2nd in W65S, Kevin came 2nd in M65S, Sue Hands came 4th in W70 and Annie Pickering 5th in W21S. (Now Paul knows how I feel when watching the rest of the family go up and collect awards, welcome to my world Paul!)

In the South West Sprint Championships there was again success for the Bratcher-Howard boys with Monty winning the M10 class and Harry coming 2nd in M12. Alongside them Grace came first in W12. Well done to all three juniors, they are all

really starting to excel and we must provide every opportunity for them to continue to develop. As well as the junior success Karen won the W50 class and Sue Hands the W70.

At the White Rose event Karen won the W50 class and Grace came second in W12.

In October 2018 Wimborne hosted the British Schools Score Championships in Moors Valley with 175 competitors from 45 schools taking part. We had good individual success here with Grace being 1st in year 6 girls, Pippa Skinsley 2nd in year 7 girls and Harry 2nd in year 7 boys. Success was also achieved by the Debs coached Fordingbridge Junior School who had a pair win girls year 5 and they won overall British Schools Girls and Boys Primary classes. Well done Debs. I must say a big thank you to Dick and Chris and all the helpers for organising an excellent event and booking the sunny weather.

At the JK 2019 our junior relay team of Grace, Harry and Monty came 4th and the same junior team won the Wessex Hardy Relays Junior Relay.

On top of all that Jo Pickering took part in the World MTBO Championships relay, riding alongside Emily Benham-Kaval where they came 4th overall. Kevin also attended the event and is starting to realise how hard riding a bike is whilst reading a map!

Other international honours go to Dick Keighley who was part of the British Trail-O team in Portugal and also in Latvia.

We must also say thank you to retiring Club Captain Becca Ellis for organising the relay team entries for the Summer Relay Series and also the Compass Sport Trophy. Having done this in the past I know how time consuming it can be trying to raise interest and ensure all competitors are happy with their teams. Unfortunately at the Compass Sport Qualifier we were beaten by Sarum's international team and missed out on a "local" final in Sussex this weekend!!

Finally on the subject of awards we must congratulate John Warren who was awarded the British Orienteering Silva Award. This award is given to "a person or persons who have made a very significant contribution to orienteering over a period of years, with an emphasis on 'field' activities rather than committee work."

4. The future?

Well I would like to coin the phrase "The Futures Bright, the Futures Orange and White" or some other corny phrase.

We are moving WIM onto the next level in terms of the standards of our events. We have taken the decision to become a fully SIAC enabled club with mixed punching being available at all events. What does this mean I hear some of you say, well in the urban and sprint events where competition is very tight, about 5-10 places on the final results list. That may sound a lot but when you get 3 or 4 runners all finishing within a minute of each other saving 5-10 seconds per control (assuming your brain is working as fast as your feet) can make a huge difference.

This is also helping us work towards ensuring that the Caddihoe 2020 competition

that we are jointly hosting with Wessex is the best run event without any timing glitches (remember the JK 2019 anyone?) we can possibly put on, embracing the best of technology available as well as providing the best organisation and planning of courses we can.

On the 5th October 1969 the first Wimborne event was held in Ferndown Forest. In February 1970 the first AGM was held and Wimborne Orienteers was formed. So as part of the Caddihoe Chase 2020 we are holding a 50th Anniversary event that same weekend, perhaps with additional events being planned, all of which will go towards making Caddihoe 2020 a true festival of orienteering.

Needless to say we will be looking for plenty of volunteers. So maybe one day someone who volunteers for the first time for Caddihoe 2020 could end up winning the Silva Award in the future. If you get a chance I urge you to read John's article in the on-line Waffle archive called "Volunteer at your Peril" which ends with the following quote 'Volunteering' hasn't been so much of an effort, it has mostly been a real sense of satisfaction and I hope that in a small way has contributed to a lot of people having enjoyable experiences taking part in the sport that we love.

So for me Wimborne Orienteers needs two things to prosper.

1. More volunteers to lighten the load on the dedicated few
2. More opportunities for our juniors to develop their skills in meaningful competitions/events

3. Treasurer's Report

Finances are healthy. To 31 August 2019:
Surplus of income over expenditure: £905.27
Balance in hand: £15442.94

4. Election of Officers

Chairman – Andy French was unanimously re-elected.
Secretary - Philip Harvey was unopposed and re-elected.
Treasurer - Karen French was unopposed and re-elected.

5. Election of Committee

The following were all re-elected unanimously:
Chris Branford (Fixtures Sec)
Dick Keighley
John Warren
Kevin Pickering
Kath Pike
Eamon Staunton
John Oakes

Rob Mills was newly elected to the role of Club Captain (non-committee role, but welcome to attend committee meetings).

NOTE: The club constitution allows 9 committee members. Therefore, the 10 listed above are in excess. John Warren is a 'Life Member', and will attend committee meetings in this capacity.

6. Club Fees for 2017

The fees will remain unchanged at £5 Senior and £1 Junior.

There will remain the facility to offer 'Social Membership' for £1 to 'retired members'.

7. A.O.B

7.1. Kevin Pickering: Club jackets are now to be offered in both a Unisex and Ladies' cut. Long sleeved O-Tops are available to order.

7.2. Kevin Pickering: Publicity cards for Caddihoe 2020 have been produced. Kevin spoke briefly about proposals for the weekend.

7.3. Lynn Branford: Raised the issue of event officials not submitting expenses. She felt that the club should be formally aware of expenses incurred, and it is then up to the individual whether or not to actually make the claim.

The meeting closed at 20:12

Refreshments were served, followed by presentations:

Dick Keighley: World TrailO Champs

Kevin Pickering: Veterans MTBO in Germany