

WIMBORNE ORIENTEERS

MINUTES OF THE 52ND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

OUR FIRST VIRTUAL AGM, ON WEDNESDAY 14TH OCTOBER 2020

22 MEMBERS PRESENT AT THE ZOOM MEETING:

Andrew French (**Chairman**), Mike Kite, Mary Kite, Kevin Pickering, Hilary Pickering, Lyn Branford, Chris Branford, Dick Keighley, Jim Graham, John Tilsley, Di Tilsley, John Warren, Gillian Cross, Martin Cross, Mike Christopher, Caroline Christopher, Kath Pike, Rob Mills, Tamsin Horsler, Steve Horsler, Kirsty Staunton, Eamon Staunton (**interim Secretary**).

VOTING INTENTIONS RECEIVED FROM 13 OTHER MEMBERS:

Trevor Bridle, Linda Pakuls, Philip Harvey, Nicola Harvey, Karen French, Keith Henderson, Keith Mitchell, L-J Evans, Wendy Bullen, Carol Mills, Joanne Pickering, Laurence Shaw, Paul Pickering.

APOLOGIES:

Karen French (**Treasurer**) Philip Harvey (**Secretary**)

The meeting was called to order at 19:32 by the Chairman Andrew French.

1. Minutes of the 51st AGM were accepted and will be signed.

2. Chairman's Report:

"Last year we were looking forward to a "Bright Future" for our club, celebrating its 50th anniversary and hosting major events. Unfortunately, the Covid-19 pandemic has stopped us in our tracks and had a devastating effect on Orienteering in 2020. However, we are a resilient club with a strong membership and should stay optimistic about the future.

BOF are contacting clubs to see how they are coping. They were impressed by Wimborne's virtual league, our willingness to adapt and our more positive attitude compared to many other clubs.

Events

The Ocknell event on Sunday 16th Feb had to be postponed due to a severe weather warning.

The Compass Sport Cup took place on 19th March 2020 at Cranham, WIM were first in the Trophy section, a really excellent club result.

WIM 1250	SWOC 1101
SOC 1244	KERNO 1084
SBOC 1148	NWO 1049
WSX 1118	BADO 1022
SARUM 1110	

On March 30th BOF recommended cancelling all spring O events.

During early spring Rob Mills and Chris Branford coordinated the introduction of MapRun, a form of GPS based individual orienteering which has developed into a popular local league. Many thanks for their efforts.

The Caddihoe weekend has been postponed till 2021, when WIM and WSX will be the organising clubs.

Achievements

Club league trophies were awarded to:

Senior Women's Sue Hands

Senior Men's Brian Johnson

Junior Men's Harry Bratcher-Howard

Junior Women's Grace French

The Boxing Day canter cannot go ahead in its usual format. Sadly, there will be no mass start, no fairies, no Father Christmas, no mince pies and no mulled wine. It is possible some sort of MapRun virtual Canter might be offered, but this is work in progress.

Many plans have been thwarted this year by circumstance beyond our control. In response, we should try to look forward and stay positive."

3. Treasurers Report

There were markedly less events during this year leading to a reduced income. Two large events were postponed (Ocknell and the Caddihoe) which incurred costs.

For the year 1.9.2019 – 31.8.2020, the Club had an operating loss of £1430.78p.

Fortunately, the Club has a solid positive bank balance and a substantial part of the losses should be recouped when the postponed events are put on next year.

Given the extraordinary time we are in, the Club finances remain healthy.

Balance in hand: £13712.16

Questions arising:

1. Eamon Staunton asked about the income (£55.30 from Fabian) and expenditure (£731.10 for maps fees and refunds) for Ocknell. The income side appears to be very low?
2. Kevin Pickering also asked about Ocknell, we paid £150 fees to Forestry England for an event that didn't happen. Are the fees refunded, carried over to next year or lost?

The treasurer will investigate and report later.

4. Officers and Committee Members

There were no other nominees for a place on the committee.

It was proposed by Kevin Pickering that all incumbent committee officers and members should be re-elected for another year. This was seconded by Martin Cross.

31 club members voted for this proposal, which was unanimous.

For the year 2020 – 2021:

Chairman - Andy French

Secretary - Philip Harvey

Treasurer - Karen French

Committee members

Chris Branford

Dick Keighley

Kevin Pickering

Kath Pike

John Oakes

Eamon Staunton

Life member – John Warren

Club Captain – Rob Mills

5. Club Fees for 2021

It was proposed that the annual club fees should be unchanged for the coming year. £5 for a senior and £1 for a Junior member.

Unanimously agreed.

Dick Keighley reported that SWOA fees will also remain unchanged for 2021.

6. Any Other Business

6.1 Kevin Pickering reminded us that there are 9 club shirts and 5 jackets still in stock and available to buy. Please contact him (kpickering11@hotmail.com).

6.2 John Warren asked if an event is planned for Inside Park this year. Chris Branford replied that a limited, colour coded event might take place on 13.12.2020.

6.3 John Tilsley expressed a vote of thanks to the Chairman and the Committee for their work on behalf of the club.

Andrew French thanked everyone for attending and the **meeting closed at 19:58**.

Sadly, refreshments were not served and there were no presentations.

Possibly the shortest AGM in the club's history?