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**WIMBORNE ORIENTEERS  
MINUTES OF THE 53<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
FRIDAY 22ND OCTOBER 2021  
HELD AT HOLT VILLAGE HALL**

MEMBERS PRESENT AT THE MEETING:

Andrew French (**Chairman**), Kevin Pickering, Hilary Pickering, Lyn Branford, Chris Branford, Dick Keighley, Trevor Bridle, Madeline Bridle, Jim Graham, Roger Moore, Karen French, Alice French, Keith Henderson, John Tilsley, Di Tilsley, John Warren, Kath Pike, Rob Mills, Eamon Staunton (Interim Secretary).

MEMBERS PRESENT VIA ZOOM:

Mike Kite, Mary Kite, Gillian Cross, Martin Cross, Michelle Spillar, Bernice Tonge, David Tonge.

APOLOGIES:

Philip Harvey (Secretary), Nicola Harvey, Sue Hands, Simon Branford, Sophie Lawrence, John Shucksmith, Jo Stanley, Kirsty Staunton.

The meeting was called to order at 19:37 by the Chairman Andrew French.

1. The Meeting opened with an invitation from the Chairman to remember the two Wimborne Orienteering Members who died this year.

*“Richard Brightman passed away in September after losing his long battle cancer. Richard was a much-loved member of Wimborne Orienteers and I know he will be greatly missed by everyone. He was always present at events and was always willing to help, more often than not helping out with car parking. At Richards funeral his great niece read a poem, which can be found on Waffle, and one excerpt from the poem ran true and summed up Richard.*

*“A fine navigator,”  
We have heard people say  
Thrashing around in a forest,  
His ideal way to spend a day.*

**Brian Johnson** passed away June whilst in the Lake District. I saw Brian at a local Lake District event on the Wednesday before the British Middle Distance Championships and unfortunately that was the last time we saw him. Brian was a very competent orienteer always in the mix in the major competitions. He was not just an orienteer though; there were many other interests and activities that a lot of people may not be aware of. He wrote walking/trekking guides for Cicerone, was described by John Warren as “a near professional Mountaineer” which is probably right having climbed all 284 Munros in one summer, played bowls and bridge regularly and was a World Amateur Chess Champion.”

All present stood for a one-minute silence to pay their respects.

2. **Minutes of the 52nd AGM** were accepted and will be signed.

### 3. **Chairman’s Report:**

The Chairman gave an overview of the past year (See full report - Appendix A).

Highlights include:

The notable achievements of our junior members.

Congratulations to the Wimborne winners in the South West Championship.

Our appreciation and thanks to Rob Mills and Chris Branford for their ongoing work with MapRun events.

What a pleasure it was to host events at Inside Park and Golden Cap.

The success of the Caddihoe weekend, with a special mention of the tireless effort put in by the Organiser, Kevin Pickering and his team of helpers.

Thanks to the outgoing committee, particularly Chris Branford for his work as fixture secretary.

### 4. **Treasurers Report:**

The income and expenditure sheet for 1<sup>st</sup> September 2020 – 31<sup>st</sup> August 2021 is attached as Appendix B.

Despite restrictions, the events at Inside park and Golden Cap netted good profits and the surplus for events for the year was £568.87.

On the other hand, the club had expenditure commitments, such as insurance, web hosting and SI battery replacement, leading to an overall operating loss for the year of, -£469.17.

The Caddihoe Weekend will be included in the 2021 - 2022 year's finances, though there were losses recorded for last year due to the 2020 cancellation and associated unavoidable expenses.

Our Premium Bonds have been transferred back into the current account and the balance is £13242.99.

## **5. Officers and Committee Members.**

Andrew French is standing down after 3 years as Club Chairman, our sincere thanks go to him.

Kevin Pickering was proposed as the new Club Chairman by Andrew French and seconded by Dick Keighley.

A vote was taken in support of the proposal. The result was unanimously in favour and Kevin accepted the role.

Karen French agreed to continue as Club Treasurer, nominated by Trevor Bridle and seconded by Chris Branford. Nomination uncontested, unanimously carried.

Philip Harvey agreed to continue as Club Secretary, nominated by Trevor Bridle and seconded by Chris Branford. Nomination uncontested, unanimously carried.

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

It was proposed by Rob Mills that all incumbent committee members should be re-elected for another year. This was seconded by Karen French.

A vote was unopposed and all were re-elected.

For the year 2021 – 2022:

Chairman - Kevin Pickering

Secretary - Philip Harvey

Treasurer - Karen French

Committee members

Chris Branford

Dick Keighley

Andy French

Kath Pike

Eamon Staunton  
Life member – John Warren  
Club Captain – Rob Mills

## **6. Club Fees for 2022.**

The annual club fees should be unchanged for the coming year. £5 for a senior and £1 for a junior member.

Unanimously agreed.

## **7. Any Other Business.**

**7.1 KP:** Reported that the club has averaged a £13k - £15k positive bank balance at the end of each year for at least the past 6 years. He welcomed any suggestions from members as to how this money might be used.

Several ideas were discussed, including supporting juniors, investing in SIAC dibbers, trying to attract new family members, information leaflets, prescribing for health schemes, and more use of social media platforms.

**AF** - we should take these ideas to the committee.

**7.2 DK:** Highlighted the increasing difficulties in getting permission to use Forestry England areas for orienteering. Their fee structure makes it financially challenging to put on small events and restrictions due to ground nesting birds will reduce the effective orienteering season to around 6 months of the year.

**7.3 KP:** Looking forward to events we might host in the future, he would like us to consider the British Night Championships in 2023 and the British Championships in 2025.

**7.4 KP:** Conversations he heard at Richard Brightman's funeral emphasised the importance of the Boxing Day Canter, with many families and friends make it a traditional part of their Christmas timetable. It is a social event as much as it is orienteering and we should treasure it.

## **8. The chairman closed the meeting at 20:30**

A buffet selection was then served (Thanks to Trevor and Madeline) and we all tried to remember how to hold a conversation whilst eating finger foods and balancing a beverage at the same time. It has been a while, and some life skills need practice.