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**WIMBORNE ORIENTEERS
MINUTES OF THE 54TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
FRIDAY 28th OCTOBER 2022
HELD AT HOLT VILLAGE HALL**

PRESENT AT THE MEETING:

Kevin Pickering (**Chairman**), Karen French (Treasurer), Andrew French, Hilary Pickering, Lyn Branford, Chris Branford, Dick Keighley, Trevor Bridle, Madeleine Bridle, Roger Moore, Keith Henderson, John Tilsley, Di Tilsley, John Warren, Kath Pike, Rob Mills, Kirsty Staunton, Jo Stanley. L-J Evans, Eamon Staunton (Interim Secretary).

APOLOGIES:

Philip Harvey (Secretary), Nicola Harvey, Sue Hands, John Shucksmith, Debs Mays, Jim Graham, Judith Bland, David Bland, Martin Cross, Gillian Cross, Becca Ewing, Debbie Ewing, Jo Pickering, Lawrence Shaw, Serena Chabas, Simon Branford.

- **The Minutes of the 53rd AGM** were accepted and will be signed.

- **Chairman's Report:**

The Chairman gave an overview of the past year, his full report is attached as Appendix A.

There have been difficulties over the past year, mostly related to getting permission to use areas for Orienteering. The National Trust are not allowing us to use Ibsley Common, Forestry England are imposing more restrictions on use of the New Forest and uncertainty from the MoD have made it difficult to use Bovington.

Despite this, we hosted 19 events in the past year and look forward to:

- The Boxing Day Canter.
- The British Nights Championship on February 18th (including a free hot meal for helpers).
- The Euro City Race in Bournemouth and Poole, in June.
- Wessex Night League events over the winter.

- Summer League 2023.
- Compass Sport Cup qualifier at Holmsley on 21.1.2023. The club will pay entry fees and we should aim to build on our result from last year.
- Our Club Christmas Dinner on 16th December 2022

Kevin celebrated the success of club members over the past 12 months (see appendix A). Trophies were on display.

From the profits of Caddihoe 2022 the club and local landowners have donated £1000 to charities.

Thanks to the outgoing committee, particularly Kath Pike for keeping us up to date with Mailchimp.

Best wishes go to Mike Kite who is recovering from an injury. Mike has been a member for many years, is the producer of the club Waffle on the website and has planned, organised and mapped many areas.

Eamon Staunton is standing down from the committee.

- **Treasurers Report:**

The income and expenditure sheet for 1st September 2021 – 31st August 2022 is attached as Appendix B.

Our three largest events (Ocknell, Caddihoe and Boxing Day Canter) were very successful, leading to surplus of £5025.28 for the year.

Significant expenditure included, SI equipment, Team relay entry fees and Compass Sport Cup entry fees.

The club continues to give financial help to members competing or training at regional or national level, particularly juniors.

Money from the Richard Brightman Legacy was used to support a combined WIM/WSX junior relay team.

For the year 2021 – 2022 the excess of income over expenditure was £2588.20.

The club's current bank account holding is £15831.19

TB suggested corrections to the year dates and excess of Income – agreed.

KeP discussed how we set event fees, trying to predict participant numbers, keep costs reasonable and still make some profit.

LB asked for clarification about financial help for club juniors. **DK** replied, confirming the club's commitment to supporting juniors. He reminded us that SWOA also donate about £7k each year to develop talent in the South West Region.

- **Officers and Committee Members.**

Kevin Pickering is willing to continue as the Club Chairman, nominated by Dick Keighley, seconded by John Tilsley.

A vote was taken in support of the proposal. The result was unanimously in favour and Kevin was re-elected to the role.

Karen French agreed to continue as Club Treasurer, nominated by Kath Pike and seconded by L-J Evans. Nomination uncontested, unanimously carried.

Philip Harvey agreed to continue as Club Secretary, nominated by Andy French and seconded by Rob Mills. Nomination uncontested, unanimously carried.

Vicky McCreadie is willing to accept a role on the committee. Nominated by John Tilsley, seconded by John Warren and carried unanimously.

It was proposed by John Tilsley that all remaining committee members should be re-elected for another year. This was seconded by John Warren.

A vote was unopposed and all were re-elected.

For the year 2022 – 2023:

Chairman - Kevin Pickering

Secretary - Philip Harvey

Treasurer - Karen French

Committee members

Chris Branford

Dick Keighley

Andy French

Kath Pike

Vicky McCreadie

Life member – John Warren

Club Captain – Rob Mills

- **Club Fees for 2023.**

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

Unanimously agreed.

- **Any Other Business.**
 - i. **DT** showed a Dorset County Council leaflet, circulated to all residences in Dorset, highlighting the **Get Active** campaign. This included a specific and positive endorsement of the role played by Wimborne Orienteering club.
 - ii. **ES** reported on progress trying to bring back orienteering to areas not used for many years. We now have permission to use **Bere Wood** and mapping is in progress. Forestry England have very recently agreed to 'permission in principle' for us to use **Puddletown Forest**.
 - iii. **VMcC** is proposing to introduce regular coaching sessions for club members. Details to be confirmed.
 - iv. **TB** reported that 29 club members have expressed an interest in attending the club Christmas dinner at the True Lovers Knot on 16th December. Wessex have asked to join us, 10 of their members are likely to attend. **RM** expressed our thanks to **TB** for organising this event.
 - v. The National Trust have told us they need an environmental assessment of Ibsley Common, but do not have the resources to complete one. **KS** suggested WIM might privately commission a report to help obtain permission for orienteering. Discussed.

- **The chairman closed the meeting at 20:30**

A buffet selection was served (many thanks to Trevor and Madeleine)

Kevin Pickering then gave an excellent illustrated presentation about orienteering: 'Home and Abroad'.

The talk mixed humour, emotion and self-deprecation as he charted his progress from novice foot orienteer, to becoming an Asia/Pacific international champion and more recently a highly successful mountain bike orienteer.

Take home message: "Seconds Count!"

An entertaining and well received finish to the evening.