

WIMBORNE ORIENTEERING MINUTES OF THE 55TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Friday 13 October 2023

HELD AT: Holt Village Hall

Present

Kevin Pickering (Chair), Karen French (Treasurer), Vicky McCreadie (Acting Secretary), John Warren, Dick Keighley, Rob Mills, Kath Pike, Chris Branford, Lynn Branford, Grace French, Tom Alcock, Nicola Harvey, Hilary Pickering, Trevor Bridle, Madeleine Bridle, Keith Henderson, L-J Evans

Apologies for Absence

Tamsin and Steve Horsler; Jo and Lawrence Shaw, Mike and Mary Kite, Paul and Annie Pickering; Eamon and Kirsty Staunton, Andy French, Phil Harvey, Simon Branford, Stu McCreadie.

The minutes of the 54th AGM were accepted and signed as a true and accurate reflection.

1. Chairpersons Report

The Chairman gave an overview of the past year with his full report in Appendix A.

Summary: Permissions continue to be an issue. The planned Bournemouth City Race had to be abandoned due to the Parks Division refusing permissions and Bournemouth University flagging up security issues for the campus. Forestry England only allows New Forest races only allows races between September and January with no large events at all.

Despite these issues, as a club we have organised many events including the British Night Championships, WRNL events, summer league events and the planning continues for future events.

Kevin congratulated all the clubs many successes over the past year which can be found in Appendix A.

Kevin would like to formally congratulate Chris Branford who is now a life member of the club for all his years of service and commitment.

He thanked everyone for their support as he is standing down as Chair having completed his 3-year tenure.

2. Treasurer's Report

The income and expenditure can be found in Appendix B.

Largest expenditures are the insurance which includes this year's and last year's insurance just due to when it fell and SI Licence which is for the next 5 years.

The club continues to give grants to members competing at regional and national level, including the Junior Dorset team. SWOA grants will be reducing to 40% due to the great success of the junior team.

For the year 2022 – 2023 the expenditure over income was £5398.83.

The club's current bank account holding is £10,432.36

It was asked if we gained interest on this account. No due to it being a charity account.

Open to suggestions on how to spend the money in the future.

3. Election of Officers

Kevin stands down as Chairperson.

Kath Pike proposed as new Chairperson. Proposed by Kevin Pickering, 2nd by Karen French.
Unanimously passed.

Treasurer: Karen French agreed to continue as Club Treasurer, nominated by Rob Mills and seconded by Tom Alcock. Nomination uncontested, unanimously carried.

Secretary: Vicky McCreddie proposed as new secretary. Proposed by Kevin Pickering, 2nd by Rob Mills. Nomination uncontested, unanimously carried.

Safeguarding officer remains unfilled as Hilary is standing down – committee to discuss at a later date.

Linda Pakuls and Tom Alcock are willing to accept a role on the committee. Nominated by Vicky McCreddie, seconded by Rob Mills and carried unanimously.

Committee members:

Richard Keighley

Andy French

Kevin Pickering

Linda Pakuls (newly voted in)

Tom Alcock (newly voted in)

Junior rep: Grace French

Life member – John Warren, Trevor Bridle, Emily Kale, Helen Bridle, Chris Brandford

Club Captain – Rob Mills

4. Club Fees for 2024

It is recommended that club fees remain as they are. £5 for adults and £1 for juniors.

Unanimously agreed.

5. AOB

Richard Keighley promoted the new permanent course at Hive Beach which is accessible on the website.

Kevin asked for volunteers for planners and organisers for the Compass Sport Qualifier on 18 Feb 24.

Keith Henderson asked about combining Wimborne and Wessex Orienteering clubs. It was voted that the committee could discuss at committee level and report back to the club on the outcome. 2nd by Rob Mills and unanimously agreed.

AGM closed at 2021hrs Friday 13 Oct 2023

Meeting was followed by a buffet and a talk from Grace French on the successes of the Junior Dorset Squad and their adventures and good points on what they have learnt from high levels of coaching.

AGM 2023 Chairman's report

Welcome everyone to the 2023 Wimborne AGM

This is our 55th AGM and looking through past AGM's similar topics arise in most of them.

Access to areas suitable for our sport. Last year I outlined some of the problems we had been having in obtaining permissions for events, but ended on looking forward and advising we were planning a Euro city race in the centre of Bournemouth and additional sprint day at Bournemouth University. All was looking good for permissions with Bournemouth council tourist department very keen and suggesting the finish should be right in the main part of town, but they needed to ask various other departments with interests. Police and fire brigade were OK, beach, town, parking and tourist departments gave approval but the parks division turned us down as they did not want people running and damaging the grass in June. We advised that there would be different courses and that very few runners went the same way and that they had thousands of people picnicking and on the grass in the holidays, but the reply was still No.

Bournemouth University were OK to start with then starting raising concerns that they would need security Guards, litter pickers, toilet cleaning staff, car parking attendants all on a Sunday and that we could not police the event ourselves.

Forestry England only allows us to use parts of the New forest between September and January. It's easier for people to say NO than give us permissions.

It's possibly why 31 members travelled to Scotland to compete in the Scottish 6 days where Alice French achieved a 2nd overall position and Rebecca Ewing 3rd place

Other successes this year

Keith Henderson won the WIM Founders trophy at the November classic on 6 Nov 2022

Grace French and Monty Bratcher-Howard selected for the GB talent squad South

Wim club league 2022 best results from 11 events the winners were

Mike Christopher, Sue Hands, Harry Bratcher-Howard, and Alice French

Thanks to Mike Kite for scoring

Grace selected for England Orienteering, Harry and Monty as reserves

Compass sport trophy qualifier winners,

I hope we are all looking forward to the final on Nov 12th

Wim organised the British night championships at Moors Valley Country Park where we had the pleasure to entertain 251 runners on the night. This was thanks to the 45 helpers we had assisting to make everything run smoothly. I think everyone appreciated the warm hall and the free meal for helpers at the end of the event and it created a great atmosphere for the medal presentations. 90 to be presented overall and 4 club member received medals

Keith Henderson 1st M80, Monty Bratcher-Howard 2nd M16

Vicky McCreadie 2nd W40, Joanne Pickering 3rd W35

A big thank you to Linda Pauklus for Planning 11 different courses that made everyone have to think and run hard.

Next major event was the British Long Champs in April.

Keith Henderson 1st M80, Elizabeth Horsler 2nd W20E, Alice French 3rd W12

Followed by the JK, Alice had a good week 2nd in the sprint, 3rd in the middle and 3rd in the long, Karen French came 3rd in the sprint, Sue Hands 1st in the middle and 2nd in the long always very competitive racing for everyone attending and a great event to be at.

Dick Keighley achieved a Bronze in the PreO and in the sprint Pre O at the JK

Sprint and middle British Championships in May Alice 2nd and 3rd. Karen 3rd in the sprint

Vicky McCreadie at the European Masters Games achieved a first place and two second places.

September a combined Wim/Wsx junior team came 4th in Peter Palmer Relays winning the Best small clubs trophy and they continued this success at the British relay championships where teams came 2nd and 6th

Caddihoe chase was another great weekend event

Alice winning with Edward Harvey, Harry and Sue in 2nd places

The Sunday was the South West long distance championship and we had 3 winners

Edward, Alice and Harry

And finally, and apologies to anyone I have missed in our list of successes this year, please let me know if I have, I cycled to a World Masters Silver and Bronze medal at the MTBO championship in Slovenia and also by winning the last 4 races of the season in Belgium and Italy I ended the season top of the league and was presented the winners medal in Italy.

For the record I would mention one of our previous club members who is a life member of the Club, Emily Benham Kvale she first rode in the World orienteering MTBO championship at 18 and came 35th.

That race was in 2007 and she announced her retirement from racing at the recent world cup where she won Gold and 3 silvers.

Ending her career with and 3 bronze, 9 silvers, and 10 world titles

She is the Worlds All time best Female MTBO athlete.

Our other Life members are Trevor Bridle, John Warren and Helen Bridle

Tonight we would like to award another life membership to a member who is standing down from the committee after helping the club for too many years to count. He has planned, organised, mapped many of our areas that we use and continues to orienteer to a very high standard. He doesn't need any more introductions as we all know how much he contributes to our club-

Chris Branford

I am sure we would all like to thank the committee for their continued support in organising and running the club, and as it's my end of term as chairman, I would like to thank everybody for keeping me in line and getting me to the start line in time and for having the fun that this sport delivers.

Kevin Pickering

Chairman Wimborne Orienteers 13th October 2023



WIMBORNE ORIENTEERS

Ref	<u>EVENTS</u>	<u>INCOME</u>	<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	<u>SURPLUS</u>
1	Boxing Day Canter	1,305.80	851.70	454.10
2	Verwood Map Run		67.20	-67.20
3	Verwood Night League	227.00	127.30	99.70
4	British Night Champs	5,718.62	3,883.72	1,834.90
5	Bere Wood	1,367.80	1,144.34	223.46
6	Shillingstone Night	255.72	146.30	109.42
7	Ocknell 2022		313.00	-313.00
8	Wessex Night League	244.00	320.00	-76.00
9	BOC Relays		153.00	-153.00
10	JK Relays		140.00	-140.00
11	Map Run League Entries	834.40	417.20	417.20
12	Blandford Milldown Map Run		84.60	-84.60
13	Ferndown Map Run		74.10	-74.10
14	Sherborne Map Run		46.80	-46.80

Income and Expenditure 1 September 2022 to 31 August 23

Balance in Hand	10,432.36	10,432.36
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Represented by:-

Bank Current Account	10,432.36	
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Result of Events		2,184.08
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GENERAL EXPENSES

	<u>INCOME</u>	<u>EXPENDITURE</u>
AGM		228.70
Bank charges		60.80
BOF Membership	407.00	
BOF Renewal		70.00
Club Insurance		923.60
Compass Sport Cup		395.00
Donation	24.96	
Dorset Shirts		240.49
Engraving		37.85
Equipment		369.21
First Aid course		550.00
Grants		577.50
Mapping		2,160.00
Relay Entries		106.66
SI Equipment		391.15
SI Licences		984.97
Trophies		82.00
Wim Club Tops	96.46	933.40

Totals	10,481.76	15,880.59
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Excess of Expenditure	-5,398.83	
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Balance as at 1 September 2022	15,831.19	
Excess of Expenditure	-5,398.83	

The above receipts and payments accounts were approved at the Wimborne AGM on **13 Oct 2023** and signed by:

Secretary[Philip Harvey]

Treasurer[Karen French] Auditor.....[Trevor Bridle]