



Wimborne Orienteers

Minutes of 48th AGM

Held at Wimborne Town Hall on Friday October 14th 2016

Present: John Warren, Lynn Branford, Chris Branford, Karen French (**Treasurer**), Andrew French, Grace French, Alice French, Nikki Crawford, Sophie Lawrence, Philip Harvey (**Secretary**), Kirsty Staunton, Eamon Staunton, Debs Mays, Alex Gilbert, Jo Pickering, Annie Pickering, Hilary Pickering, Kevin Pickering (**Chairman**), John Shucksmith, Mike Kite, Di Tilsley, Becca Ellis, Dick Keighley, Andrew Howard, John Oakes, Trevor Bridle, Keith Henderson, L-J Evans
(26 voting, 2 junior)

Apologies: David Bland, Judith Bland, Gillian Cross, Martin Cross, Nicola Harvey, Chris Tween, Wendy Bullen, Simon Branford, Sue Hands, Brian Johnson, John Tilsley, Richard Brightman

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

1. Minutes of the 47th AGM:

Last year's minutes were signed by the Chairman.

2. Chairman's Report:

Kevin Pickering gave a poignant speech. The full version is attached as Appendix A.

In Summary:

- The scope of orienteering is vast: anywhere, anytime, anybody
- Helpers are relied upon – Thanks to all the helpers at our 12 events this year
- The Club has been represented at International level by 3 members:
 - Michelle Spillar at the Veteran home internationals
 - Dick Keighley in the British Trail O Team
 - Emily Benham gold medal winner in MTBO
- Successes at National Level include:
 - JK: Paul and Jo Pickering both 1st in Sprint Events
 - JK: Paul Pickering individual class winner
 - British Champs: M/W 70 Relay Team Gillian Cross / Martin Cross / John Warren. 3rd
 - British Sprints: Michelle Spillar. 2nd in Sprint and Middle Distance
 - British Sprints: Wendy Bullen. Class winner.
 - Croeso 5 days: Harry Bratcher-Howard. 3rd in class
 - Many others. Participation is winning.
- Main highlight of the year: qualification for Compass Sport Cup final in the Lake District. 35 people travelled by coach and stayed together over night. This was the last time many members saw Barbara Warren, who since passed away. She will be greatly missed and fondly remembered.
- Looking back over AGMs as far back as 1982. In that year, membership was 53 people. 26 Senior members attended the AGM including some current members: Chris Tween, Nicki Crawford, Richard Brightman, John Walmsley,

John Shucksmith, Trevor Bridle, John Warren. Membership cost £1.50.
Bank balance was £1228

- 1993: AGM attendees: 16. Subs: £3. Balance: £2241. Hosted 9 events
- 2005: AGM attendees: 29. Subs: £5. Balance: £4820. 12 events, 1500 competitors
- 2016: AGM Attendees: 26. Subs: £5. Balance: £12300. 12 events, 1200 competitors. Membership: 122, some of which are family units.
- From these statistics, some of our members are of very long standing
- The percentage of AGM attendees is trending downwards, while the membership numbers are trending upwards
- We maintain the number of events, but competitor numbers are down.
- Well financed, excellent balance sheet.
- What are our problems?
 - Difficulty finding event officials (Planners, Controllers, Organisers)
 - The membership is getting older
- How can we rectify the problems:
 - We need to discuss this and find a way.
 - Decide what we want our club to be and do
 - Anywhere, anytime, anybody

3. Treasurer's Report

From Karen French. See Appendix B for the full report

In Summary:

- 26 events with surplus £2979.06
- Four of the events gave a surplus over £500,
- Winter Warmer at Ringwood, and Galoppen at Ibsley both yielded over £1000
- Informal events generally show a deficit.
- Subsidising of members' attendance at the Compass Sport Cup Final was a large item of expenditure
- Membership fees contributed £560.00, down £24 from last year
- Donations were received in recognition of additional work done by the club in the wider community.
- The biggest item of expenditure was on purchase of new laptops.
- We spent £1200 on relay entry fees
- Finances are in a very healthy state. Balance: £12847.64

4. Election of Officers

Chairman – Kevin Pickering was unopposed. Nominated by Andy French,
Seconded by Chris Branford.

Secretary - Philip Harvey was unopposed. Nominated by Trevor Bridle,
Seconded by Kevin Pickering.

Treasurer - Karen French was unopposed. Nominated by Trevor Bridle,
Seconded by Kevin Pickering.

5. Election of Committee

The following indicated that they were willing to stand for re-election:

Chris Branford (Fixtures Sec)	Nom: Kevin Pickering	Sec: Chris Branford
Dick Keighley	Nom: Kevin Pickering	Sec: Chris Branford
John Warren	Nom: Kevin Pickering	Sec: Chris Branford

Andy French

Nom: Kevin Pickering

Sec: Chris Branford

The following are keen to take up committee roles:

Andrew Howard

Nom: Kevin Pickering

Sec: Chris Branford

Eamon Staunton

Nom: Kevin Pickering

Sec: Chris Branford

John Oakes

Nom: Kevin Pickering

Sec: Chris Branford

All were duly elected.

NOTE: Since the AGM, it has been noted that the club constitution allows 9 committee members. Therefore, the 10 listed above are in excess. John Warren is a 'Life Member' (see later in these minutes), and will attend committee meetings in this capacity.

6. Club Fees for 2017

The Chairman prompted a lively discussion by suggesting that we may consider increasing the fees, but give more free runs. This might stimulate those dormant members into activity.

The general consensus was that the fees should remain unchanged, but efforts should focus on reminding those dormant members, and particularly to ask for their help at events.

The fees will remain unchanged at £5 Senior and £1 Junior. Proposed by Keith Henderson, Seconded by Karen French, carried by the meeting.

7. A.O.B

7.1. Mike Kite: Would it be possible to upload the minutes from each committee meeting to the website:

Philip Harvey: No problem, will upload, but without financial details.

7.2. Keith Henderson: We have money and are a big club. We should go out and advertise more. E.g. at Park Runs

Committee: We do. There are always flyers available.

Keith Henderson: How about inviting Parkrunners to an orienteering training session immediately after the Parkrun? (i.e. ca. 10:00 on Saturday morning)

Committee: An excellent idea.

L-J Evans: How about targeting competitors at cycling events, or at Brutal / Muddy type events? Orienteering may appeal to these type of competitors, who may not realise how tough and muddy it is.

7.3. Hilary Pickering: Is there any foreseeable need for big expenditure on equipment in the next year or so?

Dick Keighley: There might be the need, but nothing definite. Equipment is replaced as and when required.

Di Tilsley: We need to retain some money in reserve for unforeseen equipment purchases. We bought the SI gear with money from a National Lottery grant. If we need to replace this, then the cost will be considerable.

Kevin Pickering: We will not be spending all the reserves.

7.4. Dick Keighley: Thanks to Mike Kite for all the work he did building the new website. It's very good.

7.5. L-J Evans: Reminder to everyone to vote in the British Orienteering EGM.

7.6. Kevin Pickering: Propose that John Warren be made a Life Member of the club. At this point, John was presented with a photo montage. There was unanimous, enthusiastic support from the assembled membership, and many comments of appreciation for John's stellar efforts over many years. Indeed, no-one is more deserving of this honour.

7.7. Andy French: Propose that Becca Ellis be appointed as Club Captain. Seconded by Philip Harvey. All agreed.

The meeting closed at 20:20

A selection of fine foods was served, which the assembled throng decimated with gusto, and then the following talks were beautifully presented and well received:

Kevin Pickering: The North American Orienteering Championships 2016

Jo Pickering and Annie Pickering: Breca Swimrun Buttermere 2016

John Warren: Organisation of Events in the Olden Days

Eamon Staunton: The Everest Marathon

Appendix A: Chairman's Report

Fellow members

What is the beauty of Orienteering

satisfaction, disappointment, jumping in puddles

running fast, walking slow, getting lost or finding your way

all ages, all sizes, all nationalities

early mornings, late afternoons, middle of the night

Cities, Meadows, Sand dunes, Forest

Sprint, Middle, Long, Night, Memory, Bike

Sun, Rain Snow

are we the only sport to do it anywhere anytime anybody

and what does it rely on Helpers at all events

so thank you to all the helpers at our events organisers, planners and the committee

who have overseen the 12 major events we have run this past year

The past year we have been represented at international level by 3 members

Michelle Spillar at the Veteran home internationals

Dick Keightly in the British Trail O Team

and Emily Benham gold medal winner in MTBO

Club members have travelled far and wide this year to the major events in the country

They have been all reported and I have just picked out a few highlights

at the JK Paul and Jo Pickering came first in the sprint events

Paul then won his class on the next 2 days

The British championship outstanding result was the M/W 70 relay team of Gillian and Martin Cross and John Warren coming 3rd

The British Sprints held in the Olympic Park Michelle was 2nd in the sprint and the Middle distance

In first place in her class in the sprints was Wendy Bullen

The Welsh 5 day, one to watch for the future Harry Bratcher- Howard was 3rd

We have many other winners in the club who have won at the various disciplines we have in the year so congratulations to all of them but I believe taking part makes us all winners

The highlight of my year was the club qualifying for the Compass sport Cup final in the lake district and the club getting together and running a coach to the event with an overnight stay for 35 people

This was also the last time one of our members was with us before her passing away

and the club will remember with fondness Barbara Warren who did so much to help us all.

She was with us all supporting our hard efforts in the event as we all gave our best

although we didn't win I think we won the prize as the loudest club cheering

unfortunately this year we did not qualify for the final.

The club was formed in 1970 I have only managed to find AGM reports dating back to 1982 the 15th AGM in which year we had a membership of 53 people and 26 attended the AGM of which some are still present today

Chris Tween, Nicki Crawford, Richard Brightman, John Walmsley, John Shucksmith, Trevor Bridle, John Warren senior cost to join the club was £1.50 and we had a balance £1228 in our account

in the AGM of 1993 most of those members were present plus Jane Richardson and Dick Keightley

the attendance at the AGM was 16 members we ran 9 events seniors cost £3 balance of £2241
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So what do some of these stats give us although we could take different years and come out with a different result

Some of our members have been very long standing
our Percentage AGM numbers keep reducing our membership is on a slight rise
we run the same number of events now but entries are reduced
We are a very well financed Club with a excellent balance sheet

So what are our problems ?

difficulty of finding helpers to do the main jobs of running events
a membership that is getting Older

How do we rectify these problems ?

These are the things we need to discuss and find a way forward
as to what we want our club to be and do
because as I said at the beginning of this report anywhere, anytime , anybody

Thank You
Kevin Pickering

Appendix B: Treasurer's Report

Income

Wimborne had another busy year with 26 events giving us an surplus of £2979.06. This does include about £500 spent on the Caddihoe which actually falls into this years accounts.

A full breakdown of the finances for each event is attached to the Accounts. Four events netted over £500, with the Winter Warmer at Ringwood and Ibsley Galoppen giving a surplus of over £1000.

A number of events show a deficit but these are our informal events which have to been run to try and encourage new members.

Our other large deficit was the Compass Sport Final which was heavily subsidised being held in the Lake District.

Even with these losses we have a healthy surplus.

Membership Fees this year contributed £560.00 to the club accounts, a decrease of £24 from last year.

The Club also greatly benefitted from donations which indicates how much additional work is undertaken by the club and its members to serve the wider community and as such we have used some of this money to show our appreciation to a number of club members.

Expenditure

Our biggest expenditure this year was the purchase of new laptops in order to maintain our computing power at all our events. Relay entry fees accounted for about £1200 which shows how well supported we are at all the national events.

Finally

This year we have actually spent more than we earned but the club is in a healthy state with a total balance of £12847.64.

Does anyone have any questions they would like to raise?