

WIMBORNE ORIENTEERING MINUTES OF THE 56TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Friday 18 October 2024

HELD AT: Holt Village Hall

Present

Kath Pike (Chair), Karen French (Treasurer), Vicky McCreadie (Secretary), Dick Keighley, Rob Mills, Chris Branford, Lynn Branford, Grace French, Tom Alcock, Hilary Pickering, Trevor Bridle, Madeleine Bridle, Keith Henderson, Pete Akers, Kevin Pickering, Eamon and Kirsty Staunton, Debs Mays, Philip Harvey

Apologies for Absence

Di and John Tilsey, Tamsin and Steve Horsler; Jo and Lawrence Shaw, Mike and Mary Kite, Paul and Annie Pickering, Andy French, Simon Branford, Stu McCreadie, LJ Evans, John Warren, Linda Pakuls, Nicola Harvey,

The minutes of the 55th AGM were accepted and signed as a true and accurate reflection.

Approved Kevin Pickering 2nd Karen French

1. Chairpersons Report

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

Summary: Successes of clubs inc. juniors up to England level and talent squads.

Compass Sport trophy 2023 - 3rd overall.

Thank you to all those who organised events throughout the year.

Summer League format was very successful and we will look to continue it next year.

Permissions continue to be challenge but a Forest Fixtures Team has been organised to gain extra event days in the New Forest in conjunction with other local clubs and SOC who own the permissions contract.

Look forward to many events over the next year. Thank you to all those who volunteer and those who wish to be mentored in organise, plan and map areas please contact the committee.

Thank you to Dick Keighley for all his hard work as he stands down from the committee. He has been awarded lifetime membership of WIM.

2. Treasurer's Report

The income and expenditure can be found in Appendix B.

The club's current bank account holding is £9872.27

Income: 8657.06

Outgoing: £9217.15

Largest expenditure: Many batteries for SI control boxes were being replaced over the year, and equipment maintenance.

WIM pay for club members running in relays, and insurance of £500.

We saved money as we organised the Compass Sport Trophy so didn't have to pay club entry fees.

Night League is a good source of income. MapRun has a fee and levies so we don't make any profit on the summer league so may consider raising the cost from £12 for 6 races. Keeping fees low to encourage more people to come but a lot of work goes into organising them.

Not as many events this year due to difficulties in gaining permissions and cost.

Biggest income is club membership.

The club continues to give grants to members competing at regional and national level, including the Junior Dorset team. Club pay 25% of juniors fees when selected for Junior Tours. SWOA pay 40% of the fees

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

Proposal for Committee from the floor: Planners, Organisers and Mappers to be given a set figure of "£a figure" to cover costs if they want to take the money for their time and effort. Would make the cost norm so more people may volunteer to map areas, organise and plan events. If decided to do this and the volunteer turns the contribution down could the money go into the juniors fund?

3. Election of Officers

Chairperson: Kath Pike. Nominated Karen French; Seconded Kevin Pickering. Nomination uncontested, unanimously carried.

Treasurer: Karen French agreed to continue as Club Treasurer, nominated by Vicky McCreadie; seconded by Tom Alcock. Nomination uncontested, unanimously carried.

Secretary: Vicky McCreadie. Nominated Tom Alcock; seconded Kath Pike. Nomination uncontested, unanimously carried.

Club Captain: Tom Alcock. Nominated by Vicky McCreadie; Seconded by Rob Mills. Nomination uncontested, unanimously carried.

IT and Equipment manager: Richard Keighley is standing down and a replacement is required.

Safeguarding officer being filled by Kath Pike who has completed the training.

Committee members:

Andy French

Kevin Pickering

Junior rep: Grace French

Life member – John Warren, Trevor Bridle, Emily Kvale, Helen Bridle, Chris Branford, Richard Keighley

All members unanimously voted in. There are 2 spaces open on the committee if other club member are willing to volunteer.

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

- a. Propose a club social on 23rd November 1430hrs at John Warrens care home over tea and cake. Details to be released via Mailchimp.
- b. Dick Keighley has also been on SWOA committee for 45 years on and off and is now leaving this too so we would like to thank him for his years of hard work.
- c. SWOA AGM 22 Oct 24 if people can attend. (N.B. Subsequently at SWOA AGM, Dick received Life membership award from SWOA and Rob Mills became SWOA Fixtures Sec)
- d. Coaching: Let Vicky McCreadie know if there are skills people want to focus on for coaching and she will organise training sessions.
- e. Christmas Meal: Ideas of where to hold it and to be held with Wessex. Details to follow.

AGM closed at 2030hrs Friday 18 Oct 2024

Meeting was followed by a buffet and a talk from Kevin Pickering, Tom Alcock and Vicky McCreadie on overseas orienteering and MTBO events they have attended this year.

Chairpersons statement

Welcome to our 2024 AGM. I would like to start this evening by looking back at some of the achievements of our members over the past year.

Starting with our Juniors - a vital part of any club – they are the future of orienteering - and it is good to see them taking part in and, more importantly, enjoying events.

Some of our juniors are members of the SW Junior Orienteering Squad, one of 12 Regional groups which aim to develop junior orienteering talent through training camps and events. This year, in August, Harry and Grace went to Stockholm for a 2-week training camp; Alice, Grace, Harry and Monty were selected for JIRCS (Junior Inter-regional Competition) at Mallards Pike in September and Alice has been selected for the JHIs (Junior Home Internationals) in Norfolk later this month.

Alice and Harry were selected to compete as travelling reserves to represent England in Interland 2024 on 24th March

Grace and Harry have also been selected for the 2024 GB Talent South Squad, which aims to develop 15 – 18-year-olds beyond the regional squad level.

It can be hard, when you have a relatively small number of juniors, to make up teams for relay events. However, in April, at the British Relay Champs, we were able to make use of the new 'Neighbouring Club Alliance' rule, whereby teams can be formed between clubs in the same region. The 'Dorset Delights', comprising Grace French with Lyra and Eskerina Medlock came 3rd in W18 our other team, the 'Dorset Dinos' - Alice French, Monty Bratcher-Howard and Harry Bratcher-Howard - came 6th in Junior Ad Hoc.

Now to move on to some of the other successes since the last AGM

At the Compass Sport Trophy Final at Beechenhurst in November, WIM were 3rd out of 12 clubs. Special thanks to Keith who got 100 points towards our total.

In the 2023 UK Orienteering League, Sue Hands and Keith Henderson both won their age classes and Karen French was 3rd in W55. In the SW orienteering league, we had one winner – Alice French. In the 2023 WIM club league the winners were Mike Christopher, Sue Hands, Monty Bratcher-Howard, and Alice French. Thanks to Mike Kite for sorting out the scoring in the club league, and a heads up that here are just two more events to go in the 2024 league.

At the November Classic the Founder's Trophy went to Sue Hands

The JK this year was held at Beaudesert in the Midlands. Sue Hands came 3rd in the Middle Distance and Keith Henderson came 2nd in the Long, and 3rd overall.

In June, BOK hosted the SW Sprint Champs at the University of Bath with its challenging 3-level map. WIM members were very successful at this event, and we now have the following SW Sprint champions in their respective age classes:

Grace French W18

Monty Bratcher-Howard M16

Harry Bratcher-Howard M18

John Oakes M50

Karen French W55
Chris Branford M75
Sue Hands W75

In the British Sprint Champs in June, Harry Bratcher-Howard came 2nd in M18
And finally, after being out of competition for some time now, Dick Keighley won the P class in the British TrailO Champs on Saturday Oct 12th and was 2nd overall in the P class after the TempO and PreO Sprint on the Sunday.

In the World Masters MTBO Championships in Viborg, Denmark in August, Kevin Pickering won the Gold medal in the Mass Start event, took silver in the M70 Sprint and retained his M70 world league 1st position.

Turning now to our own events, huge thanks are due to all those involved in organising a range of events over the year, including our annual SWOL event which was held at Inside Park in December, and in February we hosted the Compass Sport qualifier at Bere Wood – this was won by Sarum (WIM were 3rd)

We were also geared up to host the British Schools Score Championships on 12th October, and Kevin and Karen had done all the hard work planning & organising, but unfortunately this event was cancelled by the British Schools Orienteering Association two weeks before the event due to lack of entries.

On a more positive note, the Wessex Region Night League continues to be very popular, and WIM contributed with events in West Moors, Ringwood and Fordingbridge. Jo Shaw and Vicky McCreadie came 1st and 2nd respectively in the Women's Open and Rob Mills came 3rd in the age-graded men. The next night league kicks off in November '24.

In the past, we have tried various forms of summer league to keep members entertained, and this year's format in collaboration with WSX has proved very successful - a mix of 'physical' events on a single day, which allowed participants to get together for a chat and sometimes a meal afterwards, and the month-long MapRuns which people could complete in their own time. Tom Alcock took over as the league scorer and according to Tom's stats at least 114 people took part from 12 different clubs.

The top WIM results were:

Chris Branford, age-graded winner in Maprun

John Oakes: 2nd place in physical league and 2nd place overall

Becca Ewing: 1st in physical league,

Karen French 2nd in physical league and 1st overall

We will hopefully be able to provide an equally successful Summer League in 2025.

Thinking of future events, finding areas suitable for orienteering, and then obtaining permission to use them continues to be a challenge. In the New Forest, SOC have a local agreement with Forestry England on behalf of all civilian clubs, and there is a limit of 2 orienteering events per calendar month between September and January. It was necessary to get permission for our SWOL event at Godshill by going through SOC, a process which proved to be very difficult under the current system.

However, in order to improve this system, maximise use of the forest and ensure that all clubs get a fair chance at events on FE land, Rob Mills, together with members of SOC and WSX, have now set up a Forest Fixtures team to coordinate the fixtures on FE ground.

In order to make full use of the local agreement, SOC wish to put on as many events as possible in the New Forest, including training events, and WIM members have recently been invited to take up the surplus places at one such event at Dibden.

Also, in the spirit of cooperation between clubs, it is possible that WIM and WSX may help to put on events with SOC in the future.

Other events to look forward to are the Boxing Day Canter, night events in Wimborne and Inside Park, an urban in Gillingham as part of Southern Champs weekend, the inaugural Purbeck Challenge in February and potentially, the British MTBO Champs at Moors Valley and the SW Sprint Championships in Tidworth.

Of course, none of these events can happen without the hard work of volunteers, whether as mappers, planners, organisers or the army of helpers needed on the day to make events run smoothly. It is essential that we continue to bring in new people to the events teams in order to broaden the range of skills that we can call on in the club. Training is available through BOF and we have many experienced members who would be willing to provide support and advice. Rob has done sterling work at sourcing event officials, but now needs to concentrate on fixtures for WIM & SWOA, so we really need someone to take over this role.

I am sure you would like to join me in thanking all the members of the committee for their excellent work over the past year, and I would like to say a special thank you to Grace French for acting as our Junior Rep and keeping us up-to-date with the junior orienteering world. We would like to send our very best wishes to John Warren – we have missed him very much. It was lovely to see the photo of him out at the army event this week.

We do now need some more committee members as, unfortunately, Linda Pakuls had to stand down from the committee earlier this year. Also, and this will be a great loss to our team, I would like to thank Dick Keighley who, after many years has decided to stand down from the committee. Dick has been invaluable in managing the website and providing the computing services, both for entries and on-site at events. He has, thank goodness, agreed to continue to be our expert in this area whilst gradually handing over his duties over the next few months. Dick's contribution to WIM over the years has been immense and, in recognition of this, we would like to award him life membership of WIM orienteers.

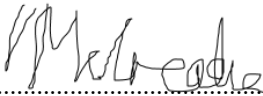


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Income and Expenditure 1 September 2022 to 31 August 24

Ref	<u>EVENTS</u>	<u>INCOME</u>	<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	<u>SURPLUS</u>
1	Boxing Day Canter	1535.24	934.48	600.76
2	British Schools Score Champs		79.00	-79.00
3	Compass Sport Cup 2024	2444.00	1637.13	806.87
4	Inside Park	739.40	562.92	176.48
5	WNL 2023/2024	1254.89	781.73	473.16
6	WNL 2023/2024 Map Run	229.00	217.27	11.73
7	WSL 2023 Map Run	46.00	342.80	-296.80
8	WSL 2024	429.78	284.96	144.82
9	WSL 2024 Map Run	704.10	556.87	147.23
	Club Insurance		493.46	
	Result of Events	7382.41	5397.16	1985.25
	 <u>GENERAL EXPENSES</u>	 <u>INCOME</u>	 <u>EXPENDITURE</u>	
	AGM - 2023 Food		103.20	
	AGM - 2024 Venue Hire		65.00	
	Bank Charges		60.00	
	BOF Club Renewal		80.00	
	Total Income and Expenditure	8657.06	9217.15	
	Excess of Expenditure	-560.09		
	Balance as at 1 September 2023	10432.36		
	Excess of Expenditure	-560.09		
	Balance in Hand	9872.27		
	Represented by:-			
	Bank Current Account	9872.27		
	Compass Sport Cup 2023		285.00	
	Donation	40.00		
	Equipment		929.16	
	Membership Income	406.00		
	Relay Entry Fees	5.50	643.00	
	Trophies		60.00	
	Website		208.62	
	WIM Club Tops	92.50		
	WIM/WSX Christmas Meal	730.65	730.65	
	WIM/WSX Junior Dorset Tops		161.90	
	Totals - General Expenses	1274.65	3819.99	
	Totals - Events	7382.41	5397.16	
		9872.27		

The above receipts and payments accounts were approved at the Wimborne
AGM on 18 October 2024 and signed by:

Secretary  [Vicky McCreadie]

Treasurer [Karen French] Auditor [Trevor Bridle]