



Wimborne Orienteers

Minutes of 46th AGM

Held at Wimborne Town Hall on Friday October 17th 2014

Present: John Whittingham, Sally Calland, Wendy Bullen, Di Tilsley, Sophie Lawrence, Vicky Crawford, Jo Stanley, Karen French, Andrew French, Grace French, Alice French, Trevor Bridle, Madeleine Bridle, Deborah Mays, Kevin Pickering, Hilary Pickering, Lynn Branford, Chris Branford, John Shucksmith, John Warren, Barbara Warren, Martin Cross, Mike Kite, Philip Harvey, Dick Keighley (25)

Apologies: Bernice and David Tonge, Judith and David Bland, Liz Whittingham, John Tilsley, Jo Pickering, Sue Hands, Richard Brightman, Keith Henderson, Jane and Noel Smith, Cris Tween, Gillian Cross, Mary Kite, Simon Branford, Eamon and Kirsty Staunton, Nicola Harvey (19)

The meeting was called to order at 19:45 by the Chairman

1. Michael Heath

An announcement was made regarding Mike Heath, who sadly passed away on 14 October, aged 80. A period of silence was observed.

2. Minutes of last AGM:

These were approved by the meeting and duly signed by the Chairman.

3. Report by Chairman:

Andrew French presented a comprehensive report of the year. The complete version is attached as Appendix A. A brief summary is below:

Wimborne Orienteers hosted 17 events over the year, plus the Junior Inter-Regional Championships (JIRCs), welcoming 1494 competitors.

Many thanks to all volunteers who took part over the year with organising, mapping, car parking, registration, computers, control placement and collection, and tidying up after events.

Would all members please take the time to thank all volunteers at all events they attend.

Thanks to the committee.

The news media are working well: email bulletins, Facebook, Waffle, the website.

Particular thanks to Trevor Bridle for >40 years of service to the club. Now standing down from the committee, but he will continue as Social Organiser.

Included in the full report:

Wimborne Orienteers Winners for the 2013/14 Season

Representative Honours

JK 2014 – South Wales

British Championships

Harvester Relays

South West Sprint Championships

Dorset Coast Path Relay

Euro City Tour

Compass Sport Trophy
Marathon des Sables
South West Galoppen Series
Royal Corps of Signals team

4. Treasurer's Report

Karen French presented the financial report. The full report is attached as Appendix B, and a summary is below:

19 events gave us revenue, with excellent surplus £4229.91. Much the same as last year, but with fewer events. The club is very solvent: balance £10842.54. Some events made a loss; particularly local events in West Dorset. It is seen as vitally important to continue to host these events and encourage participation. Some of the surplus will be used to support Junior activities.

The biggest items of expenditure were:

Relay entry fees – worth the expenditure, because success is achieved, and it is good to return some of the surplus directly to the members.

Replacing batteries in SI boxes

Polo shirts for coaching volunteers – Anyone needing one, please contact Kirsty Staunton

Kevin Pickering – Thanks to mappers for not charging expenses. Other clubs have a big expense in this area.

The accounts were adopted and signed by Treasurer and Secretary.

5. Election of Officers

Chairman – Andy French has completed 2 highly successful years as Club Chairman. He was re-elected unanimously.

Secretary - Philip Harvey was Proposed for re-election by Andrew French, Seconded by John Warren, and duly re-elected.

Treasurer - Karen French indicated her willingness to continue in the post.

Proposed: Dick Keighley, Seconded by Philip Harvey. Approved by the meeting.

6. Election of Committee

Trevor Bridle is stepping down after many years of service.

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

Chris Branford, Mike Kite, Dick Keighley, John Warren, and John Whittingham.

All were Proposed by Trevor Bridle, Seconded by Sally Calland, and duly elected.

7. Club Fees for 2016

These will remain unchanged at £5 Senior and £1 Junior.

8. A.O.B

8.1 Club League – Thanks to Mike Kite for his continual efforts.

8.2 Lynn Branford raised the point that the Club Mark accreditation requires that a Junior Representative be appointed. We have not appointed a suitably-aged representative, and we should try to do so.

Chairman's comment – We are putting together plans for future coaching. The Chairman is prepared to act as Junior Rep as part of this.

Internally, we only have coaches that are qualified up to Orange standard. Maybe

we should spend some money on getting coaching from professionals.

- 8.3 Trevor Bridle – The club Christmas meal will be at the Three Lions in Stuckton on Wednesday 10 December. 3 courses for £30.
- 8.4 Kevin Pickering – For the Compass Sport Trophy, is it worth organising a coach so that the club can travel up together?
Trevor Bridle is to look into it, including whether there is parking for a coach.
Trevor commented that he has the entry forms in hand.
- 8.5 Di Tilsley – Many thanks to Mike Kite for Waffle.
Many thanks to Chris Branford for huge effort for the club.
- 8.6 Debs Mays – Many thanks to Dick Keighley for organising schools events.

The meeting closed at 20:26, after which the attendees enjoyed a lavish and sumptuous feast, followed by a presentation of photographs by Trevor Bridle of Helen's experiences at the Marathon des Sables
