**Marlborough Orienteering Club, AGM – Saturday 19th October 2024, 4:30pm**

**Cork & Keg Pub and Motel, Renwick**

**(Presidents Report - Mondo Kopua)**

Like my report last year there have been several positive items of note this year.

Our club is experiencing a significant increase in new people coming along to events and hosting of more events. For this to continue and to provide what I think is such a great sport/activity then it requires a committee (and others from the club too) to make things happen in the background. We’ve been fortunate to have some great offers of support from the new committee and a few club members.

The Summer Sizzler series of events hosted over the months of February, March and April attracted great numbers with lots of families many of whom enjoyed the socialising of their children by staying on afterwards to enjoy the playgrounds. For many the series was their introduction to orienteering and due to having a great experience they often brought other families along with them to the other events in the series.

The annual Autumn Muster rogaine was held on the Wither Hills Farm Park and the Taylor River and Taylor Dam. Using these areas allowed for bicycles to do the event as well. There were 97x teams with 268 people split with 171 adults and 97 Juniors. The Blenheim Rural Fire Brigade did the catering/BBQ which took a major amount of work load off from us while at the same time provided the Fire Brigade with well-deserved income.

The club also assisted, supported and co-hosted a few events – Springlands Kindergarten, Bohally Intermediate School and the Marlborough Full Schools Yrs 7 & 8s. I feel as a club it is a great ‘community’ thing for the club to do. Hosting a club event afterwards utilising the courses has been a bonus.

The Winter Warmer series hosted over the months of June, July and August on a weekly basis that added up to 11x events. The series was very popular and attracted excellent numbers. While people could do the courses any time other than the ‘club night’ many people commented that they enjoy the ‘club night’ as it is quite social and always interesting to compare routes afterwards. The use of the MapRun app appealed too. It has been very rewarding to see several people plan courses. It helps to spread the workload and bolsters up our resources for planning future events.

Members competing at orienteering events other than our club events has been very low. Several people have participated at NOC events, Heights of Winter rogaine, Wily Weka rogaine etc. Costs

A massive thanks to our major sponsor Smart Alliances for all the resources that they provide such as map printing, use of their offices as a base for our club and our meetings. Also, to Debbie Stone for the many hours she has done for club administration.

Two years ago, I said that I would be standing down from the Presidents role, but it hasn’t happened! However, this year I am. Changes with my family and my work means I need to dedicate more of my time and focus to both.

I would welcome someone to put their hand up for the Presidents role. The role is reasonably simple with setting the agenda (template in place) for the meetings and then chairing the meetings. Also, to be the first point of contact for the club for any queries. I will aid throughout this period and thereafter.

Rob Rowe (Treasurer) and Richard Evans (Secretary) are also both standing down from the committee. Thanks to them both for their significant contribution to the club. As with me they have confirmed that they will both be available to help people filling these roles with anything.

I’d like to thank all the committee members for their contribution and support. Also, to those people that have helped at various events with registration, collecting in controls, etc.