



MOLE VALLEY ORIENTEERING CLUB
(affiliated to British Orienteering)

Minutes of the 54th Annual General Meeting of Mole Valley Map and Compass Foot Racing Society held at Abinger Roughs on Sunday 18th August 2019

1. Members present

Tim Scarbrough, Tony Burton, Bill Alexander, Deborah Sullivan, Mile Elliot, Ian Roberts, Joy Godsell, George Engelhardt, Nicky Masson, Keith Masson, John Pickup, Justin Farhall, Lianne Upton, Alex Pickup, Ellie Upton (15 members)

2. Apologies for absence

Mike Bolton, Lisa Sullivan, Dan Sullivan, Theresa Sullivan, Chris McDonald, David Fisher, Jon Coles, Graham Sutton, Simon Ling, Tony Schofield, Michael White, Robert McCaffrey, Ashley Tilling, Ian Ditchfield, Philip Gristwood

3. Minutes of 53rd A.G.M

The previous minutes were presented and were accepted as a true and correct record following a proposal from Tim Scarbrough, seconded by Deborah Sullivan. There were no matters arising.

4. Chair's Report

Tim Scarbrough welcomed everyone to his first AGM as Chair and offered his thanks to his predecessor, Deborah Sullivan. Tim reflected on impressive club achievements during the year, including the street O and Summer Series which had brought new support, membership and family participation. He thanked George Englehardt for his continuing commitment to junior orienteering and looked forward to someone coming forward within the coming year to take on the role. Tim also noted the significant events put on during the year and anticipated those to come, with heavy participation in two Level A events. He thanked everyone who had contributed to the club's activities, including the Committee.

5. Bursar's Report

Bill Alexander reported the club's finances to be in good shape although there was a significant deficit incurred during the year due largely to investment in equipment. He reported the deficit would in part be addressed through a Lottery grant in the coming financial year for the Beddington POC. Bill announced he was considering whether to move the financial year to the end of July, while recognising the success of the AGM being held in conjunction with the Picnic event. There was some discussion about the deficit acceptable at individual events which recognised that this was necessary on occasion to make use of good areas. Members were reminded of the valuable income secured through Amazon. Thanks were given to Simon Ling for examining the accounts which were accepted following a proposal by Tim Scarbrough, seconded by Ian Roberts.

6. Membership Secretary's report

A report from Mike Bolton was presented which showed a substantial increase in membership. It was agreed to make Margaret Stedman an honorary member in response to a proposal from Joy Godsell.

7. Fixtures Secretary's Report

Tony Burton tabled a summary of events undertaken in 2019 and planned for 2020 and beyond. This reflected a similar pattern to previous years, with significant involvement in Level A events over the next two years. Tony invited views on the future structure of fixtures from 2019. He also called for volunteers to plan and organise events. The meeting agreed it was important to schedule and publicise the various club championships as early as possible.

8. Club Captain's Report

The Club Captain was not present and there was no report.

9. Election of Committee

The following were elected:

Post	Nominee	Proposed	Seconded
Chair	Tim Scarbrough	Deborah Sullivan	Mike Elliot
Clerk	Justin Farhall	Tim Scarbrough	Tony Burton
Bursar	Bill Alexander	Tim Scarbrough	Deborah Sullivan
Mapping co-ordinator	Mike Elliot	Tim Scarbrough	Ian Roberts
Fixtures Secretary	Tony Burton	Tim Scarbrough	Justin Farhall
Captain	Tony Schofield	Tim Scarbrough	Keith Masson
Membership Secretary	Mike Bolton	Tim Scarbrough	Bill Alexander
Committee	Ian Roberts (2 nd year)	Tim Scarbrough	Tony Burton
	Deborah Sullivan	Tim Scarbrough	Tony Burton
	Keith Masson	Tim Scarbrough	Tony Burton
	John Pickup	Tim Scarbrough	Tony Burton

Coach	Mike Elliot
Publicity & Development Officer	Peter Martin
Junior Representative	George Engelhardt
Volunteer Co-ordinator	Vacant
Permanent Orienteering Course Officer	Tony Burton
Webmaster	Daniel Sullivan
Archivist	Margaret Stedman (tbc)
Child Protection Officer	Nicky Masson
Diarist	Graham Sutton
Equipment Officer	Mike Elliot

The Committee members standing down – Leianne Upton, Dianne O'Donoghue and George Engelehardt – were thanked for their service. Tony Burton was thanked for his long service as Clerk.

It was agreed Joy Godsell would contact Margaret Stedman to understand the size of the club archives and how they could best be sorted and transferred.

Nicky Masson volunteered for the role of Child Protection Officer.

11. AOB

Bill Alexander confirmed the club had joined Surrey Wildlife Trust.

The meeting supported Mike Elliot in his proposal that the club accept credit cards at events.

The meeting closed at 2.01pm.

George Engelhardt awarded the Mole of the Year to Ian Ditchfield after the meeting to general acclaim.