



# MOLE VALLEY ORIENTEERING CLUB

(affiliated to the British Orienteering Federation)

## NOTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING – Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2019 Held at 24 Groveside, Great Bookham KT23 4LD

### 1. Apologies for absence

Apologies – Dan Sullivan, John Pickup, Peter Martin.

Attendance – Deborah Sullivan, Justin Farhall, Tony Burton, Mike Elliot, Mike Bolton, Philip Gristwood, George Engelhardt, Tim Scarbrough, Keith Masson, Bill Alexander.

### 2. Notes of meeting of 6<sup>th</sup> June 2019

Agreed, and Tim Scarbrough will follow up on the MV kit.

### 3. Matters arising not otherwise on the agenda

- Tony Schofield will be temporarily stepping down as the Club captain. The tasks of the role were discussed, and Keith Masson volunteered to take on the role and he was duly appointed by the committee.
- Dan Sullivan, Philip Gristwood and George Engelhardt were all co-opted on to the committee.
- It was agreed that more should be done to inform all members of committee meetings to encourage attendance.

### 4. POC update

Philip Gristwood and Tony Burton provided updates:

- Beddington Park – Map leaflet is complete, and a copy was circulated. The map will be available from the cafe.
- Nork Park – the course is up and running and a missing post has been replaced.
- Norbury Park – The map update is still ongoing.
- Banstead Woods – Tony Burton is to chase Reigate & Banstead Borough Council on possible new course.
- Oaks Park – 3 posts have been replaced.

40 more posts for general use have been purchased and delivered.

### 5. Mole Fixtures

The future programme was tabled and discussed:

- An organiser is still required for the Headley Heath Families & Vets event in December.
- A controller is required for the SE league event in February 2020 at Netley.
- An organiser/planner is required for the Nower event in June 2020.
- An organiser and a planner are required for the March 2021 CSC event at Balcombe.
- The summer 2020 park race will no longer take place on Cricket Green & Cannons but likely to be at Morden Hall Park.
- After the success of using Abinger Roughs for the 2019 picnic event it was discussed as a future venue for the 2020 event and also for the 2020 Surrey Schools & Youth festival that George Engelhardt is organising and the Kent Night Cup in 2021.
- It was agreed that the club would pursue the registration of the Leatherhead Urban event in August 2020 as part of the SEOUL and UKUL. Tim Scarbrough is the provisional organiser.

The success of the Denbies event was discussed and this map suggested as a future venue for events.

A general discussion was had about the number of safety qualified organisers that the club has.

### 6. Juniors

George Engelhardt provided an update on current and potential new junior members. It was also agreed that students of the Claremont Fan Court School orienteering squad will be officially affiliated to MV.

### 7. Membership

- Mike Bolton reported 8 new members coming through the summer series.
- It was noted that BOF have increased their annual 2020 fees and it was agreed that MV would keep our component of the 2020 fees at the same level as last year (£3).
- It was also noted that there is a change in the way the SEOA fees are collected for 2020. These will be deducted as part of our fees on the annual BOF renewal and the club will pay this over to SEOA later in 2020.

8. **Bursar's report**

- Bill Alexander provided an update on the club's finances and recent events and reported that the current period showed a surplus due to the receipt of the lottery funding from the Beddington POC and all events so far this year are showing a surplus. At present we have a cash surplus due to advance entries for the CSC but we need to await the expenses before we can comment on its profitability.
- It was agreed that the decision to extend the club's accounting period would be postponed to the last committee meeting before the 2020 AGM. It was agreed that the picnic event should be combined with AGM and that this should remain in August.

9. **Mapping report**

- The Netley Heath map is still in progress and Philip Gristwood provided an update on this.
- The Balcombe Estate map is to be updated.

10. **Mole Development**

Feedback was given on the Mole news. The general view was that it is good, if perhaps a little long and that it is a way of celebrating success and making members feel part of the club. It was recognised that a lot of effort is required to edit the publication and that anyone taking this on should be free to mould the role. It was noted that Peter Martin had expressed an interest in resuming the role of editor and Mike Bolton will speak to him.

11. **SEOA/BOF**

Mike Elliot and Philip Gristwood reported back on the recent SEOA meeting.

12. **AOB**

- It was agreed that a draft of the 2019 AGM minutes would be published on the MV website
- A club mobile phone has been acquired. It will be used as the main point of contact for future events and to link up with the iZettle machine to accept card payment at events. Mike Elliot will hold the phone as part of the club's equipment.
- A gazebo is to be donated to the club by Philip Gristwood's local church.

13. **Date of next meeting**

This was agreed for a Thursday in January and a provisional date of 16 January 2020 at Tim Scarbrough's house was set. Both Justin Farhall and Keith Masson volunteered to host future meetings.