



# MOLE VALLEY ORIENTEERING CLUB

(affiliated to the British Orienteering Federation)

## NOTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING – Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2020

Held at 118 Station Avenue, Ewell, KT19 9UG

1. **Apologies for absence**  
Apologies – Dan Sullivan  
Attendance – Tim Scarbrough, Deborah Sullivan, Justin Farhall, Tony Burton, Mike Elliot, Mike Bolton, Philip Gristwood, George Engelhardt, Keith Masson, Bill Alexander, John Pickup, Peter Martin, Ian Roberts.
2. **Notes of meeting of 17<sup>th</sup> October 2019**  
Agreed, and no points to follow up
3. **Matters arising not otherwise on the agenda**
  - Trophies – Deborah Sullivan flagged that the rewarding of a number of trophies was out of date on the club website. These include the ‘Velvet Flyer’ and ‘Molasses’ that are contested at the club championship, the ‘Club Handicap’ and ‘Junior Flyer’ that are contested at a South East League event, and the George Murray Trophy. Various potential events were discussed for these including the 1 March 2020 HH event at Egypt Woods for the Club Handicap and Junior Flyer and the 18 October 2020 SLOW event at Wimbledon common for the club championships.
  - The approach from Mole Valley District Council to assist with the support of Xplorer events in the Easter/Summer was discussed. Whilst the potential for attracting new Orienteers would be limited the general view was that it would be good for the club to get involved to enhance the relationship with the council. Where possible a MVOC event held near the time and location of an Xplorer event would provide mutual benefit for both parties. Meadowbank in Dorking and Kingston Road rec in Leatherhead would be the likely venues.
4. **POC update**  
Philip Gristwood and Tony Burton provided updates:
  - Beddington Park – The leaflet has been printed and is already in use and available from the onsite café and local libraries. Tony mentioned the possibility of a formal launch and that funds were available for future print runs of the leaflet.
  - Banstead Woods – Tony reported that the council are not keen on using this area for a course.
  - The maintenance of the posts and maps for various course was also discussed.
5. **Mole Fixtures**  
The future programme was circulated in advance of the meeting and was discussed:
  - The controller for the SE league event in February 2020 at Netley is Alan Wallis (SN).
  - The final Street O event is to be held at Bookham.
  - An organiser/planner is required for the Nower event in June 2020.
  - An organiser and planner are required for the Beddington Park Gloss event in July.
  - Mike Bolton is organising and Keith Masson planning the March 2021 CSC event at Balcombe.
  - A controller is required for the Leatherhead urban event in August.
  - The proposed summer series events were discussed, and the dates suggested by David Fisher were agreed. Possible venues to use are Nonsuch Park, Epsom Downs, Nower and Reigate Priory. The prohibitive fee being suggested for the use of Nonsuch Park was discussed.
6. **Juniors**
  - George Engelhardt provided an update on current and potential new junior members. There was discussion on the upcoming Yvette Baker Shield. As part of the development plan Peter Martin suggested a greater presence on the website for junior members.
7. **Membership**
  - Mike Bolton reported 3 new members joining since renewal.
  - Quite a few members had not renewed their membership and Mike will be following up on these.
8. **Bursar’s report**
  - Bill Alexander provided an update on the club’s finances and recent events.
  - The Epsom Urban event, Compass Sport Cup final and the recent Headley regional events were all on course to show surpluses. The latter was boosted by a higher than expected attendance.

9. **Mapping report**
  - The maps for Reigate priory and Meadowbank (Dorking) are being completed.
  - Mike Elliot also reported that a number of new SI units were needed.
10. **Mole Development**
  - Peter Martin provided some feedback on the recent two-day BOF Development conference he attended. Peter found the conference useful and over the course of the conference he picked up points regarding publicity, developing a club action plan, website re-development and increasing communication and team spirit.
  - A draft MV development action plan was circulated and Peter is looking for feedback from club members on the proposed actions and where we should prioritise. Items on the action plan relate to engaging with the membership, running a series of local events and activities and providing a positive experience for volunteers and officials.
  - Some more specific discussion was had in respect of website redevelopment and increasing communication between club members.
11. **SEOA/BOF**
  - Mike Elliot and Philip Gristwood reported back on the recent SEOA meeting.
12. **AOB**
  - Mike Bolton made an appeal for more volunteers at the upcoming Netley & Effingham event (16 February) and for the British championships (21&22 March).
13. **Date of next meeting**
  - A provisional date of 16 April 2020 at Keith Masson's house was set.