



# MOLE VALLEY ORIENTEERING CLUB

(affiliated to the British Orienteering Federation)

## NOTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING – Thursday 2nd July 2020

Held by video conference

### 1. Apologies for absence

Apologies – Peter Martin, Deborah Sullivan, Anthony Schofield.

Attendance – Tim Scarbrough, Daniel Sullivan, Justin Farhall, Tony Burton, Mike Elliot, Mike Bolton, Philip Gristwood, George Engelhardt, Keith Masson, Bill Alexander, John Pickup, Ian Roberts.

### 2. Notes of meeting of 16<sup>th</sup> April 2020

- Notes were agreed.
- The new kit has now been completed and the feedback was positive.

### 3. Current BOF guidance on events/activities

- All events are currently suspended with no clear picture of when they will resume.
- Various steps that the club could take now to prepare for future events were discussed. These include spacing of the start lanes, limiting capacity, concentrating on forest events rather than urban, contactless payment, enhanced health & safety procedures, cleaning of equipment, provision of hand sanitizer for all and the use of PPE to protect officials and helpers.
- Unsure whether steps taken now will be superseded if BOF issue detailed guidance on the resumption of events.
- It was agreed that Mike Elliot will look into purchasing a set containing hand sanitizer and some PPE.
- The BOF survey on pre-entry support was discussed. Whilst it would be likely that we would be interested in using such a system it was not considered that important an issue. Justin Farhall to complete the survey and we will see what system BOF come back with.

### 4. Mole Fixtures

The future programme was circulated in advance of the meeting and was discussed:

- The summer series remains on standby with the possibility of holding some of these events in the late summer if events are permitted to be held.
- The GLOSS event at Beddington Park is cancelled.
- The Leatherhead urban event is cancelled (urban events not suited to social distancing).
- The AGM and picnic event will remain under review although it was felt that some form of activity should be possible whilst observing social distancing.
- The Try-O and mayoral opening of the POC course at Beddington is scheduled for September and it was felt that this may go ahead.
- The families and veterans event is the next large event in December and the position will be monitored.
- It was noted that we have 4 large events coming up in February and March 2021 that the club are involved in (Southern Championships, British Championships and relays and the Compass Sport Cup regional heat. If these events do go ahead with social distancing in place, then this may require a lot of organisation and put a strain on resources and require more volunteers.
- The winter street-O series was discussed and it was noted that as the event centre is normally located in a pub this may be difficult to facilitate. Justin Farhall to discuss with Deborah Sullivan.

### 5. Bursar's report

- Bill Alexander went through the draft accounts which show a surplus and he confirmed that the club has a sound financial footing.
- Despite the late cancellation of the Netley Heath event the loss made was limited.
- Surplus from the Compass Sport Cup final and families and veterans event.
- There is a financial risk of cancelling events because of Covid-19.

### 6. Development committee

Feedback was given on recent discussions on development for the following

- SmartRun: A new initiative which has just launched to try and encourage newcomers to the sport, targeting park runners and families. Various courses at Nonsuch Park using MapRunF app and maps available for download from our website.
- Virtual Summer Series: A series of 3 courses using POC controls at Nonsuch, Beddington and Norbury and MapRunF app. Set up to provide competitive runs for Orienteers. Maps released every two weeks on our website.

- Other virtual courses: Some POCs and Street O events have been set up on MapRunF app with map downloads available on our website.
- Some publicity has started, emails to members, neighbouring clubs, running clubs, schools, scouts etc. Other publicity options were discussed and any expertise on this area would be gratefully received. Social media options should be explored more. Tony Burton will offer assistance on maximising exposure on Twitter and Shona Masson can help with more general social media. The option of using modest Facebook paid advertising was also discussed.
- The possibility of a website overhaul was discussed. The current website looks a bit dated and there is concern that it is off putting to visitors to the site. However it is easy to navigate and works on a wide range of devices. Any changes should seek to maintain these advantages. It was suggested that a Content Management System may work and will allow multiple users to update content. It was agreed that unless someone in the club had the technical expertise to see the project through to a satisfactory conclusion, it would be better to appoint a 3rd party to redesign the website. We need to agree what we want from any new website and members are invited to provide suggestions. A sub committee will be established to take the venture further.

7. **Mapping update**

- Horsell common now completed.
- Started mapping Reigate priory and Cranmore school.

8. **POC updates**

- Post ready to install at Redhill Common.
- It was agreed to prioritise Horton Country Park as the next area to have a mapping update and course revamp.

9. **Any Other business**

- It was agreed that the club will make a donation to the running of MapRunF.

10. **Date of next meeting**

- A suggested next meeting in October 2020 is planned, with suggested dates too be offered. The venue is to be decided.