



MOLE VALLEY ORIENTEERING CLUB

(affiliated to the British Orienteering Federation)

NOTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING – Thursday 15th October 2020

Held by video conference

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies – Mike Elliot

Attendance – Tim Scarbrough, Justin Farhall, Tony Burton, Mike Bolton, Philip Gristwood, Keith Masson, Bill Alexander, John Pickup, Ian Roberts, Deborah Sullivan

2. Notes of meeting of 2nd July 2020

- Notes were agreed.
- The donations to MapRunF and oomap.co.uk were made and Justin F passed on the thanks to the club from MapRunF.

3. Mole Fixtures

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

- The summer series at the Nower and the Beddington Park POC opening event were run and successful
- Netley Heath (13/12/20) – we are awaiting responses on land permission which is complicated by the fact there are multiple owners. It was agreed that we need a positive response on permissions by the end of October or we will have to cancel. If we do cancel, then the possibility of staging a slimmed down event at a different venue. Norbury Park was suggested. Tony B to discuss with Mike E
- Abinger Roughs (21/1/21) – The Kent night cup is proceeding
- South Ashdown (7/2/21) – Permissions are in place and we are waiting for a reply on car parking. It was considered that this is deliverable.
- British Championships (6/3/21) – The individual event is likely to be on, but the relays are unlikely. Alternatives events for that day are being considered.
- Balcombe (14/3/21) – Need confirmation on permissions. Parking will be tight.
- We have been approached by the Southern England Urban league about their GPS series. Possible areas were discussed including Horsell. A planner will be needed.

4. Bursar's report

- Bill Alexander went through the financial position and he confirmed that the club has a sound financial footing.
- Not much to report with only a few expenses.

5. Mapping update

- Philip G has now finished Cranmore school
- Reigate Priory is progressing and is $\frac{3}{4}$ done. Possible use of the map for GLOSS or similar was discussed.
- Ian R is working on Norbury Park and is hoping to finish it this year.
- Philip G will next work on Horton Country Park in 2021.

6. POC updates

- Oaks Park – Sutton Council may be interested in refurbishing and relaunching this course. This will involve designing a new course and re-mapping. It was suggested that the mapping could be the next project for Ian R.
- Horton Country Park – When map is done Tim S is happy to design the course.
- Nonsuch Park – control 10 has rotted away. Philip G has undertaken some repairs and Keith M, Tim S, Justin F and John P volunteered to help to instal it. Tony B will contact council to confirm what we are doing.

7. VOC updates

- BOF have recently provided an updated to say that all VOCs will continue to be levy free until the end of the year. They have also indicated that after that a levy will only apply if a fee is charged.
- The BOF VOC portal will need to be fully updated to show all our courses.
- The Winter Street-O has launched using MapRunF and is being well received.
- Possible future use of SmartRun was also discussed.

8. Membership update

- Numbers are static
- The 2021 fee was discussed, and it was agreed to keep at the same level as last year (£3)

9. **Mole Development**

- Graham S will edit his final MV journal and we need to find someone to take on the role of diarist. There have been no volunteers so far, but it was agreed that an appeal in the journal should be made along with an email from Mike B

10. **Any Other business**

- Tim S will attend the BOF webinar on club experiences.
- BOF are looking for people to take part in a focus group on the future of the sport. Mike B undertook to respond/attend on behalf of the club.

11. **Date of next meeting**

- A suggested next meeting in January 2021 is planned, with Justin F to follow up on dates.