



MOLE VALLEY ORIENTEERING CLUB
(affiliated to British Orienteering)

Minutes of the 55th Annual General Meeting of Mole Valley Map and Compass Foot Racing Society held online on Wednesday 2nd September 2020

1. Members present

Tim Scarbrough, Justin Farhall, Tony Burton, Bill Alexander, Mike Elliot, Mike Bolton, George Engelhardt, Keith Masson, John Pickup, Ian Ditchfield, Philip Gristwood, Dawn Clifford, Graham Sutton, Jennifer Sibley, Akshay Kumar, Ashley Tiling (16 members)

2. Apologies for absence

Daniel Sullivan

3. Minutes of 54th A.G.M

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

4. Chair's Report

Tim Scarbrough welcomed everyone to the A.G.M. Tim reflected on the club's successful events during the year, including the Compass Sport Cup finals, Epsom Urban, SE Fams & Vets and partial completion of the Street O series. He highlighted success in the SE league with the club promoted to Division 1 and individual success for Ian Ditchfield, Keith Masson, Chris McDonald, Sarah Scarbrough and Ralph Scarbrough. The cancelled events were mentioned, including the Netley Heath event where hopefully we can utilise Philip's excellent map, and the various events cancelled because of the Covid pandemic. The pandemic itself has led to the emergence of virtual app-based Orienteering to allow activities to continue. As we move forward, he remains confident that more significant events will resume. He thanked everyone who had contributed to the club's activities, including the Committee, John Pickup for the new kits and George Engelhardt for his efforts as Junior Development Officer.

5. Bursar's Report

Bill Alexander reported the club's finances to be in good shape. He highlighted a significant surplus for the year, due largely to event surpluses at the Compass Sport Cup finals and, SE Fams & Vets. Some of this surplus was in fact in relation to the prior year. Bill also commented on the cancellation of the Netley Heath event and the ability to restrict losses whilst refunding entrants. Thanks were given to Simon Ling for examining the accounts, which were accepted following a proposal by Tim Scarbrough, seconded by Justin Farhall.

6. Membership Secretary's Report

Mike Bolton presented a report which showed a small decrease in membership, which is partly due to the Covid pandemic, but the total numbers were not less than the recent average. There is a positive trend in the age distribution. Mike highlighted that in the past we have encouraged new members through the street O and summer series which obviously will not be possible this year. The Winter Street-O series was discussed, and it was indicated that this will be a virtual series.

7. Fixtures Secretary's Report

Tony Burton tabled a summary of events undertaken in 2020 and planned for 2021 and beyond. He highlighted that there had been no events from March onwards and only now are we seeing the resumption of events. He mentioned that in these changing times a new definition of fixtures was evolving to incorporate virtual events and activities. The new Beddington Park permanent course was being officially launched in September and looking forward a decision

will need to be made on the SE Fams & Vets. It was highlighted that permission for the Epsom Downs GLOSS event in Summer 2021 will need to be obtained well in advance.

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	Tony Burton	Mike Bolton
Clerk	Justin Farhall	Tim Scarbrough	Mike Bolton
Bursar	Bill Alexander	Tim Scarbrough	Justin Farhall
Mapping co-ordinator	Mike Elliot	Tim Scarbrough	Tony Burton
Fixtures Secretary	Tony Burton	Tim Scarbrough	Justin Farhall
Captain	Tony Schofield (TBC)	Tim Scarbrough	Justin Farhall
Membership Secretary	Mike Bolton	Tim Scarbrough	Mike Elliot
Committee	Ian Roberts (3 rd year)	Tim Scarbrough	Justin Farhall
	Deborah Sullivan (2 nd year)	Tim Scarbrough	Justin Farhall
	Keith Masson (2 nd year)	Tim Scarbrough	Justin Farhall
	John Pickup (2 nd year)	Tim Scarbrough	Justin Farhall
	Daniel Sullivan	Tim Scarbrough	Justin Farhall
	Philip Gristwood	Tim Scarbrough	Justin Farhall

No other new committee members.

10. Notification of other officers

Coach	Mike Elliot
Publicity & Development Officer	Peter Martin
Junior Representative	Vacant
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

Graham Sutton indicated that he will be stepping down from his role as Diarist after the next edition. He was thanked for his service and the format of the journal/newsletter in the future was discussed with the possibility of combining the two.

Tim Scarbrough mentioned that his wife Sarah is willing to take an informal role as the junior representative.

Justin Farhall offered to speak to Deborah Sullivan and Joy Godsell with a view to obtaining the archives from Margaret Steadman.

11. AOB

It was mentioned that the Surrey Wildlife Trust were looking to run activities and that it would be good to have the Norbury Park course available on the MapRunF app.

Ian Ditchfield awarded the Mole of the Year to Justin Farhall for his service to the role of Clerk, virtual course work and victory in the Winter Street-O series to general acclaim.