



MOLE VALLEY ORIENTEERING CLUB

(affiliated to the British Orienteering Federation)

NOTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING – Friday 22nd January 2021

Held by video conference

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies – Bill Alexander, John Pickup, Dan Sullivan

Attendance – Tim Scarbrough, Justin Farhall, Tony Burton, Mike Bolton, Philip Gristwood, Mike Elliot, Keith Masson, Ian Roberts, Deborah Sullivan

2. Notes of meeting of 15th October 2020

- Notes were agreed.

3. Mole Fixtures

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

- The Winter Street O Series that has been run using MapRun has been successful. The series is paused whilst the current BOF restrictions are in place. The plan is to complete the series when we can by either running the final 4 events concurrently or with a shortened period between each event. It was agreed to do this rather than release the final 4 events as ‘individual training’.
- As the series has been quite different this year, it was agreed to keep the league table going but not to award the trophies at the end of the series.
- The Southern Championships that were scheduled for 7 February 2021 are to be provisionally rescheduled for 12 December 2021 and combined with the SE Families and Veterans event. The cancelled level B events at Netley Heath and Balcombe (Compass Sport Cup regional heats) have been provisionally rescheduled for 13 February 2022 and 13 March 2022 respectively.
- The club will be hosting an event in the Southern England GPS Orienteering League at Horsell – Tim S is to plan the courses. It is unclear at present when this event will be staged.
- The Mole Urban event provisionally scheduled for 29 August 2021 is to be held at Leatherhead.

4. Bursar's report

- Bill A was absent, but a statement was read out on his behalf. Whilst there is currently no income from events, he confirmed that the club has a sound financial footing.

5. Mapping update

- Philip G is in the process of re-mapping Horton Country Park.
- Reigate Priory has now been finished by Philip G.
- Updates to South Ashdown are in progress by Mike E.
- Remap of Norbury Park is in progress by Ian R.
- Oaks Park will be started after Ian R has finished Norbury.
- Mike E is to look into mapping Nut Wood.
- All mapping is currently restricted by lockdown rules.

6. POC updates

- The POCs have been popular in lockdown. The MVOC website being down is a problem.
- Potential new sites for POCs were discussed including Roundshaw and Reigate Priory.
- The possibility of seeking funding for the renewal of the course at Horton Country Park was also discussed.

7. VOC updates

- BOF have recently undertaken a survey of how to improve the VOC and POC portal on their website. Once up and running we should look to ensure our VOC offering is all there. We should also consider moving the access of the POCs to the BOF website rather than our own.
- The Beddington Park SmartRun courses have been planned and are currently being trialled on the app.
- Justin F is to look at making more past Street O events available on the app.
- Appeal to members to help plan new VOCs (either Urban or on public access areas).

8. Membership update

- Mike B gave an update on those who have renewed for 2021, including some new members. Given the lack of events it is encouraging that member numbers have not fallen

9. **Mole Development**

- There has been no interest expressed by anyone in taking over the role of diarist. The regular emails to members from Mike B are very welcome and acting as an effective way of the club communicating to its members.
- We have received an approach from BOF about some funding from Sport England to encourage participation from children in the aged 7-14 and new mothers. They are looking for suggestions immediately. It was agreed that the SmartRun or similar offerings would work well for this purpose especially for children. Mike B will follow up with BOF.

10. **Any Other business**

- Philip G raised the issue of the club waterproof tops no longer being available from the supplier we previously used. We need to decide whether to find a new product either by pre-ordering numbers like we did on the recent kit purchases or find someone who can fulfil individual orders as and when required.
- The website problem has been an issue for 10 days and concern was raised by all. Dan S is in regular contact with the hosting company but not having any luck. The Facebook site is to be updated and to give instructions on how to get hold of maps in the meantime.

11. **Date of next meeting**

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