



MOLE VALLEY ORIENTEERING CLUB

(affiliated to the British Orienteering Federation)

NOTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING – Friday 20th April 2021

Held by video conference

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies – Dan Sullivan

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

2. Notes of meeting of 22nd January 2021

- 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 has now resumed, with the final 3 events running until 16th May
- The potential for a summer series was discussed with Nonsuch Park, Beddington Park and the Nower seen as the most likely venues. Tony B is to follow up with David Fisher, who had previously volunteered to be series co-ordinator.
- The club will be hosting an event in this year's London Park Race series. The event will be a virtual course at Morden Hall Park and Tony B will plan the courses.
- The Gloss event at Reigate Priory Park will proceed with Mike E as the planner. Mike E will confirm the date for this event.
- Mike E will be the organiser for the Urban event at Leatherhead in August. Gordon Parker has agreed to be the controller.
- A new date for the club picnic/AGM will be needed as this clashes with the Scottish six day event.
- The Southern Championships at South Ashdown will proceed on 12 December 2021 and combine with the SE Families and Veterans event.
- The level B events at Netley Heath and Balcombe (Compass Sport Cup regional heats) are still provisionally scheduled for 13 February 2022 and 13 March 2022 respectively. There may be land permissions and parking issues for Netley Heath and Tim S will check that Alan Wallis is still happy to be controller. A controller is also needed for the Balcombe event.

4. Bursar's report

- Bill A confirmed that whilst there was not much activity, the finances remained in a good position.

5. Mapping update

- Philip G has completed approximately three quarters of the remapping of Horton Country Park
- Updates to South Ashdown are in progress by Mike E.
- Remap of Norbury Park is nearly finished.
- Oaks Park will be started after Ian R has finished Norbury.
- Balcombe map will need updating.

6. POC updates

- The POCs remain popular
- The replacement post at Nonsuch Park has been installed by Tim S and Keith M
- Philip G reported a post down at Norbury Park – Ian R will look into getting this replaced.

7. VOC updates

- BOF will shortly be launching a new POC/VOC 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.
- There is also a website MapRun.uk which lists all VOCs – Justin F will look into becoming an administrator for this site and maintain the clubs offerings.
- The Beddington Park SmartRun is now live but take up has been poor. Ways to promote this were discussed and Tony B will speak to Dawn at Sutton council to see if details can be circulated. Mike B will work on a flyer.
- More Street O events are now available on the app and the possibility of adding VOCs to non-Urban areas were discussed, especially the existing POC areas.

8. Membership update

- Mike B gave an update on a few new members and new enquiries.

9. **SEOA/BOF**

- The new BOF strategy was discussed with a generally favourable view. Individuals are encouraged to provide feedback
- It was agreed that Justin F will circulate meeting minutes from SEOA meetings in advance of our committee meetings in case there is anything relevant.

10. **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 continue to be an effective way of the club communicating to its members.
- World Orienteering week (19th - 25th May) was discussed, and various social media posts will be made.
- The possibility of sending out details of POCs/VOCs to schools/scout groups etc. was discussed.

11. **Any Other business**

- The possibility of the club having some jackets was discussed. John P had looked at using the same provider that we used for the kits but these were expensive. He will look at other options. He will also look at how many people are interested (and whether it makes it worthwhile) if a new run of kits was done.

12. **Date of next meeting**

- A suggested next meeting in July 2021 is planned, with Justin F to follow up on dates.
- The potential and merits for whether we return to in person meetings in the future was discussed.