



MOLE VALLEY ORIENTEERING CLUB

(affiliated to the British Orienteering Federation)

NOTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING – Tuesday 8th February 2022

Held by video conference

1. **Apologies for absence**
Apologies – Dan Sullivan,
Attendance – Tim Scarbrough, Justin Farhall, Tony Burton, Mike Bolton, Mike Elliot, Philip Gristwood, Bill Alexander, Keith Masson, John Pickup, Ian Roberts
2. **Notes of meeting of 8th November 2021**
 - Notes were agreed and some points discussed.
3. **Mole Fixtures**
The future programme was circulated by Tony B in advance of the meeting and the following was discussed:
 - The summer series. David Fisher has made a proposal for dates and venues from late May to early August. This was met with universal approval and there were offers to help with the on-the-day running of the event, and assistance with the results and Racesignup entries.
 - The Reigate Priory Park score event is all set, although entries are low.
 - The Compass Sport Cup heat at Balcombe in March; Final map updates needed.
 - GLOSS event at Horton Country Park in July; we are awaiting permissions for additional car parking.
 - We need to find a suitable date for the picnic event/AGM.
 - Horsell urban event in August, we need an organiser and controller.
 - SE Families & Vets event at South Ashdown in December. Tony Schofield is to plan, we need an organiser.
 - We need volunteers to organise and plan events in 2023.
4. **Bursar's report**
 - Bill A gave an overview of the financial position and confirmed that the club was showing a surplus for the year. The South Ashdown event in December is currently showing a small surplus but this may be reduced to break even when all expenses are paid. The entries for this event were smaller than hoped.
5. **Mapping update**
 - Beddington Park has been updated with the new permanent fence.
 - Balcombe updates in progress.
 - Horsell may need updates before the Urban event.
 - Ian Roberts is to do the updates to the Oaks Park map before the proposed summer series event in late June.
6. **POC/VOC updates**
 - The map of Redhill Common needs an update and a post is missing.
 - Tim & Sarah Scarbrough are working on the courses for Horton Country Park with a proposed start near the car park, there was discussion about the posts required and how the course is implemented.
 - as we will be commissioning new posts it was suggested that other areas are checked to see if new posts were required at the same time.
7. **Membership update**
 - Mike B gave an update on a few new members, and those that have not renewed.
8. **SEOA/BOF**
 - Minutes from the latest SEOA meeting were circulated and discussed.

9. **Mole Development**

- A WhatsApp group is to be set up to encourage member interaction and to promote car sharing etc.
- As we do not have permissions for Ashtead/Epsom common it was decided not to pursue having a stall at the Ashtead rotary village day.

10. **Any Other business**

- Continuity planning was discussed for key roles on the committee.
- A working party to sort out the MV equipment was proposed. Mike E is happy to continue to store the equipment.
- A suggestion to purchase a small portable battery to replace the bulky generator was discussed. This would possibly not solve the issue as it would struggle to support the power needed for printers. Alternatives were discussed and will be explored.
- A recent website survey was carried out to assess the experience for newcomers to the sport, which on the whole was good but did highlight a few areas that could be improved. John P is to follow up on changes to be made.
- Our corporate membership of the Surrey Wildlife Trust was discussed and will be renewed.
- The club's first aid provided at events was discussed including attendance of volunteers at courses and defibrillators. The external providers used at the South Ashdown event were praised and it was proposed that we would attempt to use them for future events including level C events.

11. **Date of next meeting**

- A suggested next meeting in late April/early May 2022 is planned, with Justin F to follow up on dates.
- It is proposed that the next meeting will be held at Keith M's house.