



MOLE VALLEY ORIENTEERING CLUB

(affiliated to the British Orienteering Federation)

Notes of Committee Meeting – Thursday, 21 September 2023

1. **Apologies for Absence**
 - Apologies – Tony Burton, Jennifer Sibley, Ian Roberts
 - Present: Keith Masson, Bill Alexander, Justin Farhall, Mike Elliot, Peter Martin, Tim Scarbrough, Leianne Upton, Dawn Clifford, Philip Gristwood, John Pickup, Mike Bolton
2. **Matters Arising from Notes of meeting held 16 May:**
 - Mike Elliot checking/testing lightweight stakes for SI units.
 - Jennifer to confirm decision on whether to put POC maps on BOF website, MV website or both.
3. **Trophies**
 - Club Championships to take place on 29 Oct 2023 at the GO event to be held at Ambersham
 - Club Handicap Championships to take place on 18 Feb 2024 at the SLOW event at Esher Common (alongside CompassSport Cup).
4. **Mole Fixtures**
 - Mole Festive Event - Norbury. Mark Feltham confirmed as planner. Ashley Tilling checking on parking arrangements. Ashley Tilling to confirm the name and level of event to Tony Burton. Leianne to pass on to Ashley the Committee's suggestion that festive refreshments are served at the event.
 - Feb 2024 Event - Netley – Need to get the details of the new owners from the Land Registry – Mike Elliot to go ahead with this. Other suggested venue was Ranmore/White Downs but this was ruled out as unrealistic due to the need to remap
 - 2024 Park Race – Beddington Park. Officials needed.
 - Dorking Urban. Leianne to approach David Fisher and Ian Ditchfield re Organiser and Planner respectively. Mike E to update map and involve Ian R for experience of urban mapping.
 - Mole Festive 2024 – Officials needed
 - Level A Organiser British Middles for March 2025. Mike E with assistants (Tim to approach possible candidates)
 - **Training and event dates specially planned for newcomers:**
 - Sunday 24th September The Chantries. GO Local event very suitable for families and beginners. See <https://www.guildfordorienteers.co.uk/>
 - Saturday 7th October. Blackheath, Guildford. GO activity
 - Saturday 25th November. Mole Valley training. Venue to be confirmed.
 - Saturday 9th December. The Chantries, Guildford. GO activity
 - Saturday 16th December GO Xmas Cracker event. Newlands Corner.
5. **Bursar's Report**
 - Justin presented his report. good profit on Reigate Urban. Donations will be made to Maprun and Open Orienteering Maps for the winter and summer series. Given the healthy surplus in the club accounts, it was agreed to pay access fees and any sundry expenses relating to our training events.
 - Tim and the committee thanked Bill for his excellent work as Bursar over the past many years.
6. **Mapping**
 - Morden Park and Reigate successfully completed. Next – Netley updates (Philip); Ranmore Commons and Denbies Hillside; Dorking (Urban); Holmbush and Buchan Park (for British Middles): Headley or St Leonards.

Tim confirmed we can use external mappers if necessary as we have the funds. Horsell (Wheatsheaf Common area) has been updated and would be good for a training session or park race level event. It is also wheelchair friendly. Discussion ensued re possible other local areas which could be mapped and used.

7. **POC**

- POC sites to be checked by members local to each POC and any missing posts notified to Philip.
Tim Scarborough – Horton and Nonsuch (Justin subsequently volunteered to check Nonsuch)
Dawn Clifford – Oaks Park
Bill Alexander – Redhill
Keith Masson – Nork
Tony Burton – Beddington Park and Morden Hall Park
Ian Roberts – Norbury
- Peter Martin - volunteered to do some maintenance on POCs

8. **Membership**

- Chris Mansfield has re-joined.
- BOF fees will be updated to reflect different ages and different dates of joining throughout the year from 2024. Also new categories of membership for young adults and families. Amending club fees for adults and for young adults (21-25) to be similarly scaled was discussed. Mike B to submit a proposal on the way forward.

9. **SEOA Rep**

- Mike E attended the most recent meeting. Main points:
Cancellation policy – should be published for each event. Standardised cancellation policy wording will be put together when we next have an event where it is needed, ie Festive Event.
All events held at Balcombe in future will be Simon Greenwood Memorial events.

10. **Mole Development**

- New Website – Sub-committee have met. Not progressed as quickly as John had hoped. Will pick it up again later this year.
- Publicity and Outreach Plan – Peter would like to be involved. He and Jennifer to confer on the plan.
- Peter plans to produce more videos.
- Peter keen to build club spirit at events by having the tent/banner to make an obvious meeting place. Possibly starting with OK Nuts at Holmwood.

11. **AOB**

- 2 x new bags and bases required for banners. Cost approx. £40 per each. Believed David Fisher bought originally. Justin to check with him and then Mike E to purchase.
- Safeguarding Officer is Nicky Masson. Leianne to send recent email to her and Tim.
- Club Meal will take place at the Grumpy Mole at Brockhan on Thursday, 7th December. Nicky organising.
- Tim to check neighbouring club websites include details of MV event. In particular SN, SO, SOS, DFOK.
- Racesignup is donating 1p for every entry on their site to the Orienteering Federation. It was agreed MV will match this donation.
- Bill confirmed Epsom Downs permissions now straightforward. Should use regularly. Club Picnic in 2024?
- It was agreed we should acknowledge our M80+ members. Honorary memberships will be given to these members at the Committee's discretion.

Date of Next Meeting - Thursday 23 November (provisional). Venue required – please let Leianne know if you could host the next meeting.