



MOLE VALLEY ORIENTEERING CLUB

(affiliated to the British Orienteering Federation)

Notes of Committee Meeting – Wednesday, 28 February 2024

1. Apologies for Absence

- Apologies – Mike Bolton, John Pickup
- Present: Tim Scarbrough, Peter Martin, Mike Elliot, Keith Masson, Ian Roberts, Dawn Clifford, Justin Farhall, Tony Burton, Jennifer Sibley, Leianne Upton, Philip Gristwood

2. Matters Arising from Notes of meeting held 23 November:

- Mike E picking up lightweight stakes, etc at the JK or British Champs.
- Neighbouring club websites not showing our events – Tim has followed up but the other clubs did not really appreciate the problem.
- Netley cancelled due to lack of permission. Tim is now in touch with the new land agent. A possible better approach could be to start with a smaller event first to warm up the landowner. It may be beneficial to put the landowner in touch with another prominent landowner who has a good relationship with orienteering, eg., Cowdray Estate.
- Jennifer confirmed that QR codes are now on our POC maps.

3. Fixtures

- John Seaston will organise Festive Event on the understanding he will have a Buddy (Mike B?) and that any permissions will already have been granted. Possibility of Netley being venue for Festive Event. Tim will plan if this is the case. A Plan B will be discussed at the next meeting, if necessary.
- Still looking for an organiser for August urban. Mike Murray to control? Tony B will ask him. Failing that Tim will speak to Charlie Turner.
- Summer series: Rob McCaffrey – Epsom Common. Justin will ask the Street O people if they can put any events on. Poss Denbies? Mike, Justin and Leianne to send out a request for organisers using draft to be sent by Tim.
- British Middles likely to be at Buchan. SO will put on a UKOL event on the Sunday. British Relays will now be held alongside the main British Champs.
- It was agreed that ongoing we will keep our Festive Events to the second week of December to help CHIG.
- CompassSport Cup Final 2026 is looking for a club to put it on. Tony suggested we could offer. Usual issue with volunteers, particularly Organiser. Mark Feltham to plan? Possibly use Pippingford Park.

4. Trophies

- SE Vets trophies have been awarded.
- Peter Burt Trophy recipient identified and trophy to be awarded ASAP..
- Justin to liaise with Mike B re complementary membership for members aged 80+
- The club Handicap Champs will take place at Sunny Sussex 12 May (SO) Houghton

5. Bursar's Report

- Current year surplus of £1100 to date mostly due to Reigate Urban. No substantial expenditure as yet. Organisers ideally to check with Bursar for preferred suppliers. Losses on winter series due to free entry for MV members. Until now this has been seen as a worthwhile 'loss leader' as it attracts new members. Justin to review and make decision re charging for next year's winter street series.

6. **Mapping**
 - Mike E working on Ranmore and Dorking urban maps with Ian R. Next up for Mike - Holmbush & Buchan Park.
 - Philip - Netley update may be needed if permissions obtained for Festive Event – PG (Ian could potentially help).
7. **POC**
 - Buchan Country Park - WSCC Ranger has informed Mike E that 2 posts need replacing. Jennifer has added this to the To Do list. Any redesign will be after the British Middles in 2025. Mike E to forward email from WSCC to Jennifer.
 - Oaks Park POC needs redesigning with fewer posts. Ian to update map at appropriate time.
 - Philip has a list of posts which need replacing. Updated maps with QR codes and course notes with Dan for upload to website. Tim to follow up with Dan. BO website already updated. BBC filming about POCs this week hence BO have written asking clubs to ensure their POCS and website are up to date.
 - Philip queried using recycled plastic posts – would need investigating. Perhaps Honeysuckle Bottom sawmill or Balcombe estates could supply wooden posts more cheaply? Needs research.
8. **Membership**
 - Mike B's Report was circulated. All looks good. We are doing the right things to attract new members.
9. **SEOA/BO Updates**
 - Committee discussed the HH proposal for more straightforward SEOA membership fee payments from clubs. Tim suggested it would be sensible to revert to the SEOA fee being collected with BOF fees and those clubs who belong to more than one Area should make their own arrangements. Committee's decision was to support the proposal. If the proposal is not held then the instructions from BOF should reflect what actually needs to be done by Membership Secretaries/Bursars. Tim will feed this decision back to David Dickson, HH Chair.
 - Our refund policy is included in Racesignup. Justin to check with Mike B refund policy for winter series.
10. **Mole Development**
 - The development plan was circulated by Peter after the last meeting. It was agreed that delivering the Summer series was an important starting point.
11. **Safeguarding**
 - Nicky's report was circulated. Nicky is putting a working group together to action proposals in report. Sarah Scarbrough and Keith to join this group. Thanks were extended to Nicky for attending the BOF webinars.
12. **AOB**
 - Sports Festival in Priory Park – 5 May. General opinion was that this was unlikely to achieve a great deal. However it was agreed that Justin and Peter will attend. Plus any other members who find themselves available nearer the time. A Naughty Numbers or maze will be offered and fliers for the GLOSS at Reigate Priory and the summer series be handed out.
 - Don McKerrow is looking for a chef for the Lagganlia British Junior training camp. Mike B to include this request in MMM.
 - John Pickup sent report on progress of the website redesign which appears to have had a setback.
 - Mike E will control this year's GLOSS.
 - The tent and/or banner will be put up each day at the JK to hopefully add to the club atmosphere.

Date of Next Meeting - Wednesday, 1st May at Leianne's House, Peaslake

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