



MOLE VALLEY ORIENTEERING CLUB

(affiliated to the British Orienteering Federation)

Notes of Committee Meeting – Wednesday, 8 October 2025

1. Apologies for Absence

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

2. Matters Arising from Notes of meeting held 4 June 2025

- No matters arising

3. Fixtures

- As per previous meeting minutes DC and JS confirmed they will organise 60th Anniversary/Festive event 2026.
- Roger Thetford (TVOC) will control the CompassSport Cup Final 2026 at Pippingford Park. *NB: Subsequent to the meeting the controller for this event was named as Michael Chopping (RAFO) by the relevant BOF official.*
- Vince Joyce (SO) has agreed to control the 2025 Festive event. IR/MR to make contact.
- White Downs – TSca to contact Mike Murray re controlling.
- Organiser needed for 2026 Urban in Dorking. Parking could be an issue. Level B event – so needs to be experienced.
- IR will take the online safety training course for organisers
- JS will organise Park Race in June 2026 at Nonsuch
- Venue for GLOSS – Beddington? Epsom Downs? The Nower? – Maybe depends on who organises? JF offered to organise or plan depending on dates.
- Paul Byers organising picnic event possibly at Norbury Park.
- Summer Series 2026 – Early commitment from Ben Toogood, Dan Sullivan, Rob McCaffrey and TSca to organise/plan events. Looking to offer more events if further volunteers come forward.

4. Trophies

- Club Championships – previously chosen event no longer running. Options are: – Sat 8 Nov at Horsell Common (SN) or Rivers Wood Sat 29 Nov (SO). Dawn to contact.
- Peter Burt Trophy. Most improved in SE. PG to crunch the numbers to identify this year's winner.
- Suggested new trophies for Under 40s and Over 60s in addition to the George Murray trophy for the highest points scorer in the SE League.

5. Bursar's Report

- New Laptops have been purchased. Expenses for CompassSport Cup Final have been agreed.
- Profit made on Epsom Urban.
- 2026 MV membership fees set at: £6 per Senior, £12 per family, £0 per junior for the full membership year and pro rata for those joining after May/September.
- Summer series will be free to all MV members in 2026.

6. Mapping

- Discussed remapping Ranmore to help with possible long distance from parking for the White Downs event. Committee agreed bussing preferable to walking 2.4km+.
- Pippingford Park map in progress (ME) to be completed by Jan 2026. Mark Feltham is using old map to start planning.
- North Holmwood and South Dorking urban map in progress (ME)

- Epsom Common possibly to be mapped next?
- The Nower map needs updating – by April if it is to be used for 2026 summer series – IR.

7. **POC**

- 3 Redhill posts still in ME's garage. JD offered to transport them to Bill Alexander's house.
- MB and Mark Feltham have volunteered to plan the new POC at Buchan.
- Post missing at Beddington Park.

8. **Membership**

- Gained a number of new members recently probably as a result of Winter Series.

9. **SEOA/BO Updates**

- JK 2027 – Ashley Tilling organising the Middle Day of JK27 at Borden.
- MB in contact with 2025 CompassSport organisers re using their entry system when we organise next year.

10. **Mole Development**

- JD planning on doing a social media series focussing on club individuals – just a photo and a couple of sentences.
- Promote all local events on social media.
- Help needed with photos and putting up posters.
- Justin will continue to promote the winter events on FB.
- PM has circulated his latest plan. Posters have been prepared. PM has list of places to put them.

11. **AOB**

- TSch proposed and it was agreed the club will pay £35 per person to those members who travelled independently to the CompassSport Cup Final.
- DOE Award: Orienteering qualifies as both skill and activity. SN and GO considering getting involved this year. MV will watch their progress this year and plan towards offering a programme next year. This would involve running a weekly orienteering club (needs to run for 3 months). Sarah Scarbrough would lead. Similar activities to our current training session would be offered. Nonsuch suggested as base. Would be at weekend. Could be run in conjunction with Park Run.
- Sarah Scarborough is in contact with Girl Guides. They are having a county event in May 2026 at Horton Country Park. MV will offer orienteering as part of their day. Volunteers will be needed. Nominal charge for maps?
- MV to have a stand at Guides Leaders Day in Autumn 2026 if the county event is successful.
- SO organising first aid training course. Saturday, 10 Jan 2026. Space for MV members. Cost £100 per person. Qualification valid for 3 years. JS, DC, ME, MB all interested. MV will fund the cost. MB to go back to SO and arrange.

Date of Next Meeting - Thursday, 8th January at DC's Epsom.

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