



MOLE VALLEY ORIENTEERING CLUB

(affiliated to the British Orienteering Federation)

Notes of Committee Meeting – Thursday, 8 January 2026

1. Apologies for Absence

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

2. Matters Arising from Notes of meeting held 8 October 2025

- Dawn will give some thought to how the spare trophies we have can be utilised. Committee agreed not to change the criteria for the George Murray trophy.
- Pippingford Park mapping – in progress. ME to have map ready by end of January 2026.
- Summer Series – Would like to use The Nower. IR to update map by end April.

3. Fixtures

- 2026 looking good in terms of volunteers and areas to use.
- JF will organise and JP will plan the GLOSS. Needs Controller (can be MV)
- Venue for club picnic. TB will firm up with Paul Byers and confirm whether it will be at Norbury as thought.
- DFOK would like to switch GLOSS dates. If we keep with Epsom Downs we cannot swap due to restrictions from land management.
- Urban event. Dorking. Event centre probably Holmwood Village Hall. Organiser needed - JD to prioritise please.
- 2027 – Planners and Organisers needed for most events (JD to work on please). Areas need to be decided.
- 28/2/2027 – Will be the SE Long Champs at our event (Holmbush and Buchan).
- Discussed moving Pippingford to League event in Feb 2028 and using The Nower for the Festive Event 2027
- Discussed bringing forward the League event to earlier in February in future years, if poss.
- 2028 Fixtures: Urban event - possibly Sutton. Festive event – possibly Headley. GLOSS – The Nower? Park Race – Hogsmill, Earlswood, Nork, Horton Country Park?

4. Trophies

- See Matters Arising above.
- Club Handicap – will be held on 4 May at SLOW's event at Winterfold

5. Bursar's Report

- Deficit for 6 months to 31/12/2025 despite all our major events being in profit, mainly due to purchasing the new laptops and relatively high expenses relating to the CompassSport Cup final.
- Future entry fees were discussed and it was agreed to keep them in line with market rates.

6. Mapping

- See Matters Arising above re The Nower
- See above re Pippingford. Mark Feltham (Planner) needs to have access to the map by end January. ME commented vegetation will need updating in the Autumn.
- PG extending White Downs map further west ready for Festive Event.
- Epsom Downs map up to date
- IR to start mapping Headley in 2027.

7. **POC**

- Redhill Common posts replaced
- All POCS up to date
- Some replacement posts needed – JS to liaise with PG
- Planner needed for Reigate POC
- Buchan POC – Ranger reports our POC is really popular. MV QR code need to be added to posts. Mark Feltham and MB are replanning.
- TB to discuss the recent mapping of local areas and installation of POCs thereon (by a private company in association with BOF), with the company owner, SEOA and BOF and report back to next meeting.

8. **Membership**

- List of non-renewals circulated. Mostly Street O competitors. JF always checks membership at events and reminds people to renew. MB will follow up individually end Jan.
- Committee discussed CHIG's initiative of offering free membership to those who sign up at a certain event. TS to follow up with CHIG to ascertain whether it was worthwhile.
- Conversion of Street O participants to other O events was discussed. Different Sport? Usually runners looking for social side too. Fast/fit runners find transition to more technical navigation difficult. How to address this?

9. **SEOA/BO Updates**

- Nothing to report.

10. **Mole Development**

- PM and JD not present. No report.

11. **AOB**

- Non member insurance example text from BOF. It was agreed to use Option 2 with the last sentence from Option 1 added.
- Alex Kendall now teaching at Claremont Fan Court asking about the map, which we do have. TS to contact Alex and put him in touch with George Engelhart.

Date of Next Meeting - 22/04/26 – PG's House, Woking at 7pm

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