



MOLE VALLEY ORIENTEERING CLUB

(affiliated to the British Orienteering Federation)

Notes of Committee Meeting – Thursday, 22nd April 2026

1. **Apologies for Absence**

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

2. **Matters Arising from Notes of meeting held 8 January 2026**

No matters arising

3. **Fixtures**

- The committee discussed the suitability of White Downs for our 2026 Festive Event. The distance from the car park to the start/finish, the subsequent need for busing and associated costs, the high level of access fees and the fact that we will be celebrating our 60th anniversary at the event and so there will be additional activities going on, were all considered. It was decided to move the 2026 Festive Event to The Nower.
- Notwithstanding this decision, it was also agreed to liaise with SLOW regarding the possibility of using Leith Hill/Winterfold for either this Festive event or future events.
- JD prioritising finding an Organiser for 2026 Urban event at North Holmwood/South Dorking on 30 August.
- SE Long Champs at Holmbush and Buchan on 28 Feb 2027 need Organiser and Planner. KM volunteered to plan. JD to find organiser.
- It was agreed our League Event in 2028 will be held on 20th Feb at Pippingford Park.
- Summer Series 2026 dates have been agreed. TS will send info to TB to get the events registered. These events will use Maprun.
- Controller needed for 2026 GLOSS at Epsom Downs. ME agreed to control this.
- TS will overview Park Race on 2 June for JS.

4. **Trophies**

- DC's notes were considered. The idea of presenting a trophy to the most improved newcomer was thought a good idea. Possibly with Club Coach (Sarah Scarbrough) deciding the award. Spare trophies to be kept for possible future use.
- DC hopes to present the Peter Burt trophy to Emma Chapman (SO) on 4 May.

5. **Bursar's Report**

- Year to date running in deficit.
- White Downs event made a surplus.
- Bursar felt that the additional cost for the most water resistant map paper would be affordable for our Level B February events. ME is investigating alternative map printing suppliers.
- 10 people responded to our offer of credit following the difficulties with the quality of the printed map at our Feb 26 White Downs event. 2-3 are looking for the full refund the rest a partial refund. MB is dealing with these requests.

6. **Mapping**

- The Nower – Mapping 90% completed.
- PG is progressing White Down.
- Pippingford map completion becoming critical for Controller and Planner for CompassSport Cup event on 18 October. ME to prioritise.

- North Holmwood and South Dorking needs completing – ME to liaise with IR to complete this work.
- IR refreshing Norbury map for club picnic

7. **POC**

- 4 missing posts – PG to make new ones over the summer.
- JS will ask people to check/run their local POCs. LU to do Buchan.
- QR codes being added when POCs renewed.
- Held over from Jan 2026 meeting: 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. – Forward to next meeting.
- JS to ask TB re Beddington.
- JS to ask Bill Alexander to check Redhill.
- Scarbroughs to plan new Reigate POC – Autumn onwards
- PM to investigate possibility of POC at Polesdon Lacey

8. **Membership**

- 2 new members have joined since last meeting. MB has followed up with some members who have not rejoined. Their reasons for leaving are not club related.

9. **SEOA/BO Updates**

- Nothing to report.

10. **Mole Development**

- JD planning to post on Insta/FB twice a week – Weds (pre-event) and Sun (post- event). JD will ask for photos from all members. JD to inform all members and check for permissions.
- LU and other members can share articles on social media to the MV page in FB/Insta.
- PM is planning to put up posters to advertise the club.

11. **AOB**

- ME reported that if we were to map Princes Covert and use for an event, as it is Crown Estate land, their charge is a minimum of £6 per person – non-negotiable. JF thought this could probably be absorbed, if it was the only charge.
- TS commented that we do not need to look for further areas to map at this stage. Except possibly Epsom Common where we have a reasonable relationship with the land management.
- 60th anniversary event in December will be a throw back to how orienteering was 60 years ago – at least in some aspects!

Date of Next Meeting - Thursday, 9 July – In Betchwork bkp KM

LU – 24/04/2026