



MOLE VALLEY ORIENTEERING CLUB

(affiliated to the British Orienteering Federation)

Notes of Committee Meeting – Thursday, 9 July 2026

1. **Apologies for Absence**

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

2. **Matters Arising from Notes of meeting held 22 April 2026**

None.

3. **Fixtures**

- Officials needed for our 2027 events – Action JD
- 2026 urban has been switched from Dorking to Reigate. ME now organising. Will follow on from Reigate Junior Park Run and offer free runs to any junior park runners who would like to try orienteering.
- Picnic event will now be at Headley Heath.
- 2027 urban will now be South Dorking and Ian Ditchfield will plan again.
- Festive Event 2027 TS and JD to follow up with SLOW/LOK re possible areas.
- TB clarifying whether our Feb 2027 event will be SE Long Championships.
- JF queried cost of Kent Night Cup at White Downs and Ranmore. JF to liaise with Ian Ditchfield.
- JS to contact Rob McCaffrey to get contact details for The Priory School for car parking at the Nower event.

4. **Trophies**

- George Murray trophy to be presented to Ian Ditchfield. Junior Flyer – Ben S. TS will arrange engraving.
- The new Newcomers award will be presented at the AGM. Sarah Scarbrough (Club Coach) will nominate.
- DC will update trophies section on website.
- Mole of the Year. Last year's winner (IR) and the previous 3 winners decide who to award this to. IR to send out email to all members for their nominations.

5. **Bursar's Report**

- Accounts drafted for year to 30 June 2026. Event surpluses down. Large deficit. Quite a few one-off expenses.
- The possibility of Council grants to help with POC costs was raised again. JS to action.

6. **Mapping**

- The Nower map is complete.
- IR will help Ian D with any issues with the Reigate Urban map.
- PG needs deadline to complete White Downs map. For Kent Night Cup this would be Jan 2027. PG to liaise with Ian D on this.
- Pippingford Park in progress – ME ETA 1st September.
- Headley to be mapped in future for a Middle Distance event -IR in 2027.

7. **POC**
 - We have surveyed all the POCS. Many posts need replacing. PG has made these and they will need installing in the Autumn. We need to buy more posts. Balcombe Sawmill or Holmbush Sawmill – ME to contact for prices.
8. **Membership**
 - 3 new senior members and 8 new juniors since last meeting. Teacher from a School in Thames Ditton organising and incentivising his pupils to come to summer events, with the aim of going to the Schools Champs. Also picked up a new girl member from the Brownies Event Sarah Scarbrough attended.
 - It was noted that if we reach a membership of more than 110 (aged 12+) we will be deemed a large club by BOF.
 - Total current membership = 107
9. **SEOA/BO Updates**
 - ME unable to attend the last SEOA meeting.
 - No committee members attended the BOF AGM.
10. **Mole Development**
 - JD continuing with social media and building awareness.
11. **AOB**
 - AGM JF and TS will not be present. Bill Alexander will deputise for JF and Jocelyn for TS. LU to send out notice of AGM, etc.
 - Latest recommendation from National Crime Agency is not to put children's photos online. Must have parental permission (preferably written). Ideally children cannot be identified. So be careful with faces. Use wide angled action shots. Blur faces? Action: Annual photo permission process using a Google form. Statement on website. Photographers to wear Hi Viz waistcoat. JS to share Guides Photo permission form and put wording together with Nicky and ask JP to help with tech side. DC offered to photoshop images if necessary.
 - SI units may need to be replaced in the next 18 months. This would be a major expense.

Date of Next Meeting - Tuesday, 6 October at JF's House

LU – 14/07/2026