



MOLE VALLEY ORIENTEERING CLUB

(affiliated to the British Orienteering Federation)

Notes of Committee Meeting – Tuesday, 6th October 2026

1. Apologies for Absence

- Apologies: Tony Burton, Ian Roberts, Mike Elliot
- Present: Leianne Upton, Mike Brock, Dawn Clifford, Justin Farhall, Jennifer Sibley, Paul Byers, John Pickup, Mike Bolton, Peter Martin

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

No matters arising

3. Fixtures

- Welcome to Mike Brock – new Fixtures Secretary
- Our Feb 27 event will not be SE Long Distance. This will be held by SO in May 27.
- Volunteer co-ordinator needed – Paul B volunteered. Will Co-ordinate with Mike Brock. Critical to get an organiser for Feb 27.
- Park Race date 22nd June at Morden.
- JP volunteered to plan or organise GLOSS.
- Venue needed for 27 Festive Event.
- MBr to gain access to update website event page.
- If there is any scope to change date of Urban away from August bank holiday in future years MBr will look to do so as agreed at the meeting.

4. Trophies

- Club championships. Blue course for Men. Green course for women. To be held at GO's event at Chantries and St Martha's on 8 November.
- DC has updated the trophies website page.

5. Bursar's Report

- Year to date running a small deficit. Small surpluses made on urban and GLOSS events. CSC should make a reasonable profit.
- Paypal POS to be used where possible for entry on the day. Organisers to be made aware.

6. Mapping

- Mike E and Ian R were absent.
- PG would like to know when White Downs will be used. Feb 2029?
- Morden Hall Park may need updating before 2027 Park Race.

7. POC

- Waiting for rain before a working party to replace missing posts around our POCs (6 sites)
- Norbury – some control sites now behind fences so course update likely needed.
- Plaques (to put on outdoor furniture, etc) instead of posts cost £172 per 50. Obviously, they can only be used where there are appropriate objects to attach them to.
- JP has a contact who may be able to source the posts.
- JS will follow up with Balcombe sawmill.

8. **Membership**

- 2 new members have joined since last meeting. 1 senior and 1 junior.
- Club Affiliation – Fee structure will remain the same last year. LU to complete online form and JF to pay fees.

9. **SEOA/BO Updates**

- Following the last SEOA minutes, where MV's lack of representation was noted, LU will represent MV when ME is unable to attend. LU to circulate SEOA meeting minutes.
- JK 2027 – It was agreed that MV's contribution would be to volunteer to help on the Relay day (Easter Monday), when Ashley Tilling is organiser. LU to let Ashley know.

10. **Mole Development**

- PM has started to increase social media posting. Videos and photos most successful. All members to send photos and videos to PM for use.
- Would be good to promote our training events more, if possible.
- Paul B suggested contacting schools' Combined Cadet Force groups. He has contacts and will progress.

11. **AOB**

- BO requires all clubs to have a Safety Liaison Officer. For the next couple of years this is just a contact for their purposes but more will be expected of the post holder in years to come. It was suggested that TS could approach Alex Kendall about this role as he has been helpful re safety at a recent event. TS will be default until someone is appointed.
- Mike Brock was co-opted onto the committee.
- 60th Anniversary branded items were discussed. The boot bag was most popular. Proposed it be given free to members attending the Festive event. First order of 50 agreed by bursar. Maybe something smaller for everybody else attending? JS and DC are planning to organise some novelty games at the Festive event and will liaise with Sarah Scarbrough to incorporate some 'historical' elements.
- Car Park for Holmbush & Buchan.? Keith needs to know for planning. Organiser desperately needed.
- Discussion on lack of volunteers and whether it is sustainable to carry on having 3 Level C events per annum. It was also agreed not to volunteer MV to plan or organise Level A events in the future. **Include on agenda for next meeting to include TS's input.**

Date of Next Meeting - Thursday, 21 January at PG's

LU – 15/10/2026