

**Wimborne Orienteers Committee Meeting
at Wimborne Town Hall
19:30 Wednesday 07 February 2018**

Minutes of Meeting

Distributed by email to:

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Chris Branford, Karen French, Dick Keighley,
John Oakes, Andrew Howard, Becca Ellis,
Eamon Staunton

Revision History

Revision	Date	Details
0	18-Feb-18	Draft

Posted on Website:

<http://www.wimborne-orienteers.co.uk/d7/node/122>

Present:

Kevin Pickering (Chair) **(KP)**
Andrew French **(AF)**
Philip Harvey (Secretary) **(PH)**
John Warren **(JW)**
Andrew Howard **(AH)**
Chris Branford **(CB)**
Dick Keighley **(DK)**

Apologies for Absence:

Karen French (Treasurer) **(KF)**,
John Oakes **(JO)**
Becca Ellis **(BE)**
Eamon Staunton **(ES)**

The meeting was called to order by **KP** at 19:30

1. **Minutes of last meeting on 16 November 2017**

Revision 1 was accepted by the committee and signed by **KP** as Chair.

2. **Treasurer's Report**

Sent from the Treasurer by email, prior to the meeting:

In respect to the accounts there has been very little activity since the last meeting and we have only had one event, the Boxing Day Canter. The event was not as well attended as in previous years although we still made £400 profit.

At the moment we have £8574.14 in the account.

3. Equipment, Website, Mapping Library

3.1. Flag

We still need to get the artwork that was used on the O-tops, so that the design of a new flag can be consistent. **ACTION: Contact the supplier of the O-tops: KP**

3.2. Website Beginners' Page

Previous action for **BE** to work on a design. Believed to be a work in progress. It does not have to take up the entire front page of the website, but it does need to be accessible from a highly prominent link on the front page.

ACTION: Discuss with BE; update / reminder: KP

3.3. Mapping Library

AF: The maps held by the club are being collected to a central library. The task is well under way, but not yet completed.

3.4. OCAD

DK: A message was sent to registered users regarding licensing. Subscriptions will be yearly, expected to be around £140 for 1 user. We can continue without the subscription, but unsupported versions will become increasingly obsolete, e.g. IOF symbol library is revised regularly.

4. Recent Events & Meetings

4.1. Sun 19 Nov 2017 Informal, Inside Park

AH: The map is not brilliant: the accuracy is sketchy in some parts. Those parts cannot be used. A major revision is needed before the map can be used for bigger events.

4.2. Sat 09 Dec 2017 Informal, Avon Heath

Really good. Reasonably well attended: 50 or so participants.

4.3. Tue 26 Dec 2017 Boxing Day Canter, Ringwood North

The mulled wine went down very well.

The heater was useful, and can be borrowed again.

No complaints from either competitors or locals.

All competitors moved through the download quickly, partly due to the download location outside of the tent.

Attendance was lower than expected, including ca. 20 who entered but did not show up. Suspected due to influenza epidemic and / or the weather.

Attendance was still good, and profit £400.

One comment from a competitor was that the £9 entry fee was £1 more than last year.

The committee considered this comment and reached consensus that the event still

delivers good value for money, especially compared to events from some other clubs.

The fee shall remain at £9 for next year

KP: Some competitors (including some children) missed Father Christmas, the tree and / or the elves. These roving controls need to remain close to the start / finish, on paths that would be followed by white / yellow standard competitors.

4.4. Meeting with WSX, SOC, and SARUM: Co-ordination of Local Events

4.4.1. Matters arising from that meeting were discussed, and the WIM Committee agreed:

4.4.1.1. Car Parking Fees: Include the (typically £1) car parking fee in the standard entry fee. This will save on manpower and simplify the organisation on the day.

4.4.1.2. Dibber hire fees: Include the hire fees in the standard entry fee. Simple.

4.4.1.3. All senior competitors pay the same standard entry fee. Juniors at lower rate, but all the same.

4.4.2. Matters discussed at the co-ordination meeting:

4.4.2.1. The purpose of the meeting was to achieve better co-operation of events

4.4.2.2. Setting up a summer series from the events that we will already be hosting (including 4 from WIM); a mixture of urban and forest.

4.4.2.3. Inter-club league

4.4.2.4. Cost of prizes to be split between the clubs (unless we can get a sponsor)

4.4.2.5. Entry fees were agreed.

4.4.2.6. 60 minute score, 30 controls, with suggested Red and Yellow routes.

4.4.2.7. Presented in a printed brochure - cost split between the clubs

4.4.3. To be done:

4.4.3.1. Find a volunteer to score the series

4.4.3.2. Devise a scoring system

4.4.3.3. Can be similar to SCOA league

5. Forthcoming Meetings and Events

See Fixture List distributed by **CB**, with additional comments:

5.1. Sun 11 March 2018 Compass Sport Cup Heat, Quantocks Orienteers, The Slades, Bridgwater, Somerset. Only 25 runners are entered. It is free entry - the club pays.

Maybe not everyone knows this. **ACTION: Advertise free entry on MailChimp: CB**

ACTION: Contact BE to ask her to contact individuals whose scores counted last year: KP

5.2. Fri 11 May 2018 Dorset Schools Score, Avon Heath. Planner is **KF**, but being a Friday, putting out of controls will be an issue. **PH** will help.

- 5.3. Wed 23 May 2018 World O Day. Being on a Wednesday does not help us to organise anything. There is a BAOC event, venue TBC.
- 5.4. Sun 01 Jul 2018 Furrow Hoppers Relay Venue: Hyde TBC. Can we use the scout hut? No.
- 5.5. Sat 18 Aug 2018 Prize Giving Venue: Redcotts, Wimborne. To be held at the Summer Picnic.
- 5.6. Sat 13 Oct 2018 British Schools Score, Moors Valley There is not much to be discussed now. Later we can consider media coverage. This is a major, prestigious event. A sponsor might be interested. **CB** may contact Sainsbury's.
- 5.7. Sun 18 Nov 2018 Galoppen Venue can be Inside Park. Advantage: not Forestry Commission. Map needs major revision.
- 5.8. Sun 03 Feb 2019 Regional Venue: New Forest? Godshill? Tom's Field? The problem is that Tom's Field can only be used for a certain number of days in each year, and these are taken with camping and other uses. If our alternative to Tom's Field is bussing, then we can justify offering the owner a fee that is similar to the bussing costs.
- 5.9. 50th Anniversary Event. **CB**: It is not actually in 2018, although the AGM will be the 50th. There were 2 AGMs in the first year. Look forward to 2019 as the 50th anniversary.

6. Correspondence

- 6.1. emails with Phil Conway, England Development Officer at British Orienteering
Unfortunately, due to the change of date, Phil could not attend this meeting, but will be invited to the next. He is keen to engage with and help the club.

ACTION: Invite Phil to the next meeting: PH

7. A.O.B.

- 7.1. **AH**: Regarding the Club league, what are we trying to achieve? The geographical area covered is too wide, and the league is not really working. We should only include events in the neighbouring counties. Gloucestershire is too far.

ACTION: contact Mike Kite and suggest events to be included next year: AH

- 7.2. **KP**: Let's all bring some ideas for new areas to the next meeting. Also, bring some maps of old areas no longer used.

ACTION: ALL to bring, PH to add to Agenda

- 7.3. Coaching: We need to make better use of **BE** and Steve Mallison, both of whom have recently attended coaching courses.

We could give out information packs:

- a) follow-up information following a first outing, and
- b) new (or potential) members' welcome pack.

Currently, juniors are mostly coached by their parents. All experienced club members should be involved, and spread the coaching around. (Juniors tire of listening to their parents).

Competitors who need Intermediate / advanced coaching should be better catered for. One way would be to have activities at events.

ACTION: Ask club members who might like to help: KP

7.4. **SWOA News DK:**

7.4.1. SWOA has a new website

7.4.2. Payment was agreed to support Steve Mallison on coaching course

7.4.3. SWOA needs a new Secretary.

7.5. **JW:** Regarding the social side of the club. We are seeing an influx of new members. We should consider expanding the social calendar to include meetings and talks.

KP: How about a social event on World O Day, Wed 23 May? An evening get-together rather than an event in the daytime.

8. **Next Meeting**

Wed 25 Apr 2018 TBC