

Rev.1 Minutes of Wimborne Orienteers Committee Meeting held on Thursday November 17th at Wimborne Town Hall

Present: Eamon Staunton, Andrew Howard, Dick Keighley, Chris Branford, Andrew French, Kevin Pickering, John Warren

Apologies: John Oakes, Karen French, Philip Harvey

The Chairman welcomed the new members to the first committee meeting of the new year. It was agreed that the club constitution had been adhered to regarding the size of the committee if John Warren attended in his capacity as a 'Life Member'.

Minutes of last meeting:

The minutes had been circulated previously and were accepted by the meeting.

Committee roles and club functions:

Fixtures: Chris Branford outlined his role as Fixtures Secretary.

Event Permissions: John Warren described the role of liaison with such bodies as the FC, National Trust and other private land owners.

Coaching and Juniors: There is need for a new person to fill this role, particularly as in the next few years the club has a potential group of enthusiastic and able juniors.

I.T.: Currently Dick Keighley, John Whittingham and Andrew French fill this role.

'Waffle': Mike and Mary Kite

Mapping: See below.

Treasurer:

A brief summary received from the Treasurer indicating that there had been little financial activity apart from minor adjustments to the accounts for the Caddihoe Chase.

Equipment:

Chris Branford requested the purchase of 25 new small O flags. Dick Keighley reported that the club has some 130 large serviceable flags.

Dick Keighley is to renew the annual club licence for S/I. He is also to pay the 'hosting' fee for the website and 'domain' £72 and £30 respectively.

The equipment shed in Wimborne Cemetery is deteriorating to the point that it may collapse and we discussed various courses of action.

First, it was agreed to enquire of the Management committee what the new rental figure will be and whether they would be prepared for us to erect a new smaller shed on site. Trevor Bridle to check this out.

In the likely event that they don't want another shed Andrew Howard suggested his family farm at Winterbourne Whitechurch. The location is rather further to the SW of Blandford but should not be a serious problem.

Event Safety Workshop:

The 'Workshop' held at Moors Valley on Saturday October 22 had been very useful, but Chris Branford highlighted the urgent need for a further course before January when all event officials need to have attended such courses.

Kevin Pickering is happy to host the proposed course which will be led by John Warren and Dick Keighley. A date is to be agreed and the workshop can be

completed in one evening (10 members need to complete this qualification and will be contacted urgently).

Recent events:

The Caddihoe Chase had been successful in all respects and well received by competitors.

Stonebarrow 12/11 A successful event with several new local and returning groups
Sturminster Newton – Night Informal. Well attended.

Forthcoming events:

Winter Warmer Regional level C – Sunday February 19th 2017

Permission problems have been encountered. Original request to use Ibsley and Rockford rejected by NT on environmental grounds. This stance is to be challenged but will take time so new location chosen

Wilverley Inclosure propose, but both environmental and parking issues have been encountered.

Decision made to park at Holmsley Airfield and hire a bus to transport competitors to main Wilverley car Park. Detailed arrangements to follow.

CompassSport Cup/Trophy – Moors Valley – Sunday 12th March 2017

Permissions obtained, map updated and Planning progress.

Dorset Sprint Champs, may also be SW event- Blandford Camp Sunday 21st May awaiting confirmation of competitive status from SWOA.

Dorset Schools Score Champs – Moors Valley Friday May 12th. Revised date.

British Schools Score 2018 -Moors Valley . Discussed proposal to run WIM event following day(Sunday) possible Gallopen. To be discussed..

Juniors

Yvette Baker trophy raised for discussion. Keep this open for possible participation.

Mapping:

Andy French in conjunction with Dick Keighley has produced an outline list of maps created and held by club. This list is to be checked and it is intended that a full data base be created for future reference.

This issue of club mappers was discussed. The increased commercial attitude of OCAD has meant that OCAD 8 is the only fully flexible mapping programme that does not restrict clubs to one authorised mapper. The aim should be to encourage members to develop mapping skills as part of their Orienteering experience.

A.O.B.

Kevin – Would like to publish a printed Christmas Waffle to be posted to membership. Review of year with illustrations. Agreed to proceed.

Club O tops – Kevin brought samples of possible O top shapes .

O tops can be produced for £17 and if club subsidises cost then price can be reduced to £10.

Discussion over designs inconclusive but input from Nick Barrable was to retain present colours with new graphic design. To be pursued via younger lady members. (Jo, Annie and Beth Cameron)

John - Drew attention to the 'gender' imbalance on the new committee where Karen is the only lady member!

Meeting concluded at 10.07pm