

**Wimborne Orienteers Committee Meeting  
at Wimborne Town Hall  
19:30 Thursday 19 January 2017**

**Minutes of Meeting**

**Distributed by email to:**

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**Present:**

Kevin Pickering (Chairman) **(KP)**  
Philip Harvey (Secretary) **(PH)**  
John Warren **(JW)**  
Chris Branford **(CB)**  
Dick Keighley **(DK)**  
Becca Ellis **(BE)**  
Andrew French **(AF)**  
John Oakes **(JO)**  
Eamon Staunton **(ES)**

**Apologies for Absence:**

Karen French (Treasurer) **(KF)**,  
Andrew Howard **(AH)**

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

1. **John Warren 80th Birthday**

John celebrates his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday this evening. Many congratulations and best wishes on this major landmark.

2. **Minutes of last meeting on 17 November 2016**

Revision 1 was accepted by the committee and duly signed by the Chairman, along with Revision 0 of the previous meeting from 28 September 2016.

3. **Treasurer's Report**

There have been a few events since the last meeting.

The Dorchester event that will be held on Monday 06 February is showing a loss, due to the requirement to pay for a venue in advance.

There have been expenses for coaching courses and equipment.

The payment for the Caddihoe Chase includes the portion payable to WSX

Caddihoe Chase final balance will show a sizeable profit.

The club has a lot of cash at its disposal, and we need to think of efficient and beneficial ways to spend some of it.

#### 4. **Equipment**

4.1. Equipment Shed: Wimborne Cemetery will not be renewing the lease, and we need to vacate before 01 April. The most convenient time will be in the weeks following the Compass Sport Cup event on Sunday 12 March. Flags, signs, and commonly used equipment can be spread around 3 locations in the care of **AH**, **CB**, and **AF**. Remaining equipment can be looked after by **AH**.

4.2. Start Clock: A new one would be useful, but they are believed to be prohibitively expensive.

**ACTION: Look for Cheaper Alternatives: ALL**

4.3. Lightweight carbon-fibre stakes and plates: **CB**: suggestion to purchase 20. Cost approximately £400. The committee approved the purchase.

4.4. SI Cards: **BE**: Some of those used for schools and coaching are in a shabby state. Should we purchase more?:

**CB/DK**: There are better ones in our possession, that can be made available if the shabby ones become unusable. We can also borrow from WSX. We shall probably need to purchase more next year.

4.5. Compasses: **KP**: Should we have some available to borrow? **BE**: This would be useful, especially if we purchase a variety of types: thumb and baseplate. The committee agreed

**ACTION: Purchase 8 compasses: BE**

4.6. Moors Valley POC Posts: **CB**: Rather than attach base plates to the POC posts, we could drill a hole through the post, and then attach the SI box using a gripper.

#### 5. **Website Members Area**

**DK**: Mike Kite has created a Members Area. For the moment it contains a couple of map files and a document, just so that it is not empty.

We could upload the mapping library to this location as .pdf files, for general access.

Or, we could upload OCAD files, to be accessed only by librarian and webmaster.

Any files uploaded need to comply with a standard naming convention, with the date first. For

example: YYYYMMDD\_Name

The general consensus was that the mapping library can be present here, in OCAD and .pdf, controlled by **AF**.

## 6. **Event Safety Workshops**

27 members have attended. Several still have not. We need to hold another workshop. **CB** will talk to those outstanding and arrange a convenient date.

## 7. **Recent Events & Meetings**

### 7.1. Sat 10 Dec 2016 Potterne Park Informal and Night League

All good. Went well, made a profit.

### 7.2. Mon 26 Dec 2016 Ringwood North Boxing Day Canter

An outstanding success, drew a huge turnout. People are prepared to travel some distance to this event.

One possible improvement would be to try and eliminate the long download queue. The nature of a mass start for a score event means that everyone finishes roughly the same time.

**CB:** Another fast splits printer would speed up the download process.

There are 2 download points

**ACTION: DK** to look for a suitable splits printer. During the meeting, one was found on ebay for £125 + £12 postage; duly purchased before the meeting finished.

The download tent was not in the perfect location.

Map distribution before the start was not perfect. Competitors stood in a big group. It was difficult to keep track of who had a map and who did not. This would be improved by having an area cordoned off as a holding pen for competitors who already had a map, and/or a funnel to channel competitors past the map distributors.

We were lucky there were not many EOD competitors – this would have been tricky for the computing team to handle. We shall not close the pre-entries early. 21:00 on Christmas Day is traditional. If shut earlier, there would have been much fewer entrants. This year's large turnout was largely due to favourable weather. Many competitors make the decision to enter only after seeing the forecast. If entries had closed, it could be expected that fewer would show up.

More maps should be printed than there are entries.

Maybe more toilets are needed.

Maybe more than one mass start? **DECISION: No.**

Mulled wine and mince pies was a total winner. Maybe next year roast some chestnuts as well.

## 8. Wessex Summer Series

**CB:** There will be a WSX/SOC/WIM meeting after the Dorchester event on 06 Feb 17. This will be discussed at that time.

## 9. Forthcoming Meetings and Events

### **See the Fixture List Distributed by CB**

9.1. Sat 21 Jan 2017 Informal Avon Heath Country Park

9.2. Mon 06 Feb 2017 WIM/WSX Club Evening, Dorchester  
And Night League, and buffet.

9.3. Sun 19 Feb 2017 Regional, Wilverley

Much to discuss, particularly regarding arrangements around bussing of competitors:

- Tents and Traders can be at Wilverley, at the end of the bus ride
- Offer cups of tea to the bus queue before return journey. From Tom's catering – **ES** to contact
- Need a big tent at Wilverley as a clothing and gear dump
- Bussing: Holmsley to Wilverley and back, 12 minutes each way. **ES** has 2 quotes:
  - 2 coaches @ £500 for the day
  - 3 coaches @ £960 for the day
  - **DECISION: Go for 3 coaches. ES to book them.**
- Turning is a problem at Wilverley end – there needs to be a 1-way system
- Children under 16: Do we insist or advise that they are accompanied on the bus?  
We need to insist - BOF rules.

9.4. Sat 25 Feb 2017 WIM/WSX Prizegiving, Queens Park

9.5. Sun 12 Mar 2017 CSC/T SW Round 1, Moors Valley CP

**CB:** More than 200 competitors are likely. Need 3 toilets.

Maybe no Traders will want to attend, due to many CSC/T events on the same day.

We should provide drinks at the finish.

9.6. Mon 03 Apr 2017 WIM/WSX Club Evening, Wimborne Town

9.7. Sun 09 Apr New Forest Challenge, Wilverley

This is an event for 16-18 year olds, organised by the National Park Authority, for which help has been requested for an orienteering activity. It should not affect our calendar, probably to be dealt with by **KP**.

- 9.8. Wed 26 Apr 2017 Maybe offer to host a Military League event  
Individual Champs. Maybe @ Moors Valley. **JW** to request permission.  
BAOC provides all equipment, we would provide map and Planning.
- 9.9. Fri 12 May 2017 Dorset Schools Champs, Moors Valley CP
- 9.10. Sun 21 May 2017 SW Champs & Dorset Sprint, Blandford Camp (TBC)  
This might have to change, date and/or venue. This is Tenby weekend, which is likely to be attended by most army orienteers. Therefore, it could be a problem to access Blandford Camp.
- 9.11. Wed 24 May 2017 World Orienteering Day  
Maybe joint event with WSX. **CB** to discuss. Maybe CATI free evening event.  
**For later events, see the full fixtures list**

### **THERE FOLLOWED A SHORT BREAK FOR FIZZY DRINKS AND BIRTHDAY CAKE**

## **10. Juniors and Coaching**

- 10.1. Fordingbridge Cubs  
Requested help with an orienteering activity. There are several Saturday Informal events that they could attend. **BE** cannot attend to the cubs at these events, due to commitment to the coaching course.  
Debs, Hilary and others are available, and can spend time with the cubs.
- 10.2. Yvette Baker Trophy  
**AH** is organizing.

## **11. Mapping**

- 11.1. Mapping Course to be run locally (see email from Julie Astin, WSX)  
There are some possible problems: an instructor is likely to have OCAD11, for which we do not have licence. This does not really matter, we can use OCAD8  
The answer to Julie should be 'Yes'. **CB** to respond.  
Course should include:
- Survey and Mapping techniques
  - OCAD
  - CONDES
- DK:** Open source mapping software is also available.

## **12. O-Tops**

This is on-going. Ideas have been developed in discussion with suppliers.

6 weeks lead time for orders.

This is becoming more urgent for the team events that are approaching

**BE:** How about jackets as well?

**KP:** Possibly, but let's get the tops finalised first.

The committee repeated the commitment to subsidise the tops, perhaps to the extent that juniors receive a free top.

BOK have a full wardrobe of kit: Tops, track suits, hoodies.

**We need examples that can be discussed at the next meeting.**

### 13. Correspondence

#### 13.1. Access to Ibsley and Rockford Commons

Email from National Trust on 13-Jan-17, seemingly withdrawing access permission, and suggesting Foxbury instead, promoting its improved toilets and facilities.

We have an event scheduled on 24 Sep 2017 at Ibsley.

**JW** to arrange meeting with NT, to find out who is pushing this decision. A face-to-face meeting will be the best way forward.

**JW** and **KP** to handle this. Ibsley is superb, and would be a major loss.

### 14. A.O.B.

14.1. **CB:** Trevor Bridle was handed a box of stuff from Kingston Lacy: 210 laminated maps and mini-kites. The maps are out of date, to be disposed of, but the kites are useful.

14.2. **KP:** Do we have a list of club equipment for insurance purposes? E.g. SI kit, laptops.

Yes, but it's probably not up to date. When moved from the shed, all equipment to be kept should be inventoried. Valuable items are kept in people's houses.

14.3. **JW:** As of last night, there were 93 Active, 38 lapsed members.

**CB** will send reminders to renew

**NEXT MEETING: Thursday 16 Mar 2017, Wimborne Town Hall**