

**Wimborne Orienteers Committee Meeting
at Wimborne Town Hall
19:30 Wednesday 16 January 2019**

Minutes of Meeting

Distributed by email to:

Kevin Pickering, Andrew French, John Warren,
Chris Branford, Karen French, Dick Keighley,
John Oakes, Kath Pike, Becca Ellis,
Eamon Staunton, Phil Conway

Revision History

Revision	Date	Details
0	23-Jan-19	Draft
1	01-Feb-19	Para. 1.2, 4.1 changes highlighted

Posted on Website:

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

Present:

Kevin Pickering (Chair, Standing in for Andy French) **(KeP)**
Philip Harvey (Secretary) **(PH)**
John Warren **(JW)**
Eamon Staunton **(ES)**
Chris Branford **(CB)**
Kath Pike **(KaP)**
Dick Keighley **(DK)**
Becca Ellis **(BE)**

Apologies for Absence:

Andrew French (Chair) **(AF)**
Karen French (Treasurer) **(KF)**
John Oakes **(JO)**

The meeting was called to order by **KeP** at 19:29

1. Minutes of previous meeting on 14 November 2018

Signed by **KeP**. Actions arising therefrom:

- 1.1. **(2.1&2.2)** **KeP** to contact Bryzos regarding sample jackets and long-sleeve tops, and to obtain high-resolution logo for the new banner.

Samples of jackets were presented and discussed. Very smart.

Cost: around £50 to over £87, depending on style and weight.

All are windproof and waterproof.

Decision: The club will subsidise £20 per jacket in the following styles:

Light jacket with hood: Approx £35 (£55 before subsidy)

Mena jacket with hood: Approx £45 (\$65 before subsidy)

ACTION: Proceed with ordering samples in a range of sizes to offer to the wider membership (**KeP**).

- 1.2. **(2.5)** DK to liaise with SWOA regarding league system to replace 'Galoppen'
Discussed in detail in SWOA meeting of 27 Nov 2018. The SWOA intention for a higher profile SW league, with possibly cash prizes for juniors, is supported by the committee.
- 1.3. **(3.3)** KeP to get more information regarding repository for club coffers.
A substantial portion of the club's cash resources is held in Premium Bonds, in the name of Karen French, Treasurer. The sum invested is increasing year-on-year, and any winnings are re-invested.
KeP has investigated and cannot find any conflict with the club constitution, nor the rules for Premium Bonds, that would prohibit the club from continuing to invest more.
The funds are effectively loaned to the Treasurer, who is entrusted to invest as she sees fit, and return any funds on request from the Committee.
In discussing the issue, and recording in the minutes, the Committee feel that we have acted transparently and exercised due diligence.
- 1.4. **(3.3)** AF and KF to check accounts for monies paid to QO for CSC qualification: reimbursed or not?
KF confirmed by email that no monies were paid to QO. Therefore, no reimbursement is necessary.
- 1.5. **(5.4)** CB to identify officials who might benefit from mentoring
As below:
- Tamsin Horsler - Coaching
 - Kath Pike - Organising / Planning
 - John Oakes - Planning
 - Gavin Robinson - Planning
 - Chris Wilson - Planning
 - Linda Pakuls - Mapping
- 1.6. **(5.4)** AF to develop full set of event checklists
There is a wealth of material on BOF website and other clubs' websites (e.g. BOK).
Some WIM events (e.g. Boxing Day Canter) include specific aspects that should be carried forward year-on-year.

We can use these sources to further develop our own handbook and/or checklists, to include general advice (e.g. maximum 30 controls) as well as area-specific advice (e.g. for New Forest). For some aspects, it may suffice to simply include the name of a contact who is expert in that field.

1.7. (5.4) ES to talk to Sandy Balls regarding Caddihoe 2020

The proposed event format is for all three days to be within a compact area close to Sandy Balls:

- Friday: Sprint
- Saturday: Middle Distance
- Sunday: Long Distance

ES visited Sandy Balls for a discussion with the Administration department, and proposed that Sandy Balls be used as the Event Centre.

The bureaucracy is complicated due to the park now being owned by a large company. The fees could be high, and Sandy Balls are not yet committing.

ES will continue to work on convincing them, using the arguments:

- The date is not during any of their busy periods
- There are options for parking
- Some competitors are likely to book lodges on the park, especially if special rate can be offered.

SWOA comment: A chasing start is preferable on the Sunday.

We had not intended to offer a chasing start.

ES: If we can get Sandy Balls as event centre, and agreement with SOC to use their areas, then the event format can be decided by WIM.

1.8. (6.1) AF to look at formatting of Dorset Flier for smartphones

The Dorset Flier looks ok if loaded through the link on the WIM website, but is problematic for **CB** to include in a Mailchimp. The solution is to include a link to the website in the Mailchimp.

1.9. (6.3) BE to apply for permission of joint WIM/WSX relay teams

BE will do this for JK Relays.

WIM will pay for entries to JK Relays, but not for SOC Sunset relays.

1.10. (6.4) JW to invite Peter Hart (Chief Exec BOF) to discuss with WIM and SARUM regarding Rockford Common and the role of Natural England in blocking permission.

JW has written to Peter Hart, and receipt was acknowledged. Awaiting developments. Natural England might demand a fee to attend a meeting.

2. Treasurer's Report

Included in email from **AF**:

Inside park – profit from event circa £500.

Boxing Day Canter – No detail available as we have not had the entry money in from Fabian yet. Karen will send a summary out once received.

3. Equipment

3.1. Storage: Equipment to be removed from Andrew Howard's barn

AF suggestion: If the problem is convenience of access, then it might be acceptable to leave the seldom-used equipment in Andrew's barn (e.g. the stiles).

KeP: It would be preferable to find a location nearer Wimborne.

DECISION: We can purchase a new shed if we can find suitable host site.

ACTION: Think about suitable locations (e.g. Sports club, school, church, field): All

ACTION: Contact Andrew Howard and ask if storage of the seldom-used items in the barn may continue: AF

3.2. Flag

CB presented the results of the discussions that have occurred through emails.

The black lettering option looks too dark - rejected.

Option 2 was accepted. Approximate cost will be £110 for a 3.4m flag. We can order a larger flag later if necessary.

4. Recent Events & Meetings

4.1. Sun 18 Nov 2018 Galoppen, Inside Park

A great event - much enjoyed. Made a profit around £500.

There was a protest regarding the last control on the Brown course, which was upheld.

The **Controller requested a feature be moved on the map. The Planner moved this according to the Controller's instructions, but it ended up 40m out.** The error would have been spotted if the Planner had visited the site before moving it, or if it had been dealt with by the Controller.

The Brown course was shortened so that the previous control was declared as the last control.

Lessons to be learned: Late changes to the map should be avoided. Edits to the map should not be done remotely.

4.2. Tues 27 Nov 2018 SWOA Meeting

Details are in a comprehensive mail from **DK**. Summarised below:

- Galoppen is to be renamed SW Orienteering League.
- SWOA is hosting JK21
- SW Sprint Champs (see also Section 7 below)

The prologue (qualifying race) was not working in many age classes, due to insufficient number of competitors. In effect, all competitors would qualify, and most were using the prologue race to jog around and reconnoitre the area.

One solution - to widen the age classes

Another solution - both races would count towards an aggregated time.

Decision: We support the second solution - both races to count.

4.3. Wed 26 Dec 2018 Boxing Day Canter, Moors Valley

Superb success, with a huge turnout that used 248 maps.

The social aspect was excellent - mince pies and mulled wine for the congregated finishers.

Next year, we should print 300 maps.

Download worked ok. Printers ran out of paper, but this did not cause serious delays.

The new inflatable tent did its job very well.

5. WIM Club League

This has been discussed to conclusion through emails between **CB** and Mike Kite.

6. Forthcoming Meetings and Events

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

6.1. Sun 03 Feb 2019 Regional, Godshill

Compass Point will attend

Free tea and coffee will be provided in the village hall.

6.2. Sun 17 Mar 2019 CSC Qualifying Round, New Forest SOC have not yet announced a venue. **BE** has enquired already, but will chase again. We need details as soon as possible, so that we can organise our team.

6.3. Sun 07 April 2019 YBT Savernake

ACTION: KeP to ask Andrew Howard if he is willing to organise participation of the WIM juniors, as he did last year.

7. Correspondence

7.1. Changes to BOF Rules

The changes are mostly applicable to Major Events, and have minimal impact to WIM events.

7.2. SW Sprints Format

Covered in Section 4.2 above.

8. A.O.B.

8.1. West Dorset Mapping Activities

Jason Falconer (WSX) is involved (as is our Di Tilsley) in a number of mapping projects. The source of the funding is not known, but is very welcome. The maps will become WIM areas.

The areas include:

- Nothe Fort
- Lodmoor
- Radipole (RSPB)

8.2. Woodlands Trust

The Woodlands Trust want to open up more of their areas for public use. e.g. East Stour near Shaftesbury.

CB has been in contact. Indications are good to proceed, awaiting developments.

8.3. Lapsed Membership

JW has chased several members who had not renewed their memberships, and has successfully reduced the number to a manageable level.

Individual cases of lapsed membership were discussed. **JW** will chase further.

9. Next Meeting

Wed 27 Mar 2019 at 19:30, confirmed by **CB**