

**Wimborne Orienteers Committee Meeting
at Wimborne Town Hall
19:30 Wednesday 27 March 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

| <u>Revision History</u> | | |
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Present:

Andrew French (Chair) **(AF)**
Philip Harvey (Secretary) **(PH)**
John Warren **(JW)**
Eamon Staunton **(ES)**
Chris Branford **(CB)**
Kath Pike **(KaP)**
Dick Keighley **(DK)**
Becca Ellis **(BE)**
John Oakes **(JO)**

Apologies for Absence:

Kevin Pickering **(KeP)**
Karen French (Treasurer) **(KF)**

The meeting was called to order by **AF** at 19:32

1. **Minutes of previous meeting on 16 January 2019**

Revision 1 was Signed by **AF**. Actions arising therefrom:

- 1.1. **(3.1)** **ALL** to think about a suitable location for the new equipment shed.
AF to ask Andrew Howard if seldom-used items may remain in his barn
See Equipment Section below; Item 3.1.
- 1.2. **(6.3)** **KeP** to ask Andrew Howard if willing to organise WIM juniors in YBT.
Unfortunately, there is an insufficient number of juniors to field a team.

2. Treasurer's Report

Presented by **AF** on behalf of **KF**:

- 2.1. Boxing Day Canter: Surplus £882.60
- 2.2. Godshill status at 07-Mar-2019: £880.17 spent; £465.50 received; More to be received.
- 2.3. Funding grant awarded to Elizabeth Horsler: £50 for Interland
- 2.4. Canford: Surplus £87.73
- 2.5. Compass Sport Trophy: £771.50 spent on entries (Note from **BE**: a saving of £50 was made by borrowing EMIT cards from Steve Mallison, rather than hiring)

3. Equipment

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

The frequently-used equipment has already been removed.

The seldom-used equipment remains in the barn, but needs to be removed. Andrew Howard is intending to move house. The time line is unknown, but we need to clear out soon.

ES has researched rental of a garage / container as a short-term solution. Containers are available in Three Legged Cross for £100 per month.

This issue is not resolved.

ACTION: Continue to Think about suitable locations: ALL

ACTION: Add a note in the Mailchimp asking if any WIM members have a small piece of land that can host a shed: CB

- 3.2. SI Kit - Laptops

Please see Notes from DK in Appendix A. Summarised:

The laptop computers were originally donated from the Army. At 12 years old, they were becoming incapable of handling the latest software.

One replacement has been donated by **DK**, and one more bought from Ebay and upgraded (used for the Canford event). Total cost: £74.04.

- 3.3. SI Kit - Splits Printers

Notes from DK:

Set 2 & 3 printers were damaged. To be repaired by the school in Weymouth.

Replacement battery and charger has been sourced for the Seiko printer.

Soon, SI sets 1-4 will each have a working printer, plus one spare.

3.4. Banners

We now have 2 banners: small and large.

4. Recent Events & Meetings

4.1. Sun 03 Feb 2019 Regional, Godshill

Brilliant event, perfect weather. The social side was superb, use of the hall helped.

4.2. Mon 18 Feb 2019 Night League, Canford & Merley

The event was great.

There was a complaint on social media from a resident; regarding a broken hedge, trespass and impolite language. The complainant was contacted, but did not respond. The subject of the complaint has been identified as a hedge on public land. The hedge already had large gaps in it, and any orienteers who passed through cannot be considered as having caused any damage, or to have trespassed.

There is nothing more that we can do to appease this particular complaint.

Nevertheless, we must ensure that we issue reminders at urban events: private property, politeness, giving way.

4.3. Wed 13 Mar 2019 SWOA Meeting

DK attended the meeting, and provided the following notes:

Points from SWOA meeting – 13th March 2019

Peter Hart, BOF CEO in attendance

Finance – SWOA healthy. But, we've had to reset the budget because so many SW juniors have been selected for international event (Interland, World Schools Champs etc) that we've already reached the limit for grants set in the previous budget!

The British Sprint and Middles Champs in 2018 made a substantial surplus for SWOA. Some of this will come WIM's way because they used some of our equipment and we provided plenty of volunteers on the Sunday at Stock Hill. The amount is not yet known.

Fixtures etc

S Champs Weekend cancelled- goshawks. BOK trying to re-arrange for Dec 1st, which is currently their Galoppen date. NGOC event probably lost. Both BOK & NGOC stand to lose >£1k in unrecoverable costs. In addition to events being cancelled in spring/early summer because of goshawks, Forest of Dean FC now won't allow event parking on forest roads, or any Night orienteering!

Peter Hart requested details of Natural England Access Officer. KP provided these and PH has since written to Nicola Harper. He's also contacting Head Office of FC (England).

Galoppen – will be renamed but kept to current 9 events/year. The hope is that the League can be relaunched with a bit more publicity and the events to have a little more status overall.

JK2021 – Proceeding. Roger Hargreaves has been asked by Natural England (Cornwall) for £500 for a meeting. He now has Nicola Harper's details! JK2021 no longer have to double as British Champs as NWOA have offered to hold it.

SW Sprint Champs 2019 at Exeter Uni will revert to old method of scoring (Prologue and Final race times to be aggregated)

Suggestion is for 2020 Sprints to be renamed as SW Urban Sprint Champs. This will enable us to use Urban age groupings (more competitors/age group enables us to have heats and A & B races in Finals.) Results will also count in any Urban Leagues. SWOA to consult.

Caddihoe 2020 – After discussion, the committee voted to allow us to abandon the Chasing Start in 2020, and hold SW Middle Champs and SW Long Champs over the Caddihoe weekend.

The WIM committee discussed the 2020 SW Urban Sprint Champs. The view of the committee is thus:

- Heats to qualify for A and B finals: We do not support this suggestion, but instead support the format of 2 races with the result of both legs to count towards a final aggregated time.
- Urban age groupings: We support this suggestion. Widening the age bands will see more competitors per course.
- Ranking points should be based on Course
- Sprint Championships points should be based on Class

ACTION: PH to correspond with SWOA (Chair and Sec) to inform of the above.

Further points mentioned by **DK**: SWOA have been asked to host the 2022 British Champs. We are likely to be asked by SWOA, but we do not really have a suitable area.

4.4. Sun 17 Mar 2019 CST Qualifier, Roundhills, Brockenhurst

We missed qualification for the final of the Compass Sport Trophy by 6 points. We did as well as any other year, but other clubs did better.

5. Free Entries for Juniors

CB Proposed that all juniors who attend the Dorset Schools Champs should be given free entry to a WIM or WSX event, along with an accompanying adult. Vouchers will be distributed.

The committee supported this initiative.

Free membership of the club was considered less desirable: we do not want to swell the number of inactive members. It is much better to encourage participation with a free entry.

BOF members who are juniors can be given a loyalty card, so that after 3 runs, the 4th can be free.

We need to ensure that all non-member participants are informed that they are not covered by BOF insurance after their 3rd run, and should join a club and BOF.

6. Location of WIM Committee Meetings

The charge levied by Wimborne Town Council for the hire of the Wimborne Town Hall Committee Room is due to rise from £19 to £30.

JW mentioned that Greyfriars Centre in Ringwood is available, and will enquire into the cost.

While £19 to £30 is a big rise in percentage terms, the club can afford it.

Other alternatives: houses of committee members, pubs.

To be decided.

7. Forthcoming Events and Meetings

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

7.1. Wessex Region Summer League

A new flier has been professionally produced. No charge was made, but we should offer some payment.

7.2. Fri 26 April 2019 Meeting of **JW**, **KeP** with National Trust to discuss Ibsley

The purpose of the meeting is to try to persuade NT to be reasonable in allowing access to Ibsley. We feel certain that their concerns can be addressed.

7.3. Fri 10 May 2019 Dorset Schools Score, Avon Heath

DK: The map has been revised, and all is ready to go. Volunteers are needed.

7.4. Summer events that need Planner/Organiser/Mentor

Sat 03 August 2019 Activate Moors Valley: This includes MTBO: Maybe Trevor Bridle can organise / Mentor

Tues 13 August 2019 Activate By The Way Wimborne: WSX to organise

Sat 17 August 2019 WIM Picnic, Hyde Gorley: **ES** to mentor

Sat 07 Sep 2019 Activate Willow Walk, Wimborne: **BE** to mentor

Mon 09 Sep 2019 Evening event, Avon Heath: PH to Organise, Plan

7.5. Wed 11 / Thur 12 September 2019 Signals Champs

We have been informed that these will be held at Cold Harbour and Gore Heath.

7.6. Sun 10 November 2019 Galoppen

Venue is needed.

Hale Purlieu is an option, requiring permission from NT, and ensuring no infringement on to Caddihoe embargoed area.

Ringwood North is a better option, although extensive felling activity is on-going, which will require re-mapping.

7.7. Sun 16 Feb 2020 Regional

Venue is needed.

Wilverley is an option, which would require permission from FC, and bussing.

Another option may be Ibsley, pending the meeting with NT on 26 April.

7.8. Sat 03 / Sun 04 October 2020 Caddihoe Chase, Sandy Balls

ES: Sandy Balls have offered a field for parking, which will be quite adequate, within a short walk of Sandy Balls centre.

The Sandy Balls site can be re-mapped for an urban / sprint event.

We shall try to arrange for a discount (say 10%) on lodge rental for the weekend for participants.

The forests of Godshill & Millersford and Hampton Ridge are both within walking distance. SOC have agreed to the use of Hampton Ridge.

We need to delineate on a map where the extent of the Caddihoe areas will be, for purposes of embargo. **ACTION: CB**

No chasing start.

Include a WIM 50th anniversary celebration.

From Committee discussion:

We need to appoint an organising committee to include an overall organiser. We also need Controllers, preferably from outside SWOA. This will be addressed in the next committee meeting. **ACTION: Include in next Agenda: PH**

ES: Can we organise the whole weekend without help from WSX? Then, the whole weekend could be a WIM 50th celebration.

The consensus was that we would probably struggle: it is 2 full days, plus a Friday evening event.

8. A.O.B.

- 8.1. **AF:** St Andrews School, Yetminster is looking to establish a Permanent Orienteering Course. The school was mapped by Di Tilsley. Jason Falconer (WSX) is working in the area, and can be involved.
- 8.2. **DK:** Martin Cross, Jim Graham and DK recently completed an activity in Shaftesbury
- 8.3. **DK:** Mike Kite is mapping Thorncombe Wood and Puddletown
- 8.4. **AF:** Holt Heath (NT under Kingston Lacy) - progress still to be made, but the area has great potential for small events.

8.5. **JW:** Cris Tween's funeral went ahead on on Mon 01 April

Update after meeting: Several WIM members attended the funeral at Poole Crem (inc JW, RK from the committee plus Trevor Bridle, David & Judith Bland, David & Bernice Tonge, Sophie Lawrence, Keith Henderson, Richard Brightman, and also members of WSX & DEVON) which was followed by a reception at the Willett Arms.

- 8.6. **ES:** Hilary Pickering and Kirsty Staunton have recently attended a 1st Aid Course, and have some comments for the Committee.

ACTION: Details to be sent to the committee before the next meeting: ES

- 8.7. **CB:** The WIM/WSX prize giving was last Saturday. 4 new trophies were purchased. This is the plan going forward: only the Founders Trophy will be handed back and re-awarded each year, as well as 4 new trophies which will be purchased each year.

9. Next Meeting

Wed 05 or 12 June 2019 at 19:30, possibly in Wimborne Town Hall, or Greyfriars, or other venue. To be confirmed.

10. Appendix A: SI Kit

At the Godshill event, when we set up the computing network, it became apparent that the oldest laptops, dating from 2007 and obtained for us by John Whittingham from the army in 2011 were largely incompatible with the networking demands imposed on them by the newest version of SITiming, and recent updates in Microsoft's SQL Server software. We had four of these Dell laptops, two used for SI at events, one as a spare and one slightly faulty one on long term loan to John Shucksmith.

In consultation with Adam Cooke, we decided that it was time to replace these machines, which act as slave computers to the two newest laptops, or for results display, with something a little newer.

Accordingly, I have given WIM a spare Lenovo Thinkpad laptop of mine which I have recently replaced and which was lying idle, and via Ebay, bought and refurbished another second-user Thinkpad at a cost of £74.04, which I've tested by running the computing for the Canford Night Event on it and which is now part of the computing kit Andy French keeps.

Both of these machines network happily with the Master machines as slaves but are also capable of running smaller events on their own. They have a battery life of around 2-3 hours and so can be used for smaller events away from a power source.

We've disposed of one of the old Dell laptops via a club member and I now propose to do the same with the others, either via the membership or FreeCycle.

The GeBe splits printers for schools sets 2 & 3 were damaged by rough handling when the kit was borrowed by a school in Weymouth for a schools festival. This school has always looked after the kit well when they've borrowed it from Di Tilsley before, were mortified to discover the damage, and have offered to pay the cost of the repair or the replacement. Sport Ident-UK have now repaired the Set 2 splits printer and have enough spare parts to repair the Set 3 printer as well. The costs, of around £100, will be borne by the school. (A replacement printer costs around £220)

At long last, I've also been able to source a replacement battery and charger for our original Seiko splits printer (the type often seen being used by EMIT at MLS events) at a cost of £23.49. So shortly we should have working splits printers for each of Sets 1-4, plus a usable spare GeBe printer which we could also opt to send for repair if Martin Stone has any spare bits left after fixing the other two.

RK 25/03/19