

**Wimborne Orienteers Committee Meeting
at Wimborne Town Hall
19:30 Wednesday 05 June 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>		
Revision	Date	Details
0	06-Jun-19	Draft
1	11-Jun-19	Revisions highlighted

Posted on Website:

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

Present:

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

Apologies for Absence:

John Oakes (**JO**)
Karen French (Treasurer) (**KF**)

The meeting was called to order by **AF** at 19:36

1. Minutes of previous meeting on 27 March 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.
See Equipment Section below; Item 3.1.
CB: Note in Mailchimp requesting WIM members to host a shed.
The request was sent, but no positive responses were received.
- 1.2. **(4.3)** **PH**: Inform SWOA Chair and Sec of the Committee's View of the 2020 Urban Sprint Champs. This was done by email.
- 1.3. **(7.8)** **CB**: Delineate Caddihoe 2020 embargo area on a map. Embargo is in hand.
PH: Include Caddihoe 2020 organisation in the Agenda. See below Sect. 5.

- 1.4. **(8.6)** ES: Send comments to committee regarding 1st Aid Course. See AOB Sect.
7.4

2. Treasurer's Report

Distributed by **KF** through email. Committee discussion points:

- 2.1. Surplus from events since 01-Sep-2018: £4103
- 2.2. CST Final: This year, there will not be the usual large expenditure on subsidising travel to the Final, because we did not qualify.
- 2.3. KeP: Jackets: The sample jackets were taken to the JK, but not tried out because the weather was too hot. We need to turn this round quite quickly and get a mass order submitted. The order needs to be for the right sizes and numbers, and avoid holding a large stock. It is unlikely we will get the mass order delivered before Scottish 6 Days, but we have 10 pieces that can be tried on and then sold.
- ACTION: Mailchimp note inviting members to attend the Ringwood event on 22 Jun and try the jackets on: CB**
- 2.4. RK: Query regarding Dorset Schools: There were 86 competitors @ £4 for each entry. But the accounts show revenue of £492 for the event, which sounds like too much. **AF** will check with **KF**.
- 2.5. KeP: Query regarding cash in the Bank: We are holding £9523.87. Should we invest a further £5000 in Premium Bonds? Yes we should, but the Premium Bonds must be held by an individual (**KF**), so we need to ensure that the agreement between Wimborne Orienteers and **KF** is still valid.

Decision: Purchase £5000 more Premium Bonds

3. Equipment

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

Andrew Howard is not desperate for removal of the few remaining items in the barn. The frequently-used equipment is already at **AF/KF**'s house, with only seldom-used equipment remaining.

BE suggested a caravan storage park could be used to site a new shed. Possibly, an old caravan could be used instead of a shed. This could be a very cost-effective solution.

After further discussion, it was realised that when the time finally comes to vacate Andrew Howard's barn, the remaining items can be split between the dwellings of the committee members as follows:

- Wooden Stiles: **PH**

- Rolls of orange plastic crowd control barrier netting: **AF**
- Metal stakes: **CB**

3.2. Start Clock

JW suggested the purchase of a new start clock.

The committee felt that the cost of a start clock is unnecessary, due to their being superseded by technology. An app on a Smartphone or tablet works better, and is a great deal cheaper.

3.3. SI Air+

ES suggested purchase of a set of SI Air+ and SIAC cards. These would be an investment that would pay for itself over time. The set could be rented out to other clubs.

RK commented that we should hold no more than 50 of the cards. For large events, more can be borrowed.

One concern is that nothing is recorded at each control to indicate that a competitor has visited. This is a safety concern in the event of organising a search for a non-finisher. With the SI system we have, it is possible to interrogate the boxes, and focus the search around the competitor's last-punched control.

However, none of the present committee could remember an occasion when this was actually done, and it was agreed that any search party would be dispatched immediately, rather than wait until the control boxes had been collected.

ACTION: Research costs and details of SI Air+ and SIAC: RK

3.4. Electronic Payment

BE Suggested using an electronic Smartphone app-based payment system at events. This depends on available signal, which is not guaranteed in the forest. However, this should certainly be encouraged as the way forward.

ACTION: Investigate costs and details: BE

4. Recent Events & Meetings

4.1. Sun 07 April 2019 Permanent Course Opening, Nothe Gardens, Weymouth

Excellent: the POC is being used, including through the OrientO app.

4.2. Mon 08 April 2019 Informal, Stour Meadows, Blandford

Very good event.

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

The indications from the meeting look promising; more details are expected tomorrow morning

4.4. Fri 10 May 2019 Dorset Schools Championships, Avon Heath

More than 80 competitors. All was good.

Recent changes to the school calendar mean that there is now a clash with exam dates.

RK suggested that next year the date should be a week **later**, inside World Orienteering week. This year, that would have been 15-21 May. Wed 20 May 2020 was agreed **as desirable. To be confirmed.**

4.5. Mon 13 May 2019 Informal, St. Ives & Ashley Heath

Good event

4.6. Mon 03 Jun 2019 Informal, Wareham Old Town Walls

Good map, well planned. £25 was donated towards trip to Borneo for Agnes Brooke.

4.7. POC at Thorncombe Wood

This area is beside Hardy's Cottage. It has been recently mapped, and there is a POC, which is OrientO enabled. The area may be used for events, but only out of peak times, due to sharing of the car park with Hardy's Cottage and dog walkers.

RK showed two maps: 1:3500 for POC, and 1:4000 for events. The 1:3500 needs the addition of a note regarding Environment Agency copyright.

4.8. Meeting with local clubs at the Fighting Cocks

KeP attended, together with representatives from SOC, WSX and SARUM. Discussion was centred around the New Forest agreement, which is due for renewal next year.

Colin Hicks is working on renewing the agreement for another 5 years.

A map board was displayed with an overview of all the mapped areas of the Forest. There are some unmapped gaps .

CB: There is spare allocation for NF events in Level B and night events. SOC are willing to loan areas. If the allocation is not used then it might not be renewed. Night events can be run from a pub.

5. **Caddihoe 2020 organising committee: overall Organiser, Planners**

A meeting is scheduled for 19-June-2019 to sort out the main officials for the weekend. In attendance will be **ES, CB, KeP, AF**, and WSX representatives.

The Middle and Long will be part of UKOL.

Day 2 will not be a chasing start.

To be decided:

- Urban / Sprint event - when?
- WIM 50 years celebrations - when and what?

KeP proposed erecting the world's biggest maze on the hockey field at Fordingbridge School, which can be open all weekend.

Any profits from the event will be split equally between WIM and WSX, after making a contribution to SOC for use of the areas.

6. **Forthcoming Events and Meetings**

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

6.1. Tues 11 Jun 2019: SWOA Meeting

RK will attend. We are likely to get some money from SW Middle and Sprint Champs for loan of equipment.

6.2. Sun 10 November 2019 SWOL, Gore Heath or Ringwood North

Gore Heath is unlikely, Ringwood North is possible, or possibly borrow from SOC - Ocknell?

6.3. Thu 26 December 2019 Canter, Moors Valley CP

This might have to move to Ringwood North, mostly due to the extensive felling works in progress at Moors Valley.

6.4. Mon 13 January 2020 Informal, Fordingbridge

ES will plan/control/organise

7. **A.O.B.**

7.1. There has been an application from Tamsin Horsler for funding: Lizzie and Sarah have been selected to train at summer camps and with Regional Squad. The request is for 50% of the costs. That will be:

- £150 for Lizzie to go to Scotland
- £75 for Sarah to go to Sweden

Decision: Approved £225

7.2. **RK** has been selected to represent GB in Trail-O in Portugal. Requested £200 towards the cost.

Decision: Approved: £200

7.3. **AF:** There has been an application from the leader of a Cub Scout group for a copy of the Highcliffe map.

JW: There has been some building work, and some of the POC posts might have been disturbed.

The site needs to be inspected and maybe revised.

Responsibility for Highcliffe has moved from East Dorset council to Dorset.

Decision: a digital map can be sent as it is

7.4. **ES:** Comments regarding First Aid were distributed to the Committee prior to the meeting.

There are several points that are of interest to all Organisers and Event Officials as well as First Aiders. For example, what needs to be included in an event Risk Assessment.

ACTION: Simplify and summarise the text, and pass to **RK** for upload to website: **ES**
Regarding purchase of AED (Automated External Defibrillator), the benefits would be minimal due to the very small chance of an AED being applied in time for it to make any difference.

Decision: Not to purchase AED

ACTION: Upload a list of BOF-certified First Aiders to website: KeP

8. **Next Meeting and AGM**

Committee: Wed 18 September 2019 at 19:30, Wimborne Town Hall

AGM: Fri 18 October 2019, Wimborne Town Hall