

**Wimborne Orienteers Committee Meeting
at Wimborne Town Hall
19:30 Wednesday 05 February 2020**

Minutes of Meeting

Distributed by email to:

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John Oakes, Kath Pike, Rob Mills,
Eamon Staunton

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<u>Revision History</u>		
Revision	Date	Details
0	09-Feb-20	Draft
1	16-Feb-20	Corrected for errors; clarifications are highlighted

Present:

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

Apologies for Absence:

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

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

1. **Minutes of previous meeting on 20 November 2019**

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

- 1.1. (1.1) **AF**: iZettle card reader has been purchased, and the app is installed on the phones of **AF** and **KF**. Used effectively at the Boxing Day Canter. **ES** needs the app for the event at Ocknell on 16-Feb-20. An account is already set up, and linked to the WIM Bank Account. **AF** will provide the login and password to **ES**, who will in turn provide training in using the system to helpers on the day.

Note: 1.69% fee is charged by iZettle. Treasurer needs to be aware; so that there is no discrepancy in the accounts.

Receipts can be issued, but only after the event; by email.

1.2. (3.6) **PH**: Contact BOF regarding AEDs:

Update from **ES**: **ES** has recently been appointed as a Community First Responder. An AED is included in the standard equipment, and will be brought to the First Aid station at all events attended by **ES**. This is not the same as providing full coverage, but is a positive step.

Update since the meeting: Response received from Peter Hart, BOF CEO. British Orienteering holds no details of which clubs use AEDs, but their medical advisor does recommend their availability. This is based on the effectiveness of AEDs, and the precedent set by other sports. There is no official data regarding how many times an AED has been used or where its use might have saved lives at orienteering events, but qualifying incidents would have been notified to BOF. There is no recollection in the office of any such incidents.

1.3. (5) **KeP**: Ask John Shucksmith to be Controller for 2020 Caddihoe Saturday (WSX) Event - John Shucksmith is not available, but the role is filled. For Caddihoe, see Paragraph 6 below.

1.4. (6.1) **CB**: Discuss with Richard Sansbury (SWOA) and Julie Astin (WSX) the feasibility of neighbouring clubs hosting adjacent Saturday/Sunday events - This will be dealt with later in the year.

1.5. (6.8) **RM**: Contact Becca Ellis to inform CSC Organisers of the change in Club Captain - Done

1.6. (7.5) **KeP**: Give £50 for cycling gear to Ian from Ultrasport - Done, and gratefully received.

2. **Treasurer's Report**

2.1. £923.50 profit from Boxing Day Canter. This is marginally less than the usual revenue from this event, due to fewer entries on the day, due to the weather.

3. **Equipment**

3.1. JK2021 - SI Kit

Kerno / Devon have requested the loan of WIM SI kit for JK2021. This is no problem - there are no WIM events near this date.

3.2. SIAC On/Off boxes

RK: Request to purchase 2 more control stations to act as dedicated SIAC On/Off boxes and as spare units. Committee agreed.

3.3. OCAD 12

RK: WIM holds 1 copy of OCAD12, held by **CB**. Open Orienteering Mapper is free, and

will open a file from any version of OCAD, then save as OCAD12 (or other version). This being the case, the cost of more OCAD licences is unjustified. Any new mappers should be encouraged to use Open Orienteering Mapper.

3.4. Mapping Library

AF: Each and every map revision or update should be sent to **AF** so that the library can be kept up to date. This has not been happening. A Google Drive space is available where files can be dropped, or sent by mail to **AF**.

ACTIONS to send recent maps to AF:

Fordingbridge: CB

Moors Valley Country Park: JW

Ringwood North: KaP

4. National Trust Access (In Particular: Ibsley)

4.1. **JW:** In November, Jake White (NT Ranger) rejected our application to host an event at Ibsley, on the following grounds:

- SSSI, Conservation Area, and protection area for wintering wildfowl.
- Scheduled ancient monuments
- Commoners livestock
- High levels of day-to-day recreational pressure

JW has written letters of protest, including to British Orienteering CEO Peter Hart, whose opinion is that this is a local issue, and that individual NT properties have decision making powers devolved to them.

Further letters need to be written to keep up pressure, and to keep the issue in the foreground. As proposed by **KeP:**

- Write a further letter in the short term, to more senior people in NT.
- Point out the historical inconsistency - Ibsley has been used for orienteering for nearly 35 years (since 1986).
- Point out the geographic inconsistency: both Natural England and Forestry Commission are allowing orienteering in adjacent parts of the New Forest.
- Point out the inconsistency with NT's own tagline: 'For everyone, for ever'.
- Point out that the greater majority of WIM members are also NT members.
- Request a further meeting.

5. Recent Events & Meetings

5.1. Fri 13 December 2019 WIM Christmas Dinner, Langton Arms, Tarrant Monkton

The dinner was superb; the food was great. Not as many attendees as usual, suspected due to clashes with other social and work events. Next year, the Dinner should be booked and advertised as early as October.

5.2. Thu 26 December 2019 Boxing Day Canter, Moors Valley Country Park

All good. **KeP** comments and suggestions for Boxing Day 2020:

- Offer coffee/tea as well as mulled wine
- It will be WIM 50th anniversary. If possible, hire the Rangers Room in the Visitor Centre, and provide some food.

Consensus of the committee: Not to pursue this. Boxing Day is a family day, and most people want to depart soon after their run is completed.

- The Grinch worked well - competitors were adjusting their routes to avoid it. Repeat The Grinch in 2020, or give Santa 2 punch boxes: 'naughty' and 'nice' - one has bonus, one has penalty.
- Bonus points for fancy dress.

JW comment: The high-speed fairy worked well - people were chasing it.

5.3. Tue 07 January 2020 SWOA Committee Meeting

From **RK**:

- **New FC SW Forestry Area** agreement: BOK are not happy, and will request that Peter Hart (British Orienteering CEO) push back at FC to ease the restrictions. Some restrictions have already been eased: The banning of parking of forest roads, and night-O are no longer outlawed.
- Funds for International squads and Junior internationals: In recent years, **a large part of the SWOA budget has been spent on grants for juniors gaining international selection.** **The International Schools Sports Federation rules have changed so that individual schools teams will no longer be selected, so** the financial burden will be less, and thereby avoid having to increase the SWOA levy.
- Qualification for international funding is not very fair across the board, due to lack of structure and lack of clear policy in the International selection process.
- **RK** is no longer Chair of the TrailO committee, but remains as SW representative in the TrailO group.

5.4. Mon 13 January 2020 Night League Fordingbridge

It was wet with a howling gale. Good fun nevertheless. Ca. 40 competitors. The George pub were very happy to have us afterwards, and served excellent food. Salvation Army were very happy with how the hall was left after the event.

5.5. Safety Event Workshops

RK: 2x Safety Event Workshops for WIM members were held over the Christmas period.

5.6. Lists of Helpers at events

AF: It is a requirement that lists of helpers at each event are held by the club. At the moment, these are held in the computer of each organiser and in emails. We should collect this and other information from each event into an 'event pack' pdf, to be held in a private area of the website.

6. Caddihoe 2020 (from Caddihoe Committee KeP and ES)

- The car parking is secured for the whole weekend: a huge field behind Godshill Village Hall. £2 per car will be charged for the weekend - to go to charity. The field is within a short walk of Day1 and Day2.
- We have the use of the Godshill Village Hall.
- Numbers are limited to 500 per day. Fabian4 entries will be instructed to allow no more than this, and if reached, then no EOD.
- Controller for Day1: Charles Bromley Gardner (SARUM)
- Controller for Day2: Roger Crickmore (WSX)
- All other officials are in place, except for the evening event.
- The event will be advertised in Compass Sport this month and next month.
- The website is online but has no details as yet. Some general details will be posted soon.
- There was a meeting with Fordingbridge School regarding the maze. Unfortunately, the hockey pitch is in need of repair; availability cannot be relied upon. However, the football pitches are available. Pupils from the school will be involved, as will pupils from other schools, during the week before the event. The maze will be set up and available from the Friday night.
- SI boxes: we will need to borrow from another club for the maze and for the Saturday evening event. Possibilities: QO, BOK, Devon, Kerno
- A Caddihoe Committee meeting is needed soon, to decide:
 - Timeline for opening the entries
 - Timeline for releasing details
 - Entry fees - there should be a discount if all 3 events are entered.
- A letter has been received from Emily Benham: would we be interested in engaging her services for mapping an area, in return for sponsorship of £500 per sq km? The committee is supportive due to her credentials as a professional mapper, but rather than a new map, she could be appointed to update the Caddihoe maps (Ashley Walk). The

timing should be carefully chosen for the mapping update: perhaps 2 visits would be preferred: one in the spring to fix the overall layout and features, then another later in the year to finalise the vegetation and identify changes.

ACTION: KeP to discuss scope and rates with Colin Hicks

7. Forthcoming Events and Meetings

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

- 7.1. Sun 16 February 2020 WIM Regional, Ocknell
All in hand.
- 7.2. Sat 29 February 2020 TrailO, Thorncombe, Dorchester
Helpers are needed.
- 7.3. Mon 02 March 2020 WIM/WSX MapRun Score Event, Verwood West
£2 a head to be charged. New format for WIM - using mobile phone, no controls need to be put out.
- 7.4. Sun 15 March 2020 CSC/CST Qualifier, NGOC Coopers Hill/Cranham
RM is in the process of putting the WIM team together.
- 7.5. Sat 18 April 2020 SEOUL, Poundbury, Dorchester
The map is being re-drawn.
- 7.6. Mon 11 May 2020 WIM/WSX, Wimborne
Planner/Organiser: **KaP**
- 7.7. Fri 15 May 2020 Dorset Schools, Moors Valley CP
Including World Orienteering Day event.
- 7.8. Sat 04 July 2020 Activate WIM/WSX, Potterne Park
- 7.9. Mon 06 July 2020 Informal, Poundbury?
- 7.10. Sat 18 July 2020 Activate WIM/WSX, Moors Valley CP
- 7.11. Sat 08 August 2020 Activate WIM/WSX, By The Way
- 7.12. Sat 22 August 2020 Picnic event, Hyde?
- 7.13. Sat 05 September 2020 Activate WIM/WSX, Willow Walk
- 7.14. Mon 07 September 2020 WIM/WSX, Avon Heath (?)
- 7.15. Sat 03 October 2020 Caddihoe Day 1, Godshill/Millersford
- 7.16. Sat 03 October 2020 SEOUL, Fordingbridge
- 7.17. Sun 04 October 2020 Caddihoe Day 2, Ashley Walk and Pitts Wood
- 7.18. Sun 18 October 2020 CSC/CST Final, OD (W. Midlands)
- 7.19. Mon 09 November 2020 WIM/WSX, Alderholt
- 7.20. Sun 13 December 2020 SWOL event, Gore Heath

7.21. Sat 26 December 2020 Boxing Day Canter, Moors Valley

7.22. Sun 17 January 2021 Regional, Ibsley, or SOC area?

8. **A.O.B.**

8.1. **CB:** Trophies: The committee agreed that **CB** should go ahead with preparation of the trophies

8.2. **JW:** We have only 92 members who have renewed this year. A substantial number have not renewed. All committee members should have a look at the lapsed members list, and gently remind those who they know best.

8.3. **RM:** Invitation was received to Yvette Baker Trophy. Will we send a team on 29 March 2020? A team would comprise of 9 juniors. We do not have this many juniors to field, so cannot send a team.

ACTION: Respond that regrettably WIM will not be represented: PH

8.4. **RK:** Request was received: can we organise a maze **for Active Dorset's Schools Spring Games on 25 March 2020 at St Mary's School, Shaftesbury?** Answer: Yes. **RK** will organise.

8.5. **KeP:** Summer League: 3 of the 4 clubs involved consider the league a great success, while SOC have pulled out; in favour of MapRun events instead.

8.6. **ES:** Can we order a stock of business cards for handing out at events and in all sorts of other situations? The cost is expected to be minimal. The committee was supportive.

ACTION: Get a quote for the cost: ES

9. **Next Meeting**

Thursday 23 April 2020 at 19:30, Wimborne Town Hall Committee Room.