

Wimborne Orienteers Online Committee Meeting

Meeting Minutes

Present:

Andrew French (chair) (**AF**), John Warren (**JW**), Chris Branford (**CB**), Dick Keighley (**RK**) (acting secretary), Kevin Pickering (**KeP**), Rob Mills (**RM**), Kath Pike (**KaP**),

Apologies for Absence Philip Harvey (Secretary)(**PH**), Karen French (Treasurer)(**KF**), Eamon Staunton (**ES**)

The meeting was called to order by AF at 20.04

1. Minutes of the previous meeting on Wed 21st April 2021

There were no comments regarding the previous minutes, currently posted on Wimborne-orienteeers website. Proposed as a true record by AF, seconded by KP, agreed by all. No actions arising.

2 Treasurer's Report (KF via AF)

There was little to report. Problems caused by the sudden closure of the SWOA account by HSBC has prevented the payment of any levies etc. The new SWOA account with Santander is expected to open shortly.

Action: A final statement of Accounts is being prepared and the books will be sent to Trevor Bridle for audit before the upcoming AGM. **Action KF** (Treasurer)

3 Recent Events & Meetings

3.1 The Winter/Spring MapRun League concluded in early June and had been very successful in keeping our members occupied during the long months of Covid restrictions, when conventional local orienteering events were in very short supply.

3.2 CB reported that the Wessex Area Summer League, which ran on Saturdays between the end of June and September, in conjunction with Activate events for novices had been less successful, with relatively low take up during the holiday season, although the Sturminster event on August 21st had more runners than most. **CB** and the various planners were thanked for their work. CB had also recycled three of our MapRun courses (Blandford Milldown, Child Okeford & Sturminster) for the Run Blandford Group & local WIM members during the summer. **Action: CB** to calculate and arrange our next payment to the MapRun website for the use of their services.

3.3 The Stonedown & Golden Cap event on June 27th was gratefully received by runners attending their first traditional orienteering event for many months. Late withdrawal of permission to use a small technical area of woodland by the NT had caused a course replan for the longer courses, but the Planners (Michelle Spillar & Rodney White), Controller (Mike Kite) and Organiser (Rob Mills) produced a good event despite this.

3.4 The Furrow Hoppers was held at Blandford Milldown on Sunday July 25th, as part of the SWOA Relay series, planned and organized by Chris Branford. Covid restrictions meant that this year the event was run as a Team Score event (Harris Relay) rather than our traditional relay. Eight teams competed, as well as some individual runners, and was very well received.

3.5 A WIM team won the first three rounds of the SWOA Relay series, but final series results are yet to be published.

3.6 Although not enough WIM juniors were available to constitute a full team for the Yvette Baker Shield Final event at Westonbirt Arboretum on Sunday 4th July, the four juniors who did run enjoyed themselves and acquitted themselves with credit.

3.7 Key points from the latest SWOA meeting affecting our members had been circulated via the latest MailChimp.

4 Forthcoming Events and Meetings

4.1 A decision as to whether we will need to repeat the previous year's Autumn/Winter MapRun series will be taken once fixtures for the next few months are confirmed and we know whether we will need to supplement the calendar of available conventional events with extra MapRun events.

Action RM/CB

4.2 Fixtures for this year's Wessex Area Night League are currently being finalized. WIM are offering events at Alderholt, Wimborne & Fordingbridge. Many of the night events, but not all, will use MapRun.

4.3 MTBO Score event on Sunday 12th September 2021. The event is based on the Summerlands Caravan site at Combe Bissett, using an OS map. Planner/Organiser Kevin Pickering. Around 40 pre-entries. The event is organised in association with SLOW (who are loaning us their hire SIAC's for the event and also for the Caddihoe).

4.4 Caddihoe weekend. Day 1 WSX Godshill, Day 2 WIM Ashley Walk
Kevin Pickering, the Organiser, reported that matters are mainly in hand. He was trying to source some extra loos to supplement those in the Godshill Village Hall. We appear to have an adequate number of volunteers to help, plus the assistance of members of the Royal Signals, who are using the Caddihoe for their Championships.

Forestry England have stated that they require photographs to be taken of every control site the day before and the day after the event.

Prizegiving for the SW Champs will be certificates only, although any returned Caddihoe trophies will be stored by Kevin and passed on to the organizer of the next Chase event.

4.5 WIM intend to participate in this year's CompassSport Trophy event, to be held on 17th October 2021 near Sheffield. The club will, as usual, pay the entry fees for our competitors. **Action RM** to coordinate.

4.6 The Club Championships will be held at this year's November Classic. **Action JW** to approach John Shucksmith to see whether he is willing to do the necessary calculations.

4.7 Boxing Day Canter, 26th Dec 2021. It is hoped we will be able to use Moors Valley CP, which has had a recent map update by JW & CB, and where the Permanent Course is being updated. **Action JW** to liaise with Moors Valley.

4.8 WIM have a SWOL fixture date for Feb 2022. We hope to be able to recycle in part the Ocknell event which had to be postponed in Feb 2019 because of adverse weather & flooding. **Action CB** to approach FE for permission.

4.9 AGM – see Item 5 below.

5 Annual General Meeting

Our AGM is due to be held on Friday 22nd October 2021 at 19.30. It is hoped to hold a real, rather than a virtual meeting, in Holt Village Hall, perhaps with virtual attendance for those who cannot attend in person. Club Members will be notified by MailChimp.

Andy French has served three years and so has to stand down. Kevin Pickering has indicated he is willing to stand.

Chris Branford wishes to stand down as Fixtures Secretary. Rob Mills has offered to succeed him, although the handover would occur gradually over the next year. Kath Pike has offered to take over the weekly MailChimp.

All other Officers and Committee members are willing to stand for re-election.

6 AOB

6.1 WIM have given WSX a number of pin punches to attach to their control stakes for the Caddihoe.

6.2 Kevin Pickering has borrowed a number of hire SIAC's from SLOW for the MTBO & Caddihoe events. With most regular orienteers now owning their own SIAC's we have decided not to invest in a hire stock of SIAC's, having plenty of conventional SI cards to hire

7 Next Meeting

Date and location to be decided by the new committee after the AGM

Meeting closed 21.23