

**Wimborne Orienteers Committee Meeting
at Wimborne Town Hall
19:30 Thursday 16 November 2017**

Minutes of Meeting

Distributed by email to:

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John Oakes, Andrew Howard, Becca Ellis,
Eamon Staunton

Revision History

Revision	Date	Details
0	17-Nov-17	Draft
1	23-Nov-17	Minor changes highlighted

Posted on Website:

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

Present:

Kevin Pickering (Chair) (**KP**)
Andrew French (**AF**)
Philip Harvey (Secretary) (**PH**)
John Warren (**JW**)
Andrew Howard (**AH**)
Chris Branford (**CB**)
Dick Keighley (**DK**)
Eamon Staunton (**ES**)
Becca Ellis (**BE**)
John Oakes (**JO**)

Apologies for Absence:

Karen French (Treasurer) (**KF**),

The meeting was called to order by **KP** at 19:33.

1. **Minutes of last meeting on 14 September 2017**

Accepted by the committee and signed by **KP** as Chair.

2. **Treasurer's Report**

There was no report presented. Since the last meeting, we have hosted only 2 minor events.

3. **Mapping Library**

AF: The library is ready to be populated. The map files are needed. **AF** will visit **JW** to collect.

JW: Ringwood North is being revised.

AF: It is problematic to upload .ocd files to the WIM website. This file extension is not accepted

by the site. It may be necessary to hold the library on an alternative drive volume e.g. Google.

3.1. Permanent Orienteering Courses (POC)

AF: Inclusion of WIM POC details on British Orienteering website has not been successful. Need to contact someone for assistance. Try info@britishorienteering.org.uk or pconway@britishorienteering.org.uk

Who holds the maps for the POC at Ringwood North? This is MTBO POC. Trevor Bridle has details, and they can be purchased from Moors Valley visitor centre.

4. Equipment

4.1. Tents

ES: There have been some disadvantages with each of the tents researched. 3m x 3m is deemed large enough. A previously identified likely candidate has been rejected due to excessive weight at 35kg, and packed size (difficult to transport by car). Research continues.

4.2. Flag

KP: We need a new club flag, to match the new design of our O-tops

AF: We need to get the artwork for the O-tops so that we know the definition of the colours and fonts, to play around with a flag design.

4.3. O-tops

KP: There are 25 remaining in stock. Sizes vary.

4.4. SIAC Active Cards

Do we want to promote 'Air' punching by enabling our control boxes?

Our control boxes can be enabled. There began a lively debate.

Advantages:

- Faster punching.
- The device needs to pass within 0.5m of the control, does not need to be inserted.
- Keeping up with technology.
- If we do not want to invest in large capital expenditure, then sets of dibbers can be rented from SI for an individual event.

Disadvantages:

- Batteries in controls are run down faster. Boxes must be sent away for battery replacement.
- It is unfair on people who do not want to invest in **new** dibbers.
- Each box needs to be enabled, which takes time.

- There are discussions on-going in British Orienteering and IOF about whether the technology is recommended or not. We should wait until these discussions have reached their conclusions until we decide to adopt or not.
- There is no record at each control box of a competitor having visited. This feature is used to narrow down the search for a missing competitor.
- The dibbers are expensive.

Decision for the moment: we shall monitor the situation, and probably be more keen to adopt if/when it becomes the norm for the sport. If we host a Sprint event, then we can rent.

4.5. Website Beginners' Page

As previously suggested by **BE**, we need a page (that is strongly highlighted on the Home Page) for beginners, that clearly spells out how to attend an event, what to bring, what to wear, who to contact, and beginners' tips.

DK: There are likely to be some technical obstacles, and it is too much work for the webmaster to handle at the moment.

BE volunteered to handle the design and as much of the task as possible.

4.6. Website

DK: Domain name and hosting have been renewed.

4.7. Autodownload

We need to renew. £124 per year. As the latest version, SI have released 'SI Timing', which is a suite that is capable of handling many event formats.

4.8. Equipment Store

Held by **AH**. The arrangement is working ok, and the store has been inventoried. **AH** is happy to locate and extract any items from the store that are needed by anyone, but please give some notice.

5. Recent Events & Meetings

5.1. Sat 23 Sep 2017 Informal, Potterne Park

After longer than expected time to put out the controls, the event started a little late, but thereafter went well.

5.2. Sat 14 Oct 2017 Informal, Hyde

Went well. Advice: for odds and evens score events, do not use sequential control numbering; only write the control codes on the map and on the control descriptions.

The cakes were excellent.

5.3. Sun 22 Oct 2017 Compass Sport Trophy Final, Virtuous Lady, Devon

BE: We were 2nd. A brilliant club performance, and an exciting day for everyone. Great turnout, thoroughly enjoyable.

Moving forward, we need to plug our training gap: provide advanced training to youths and adults. **BE** and Steve Mallison are both qualified to coach to advanced level.

CB: There are plenty of people who will be attending this Sunday (at Inside Park) who have asked for / would benefit from coaching. Some are adults. All the committee and other experienced club members (as well as the qualified coaches) need to make themselves available to provide coaching and advice.

BE agreed to put together a coaching plan going into next year.

5.4. Mon 13 Nov 2017 Night League, Avon Heath

The event did not go entirely smoothly.

Anyone who visited control #151 had their dibber wiped. It appears this box had inadvertently been reprogrammed as a 'Clear' box.

Luckily, the results could be retrieved and re-constructed by reading in the contents of all the control boxes. **DK** was able to do this and thereby avert a disaster. Well done Dick. For future reference, it is good practice to dib all the boxes and then download, after synchronising them all. This also checks that the clock sync has worked.

The SI checklist that we keep with the boxes would benefit from a revision to include this practice, and a general revision to be more foolproof. **ACTION: KP, DK**

Despite the technical glitch, Avon Heath was a lovely event.

5.5. Fri 13 Oct 2017 WIM AGM, Wimborne Town Hall Council Chamber

KP: How did the AGM go?

DK: OK

6. Forthcoming Meetings and Events

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

6.1. Sun 18 Feb 2018 Setthorns are asking £5 per car for parking. This is considered excessive. We shall try for Turf Hill & Millersford instead.

6.2. Mon 09 Apr 2018 Venue: Fordingbridge.

6.3. Mon ?? Jun 2018 Venue: Ringwood Town

6.4. Sun 01 Jul 2018 Furrow Hoppers Relay Venue: Hyde

6.5. Ibsley & Rockford status update **JW:** Natural England are still saying that it is not to be used. But there are adjacent areas that Forestry Commission says it's ok to use. Not consistent. We are working on restoring access: finding contacts who can contact other contacts.

6.6. Activate Events for 2018 Likely to be:

- Moors Valley
- Potterne Park
- Wimborne (Town or Town+ByTheWay)

How much should we charge for entries? Free for newcomers, while experienced runners competing in the League have to pay.

6.7. Sat 13 Oct 2018 British Schools Score, Moors Valley Should we add some extras to this major, prestigious event? e.g. activities like Go Ape.

Answer: It should be kept simple. It will be complicated enough already, and enough of a handful for the supervising teachers who accompany the children. There will not be enough time in the day for lots of other activities.

What we could do is find a sponsor to provide a goody bag, and/or provide something for the teachers / supervisors while they are in attendance. It is felt that it is not worthwhile organising an accompanying event on the Sunday because the teachers / supervisors will most likely not delay their departure, especially those who have many miles to travel.

Maybe we should consider media coverage / camera crew, to accentuate the event's importance and increase our profile.

We need to think about this some more.

ACTION: Include in the Agenda for the next meeting: PH

6.8. 2018 Prize Giving This is not yet included in the calendar. Usually happens at the summer picnic. We should discuss at the next meeting.

ACTION: Include in the Agenda for the next meeting: PH

7. Correspondence

7.1. Steve Mallison request for funding to acquire UKCCL2 The committee are happy to provide funding, but do not know the status with parallel funding from SWOA.

ACTION: Write to Steve, find out the status: PH

7.2. Introductory email from Phil Conway, England Development Officer at British Orienteering

The committee agreed to invite Phil to our next meeting, where he can introduce himself, and we can discuss how he can help the club.

ACTION: Invite Phil to the next meeting: PH

8. A.O.B.

8.1. From the AGM, Emily Benham and John Warren were both given Life Membership:

The question has arisen: What does this actually mean?

In theory, the club pays individuals' fees for life, for BOF and WIM membership. In practice, individuals might not claim the fees back. Most importantly, the 'Life Membership' is an honorary title to recognise outstanding contribution. WIM has 4 in total. We need a published roll of honour for these, and for Club Champions through the club's history.

- 8.2. Social membership: This class of membership has been requested for those members who have been active orienteers and now do not compete, but still want to be involved in the social side of the club. The committee is supportive of the initiative, and sees no conflict with the club constitution, since the membership classification 'other category' is defined.

The numbers should not count towards 'large' or 'small' club status for Compass Sport Cup / Trophy. These members do not need to be covered by event insurance. Therefore, membership should not be administered through British Orienteering.

The committee agreed that a £20 discretionary donation would secure a **Social Membership, with lifetime duration**. To be administered by **JW**.

- 8.3. We need a Father Christmas for this year's Boxing Day Canter.
- 8.4. **CB**: Help is needed this Sunday. Volunteers were forthcoming
- 8.5. **CB**: An item from the recent SWOA Conference: There are examples of seniors' (e.g. M/W80+) courses being far too physically demanding. Reminder for planners to consider their competitors' physical abilities.
- 8.6. **DK**: There will be an Event Safety Workshop on Sat 09 Dec 2017 before the Avon Heath informal event. **CB** will mention in the next MailChimp.
- 8.7. 2019 is the club's 50th anniversary. We should discuss this at the next Committee Meeting.

ACTION: Include in the Agenda for the next meeting: PH

9. Next Meeting

01 Feb 2018 TBC