

**Wimborne Orienteers Committee Meeting
at Wimborne Town Hall
19:30 Wednesday 25 April 2018**

Minutes of Meeting

Distributed by email to:

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Chris Branford, Karen French, Dick Keighley,
John Oakes, Andrew Howard, Becca Ellis,
Eamon Staunton, Phil Conway

<u>Revision History</u>		
Revision	Date	Details
0	27-Feb-18	Draft
1	20-May-18	Comments from PC, Highlighted

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

Present:

Kevin Pickering (Chair) **(KP)**
Karen French (Treasurer) **(KF)**
Philip Harvey (Secretary) **(PH)**
John Warren **(JW)**
John Oakes **(JO)**
Andrew Howard **(AH)**
Chris Branford **(CB)**

The committee was very pleased to welcome **Phil Conway (PC)**, England Development Officer for British Orienteering, who was present for the first part of the meeting.

Apologies for Absence:

Dick Keighley **(DK)**
Becca Ellis **(BE)**
Eamon Staunton **(ES)**
Andrew French **(AF)**

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

1. **Welcome to Phil Conway**

Phil introduced himself as one of four Development Officers for British Orienteering, each reporting to Craig Anthony, and ultimately to CEO Peter Hart. Phil is keen to closely engage with the club, providing support and advice.

The new British Orienteering CEO, Peter Hart, can be contacted directly by email. Some lessons learned from the recent past, and plans for the future are:

- We should not aim purely for participation numbers. For example, an event that brings hundreds of new participants is not totally successful if none of those participants ever goes again. We need to cast a wide net, but create a clear path for those who are

interested in proceeding further.

- We need club members and regular attendees at events, who may later become club officials and event officials.
- The direction of the sport should be led by the clubs.
- Clubs may benefit from help with development. Phil can help by providing advice of what techniques and initiatives have proven successful for other clubs.
- British Orienteering has a role to play in leading development; particularly development of young people.
- The target age demographic is for juniors to make up **one third** of all members and participants. These numbers are seen in some regions, and in those regions the sport can be said to be thriving, as well as having a healthy outlook for years to come.

Youth Strategy document

3-4 days ago, this was published on the British Orienteering website. All are encourage to read it, **to be found here:**

http://www.britishorienteering.org.uk/index.php?pg=news_archive&item=4149

Phil is keen to also help out at our activities sessions, engage with our coaches, and help us to develop a Junior Programme. This can be quite simple. The first step is to decide what we want the Junior Programme to achieve. Then we can discuss the necessary actions: who / how / when / where / what.

Phil agreed to help Chris Branford with marketing for the British Schools Score Champs in October.

As mentioned earlier, the emphasis does not have to be on huge numbers. If we could secure maybe 15 families who would regularly participate, then this would make a large difference.

JW: Best would be to discuss with Di and John Tilsley

AH: The Yvette Baker Trophy rules need to be revisited: M18s should not be running yellow courses to get bonus points. Generally, the courses are too dumbed-down. The areas chosen should be more challenging.

PC: Points noted, but the terrain does need to be able to host simple line courses for 11 year olds.

ACTION: Introduce PC to our coaches: Hilary Pickering, Di and John Tilsley, Kirsty Staunton, Debs Mays, Becca Ellis, Steve Mallison: PH

KP: We need help from British Orienteering with our land access issues. It would help if the

following land owning organisations could be contacted at CEO level, and persuaded to issue policy statements that orienteering is to be encouraged on their land:

- National Trust
- Natural England
- The Army

With such policy statements issued, we might expect more co-operation and understanding from their staff at site management level.

ACTION: PC will ask Peter Hart to call KP

2. **Minutes of last meeting on 07 February 2018**

Matters arising therefrom:

Item 3.1: Flag. See equipment section below Item 4.2.

Item 7.1: Club league. **AH** did contact Mike Kite, and discussed events to be included next year. Short Green and White courses will be included. It is not included in the MailChimp which events are part of the club league. Next year's league will only include those hosted by our immediate neighbours. i.e. not NGOC or KERNO

ACTION: Draw up a list of next year's events before next meeting: AH

Minutes Revision 0 was accepted by the committee and signed by **KP** as Chair.

3. **Treasurer's Report**

Presented by **KF** as Treasurer:

We have only had two events since the last committee meeting, one at Fordingbridge and our Turf Hill Galoppen. The later made a surplus of £1158.07 and the event at Fordingbridge gave us a surplus of £80. Unfortunately we had a box stolen which means we have to purchase another box.

KP: Have we had all money in from the O-tops?

KF: Yes.

4. **Equipment**

4.1. Tent

We do need a new one, that can be carried by one person, and is easy to erect. **ES** is handling this.

ACTION: Discuss with ES: KP

4.2. Flag

Previous Action was to acquire a copy of the artwork from the O-tops, so that the new flag

will be consistent

ACTION: Discuss with AF: KF

4.3. Stolen SI Box

Stolen from the Fordingbridge event. **DK** will be purchasing a replacement.

4.4. Banner

JW: We need a large one.

SWOA have asked for a banner to display at the British Sprint Champs. We shall send it.

4.5. Gripples

CB: More are on order.

5. **Ideas for New Areas / Old Areas for events**

5.1. Bovington and areas around it Army. Access problems.

5.2. Near Bere Regis Black Hill, Oak Coppice. Afpuddle is worth looking at

5.3. Canford School Can be used but we have to pay for it. **KF** to contact

5.4. Bryanston School **KP** to ask Trevor Bridle about contacts

5.5. Washers Pit The Forestry Commission have been approached within the past year. They were not keen.

5.6. Hurn Forest North Available. Suitable for a local or night event

5.7. Rockford Common We can ask. Unlikely to get it

5.8. Turf Hill We can ask.

5.9. Ferndown Forest A lot of clearing work has been done to open up the rhododendron areas. Worth a look.

5.10. Wimborne St. Giles House Area of park land with extensive farmland ringed by clumps of woods. Forest across a very busy road. Need to contact Earl of Shaftesbury or his office. They host triathlons and can be hired for weddings and events. Access could be possible. Needs mapping. **PH** to contact.

6. **Recent Events & Meetings**

6.1. Fri 09 Feb 2018 Night League, Gillingham

All good

6.2. Sun 18 Feb 2018 Galoppen, Turf Hill

All good, except there was a complaint received by **KP** from a member of the public regarding a speeding car along the access track. The track is rough with potholes, so the car cannot have been going really very fast. However, the complaint will be taken seriously. We should display signs at the ends of access routes to remind drivers to proceed slowly with caution.

6.3. Mon 09 Apr 2018 Evening event, Fordingbridge

One SI box was stolen. More maps were ordered than thought needed. 100 was the same price as 70. This is considered good practice, and will be taken forward.

7. **Forthcoming Meetings and Events**

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

- 7.1. Sun 01 Jul 2018 Furrow Hoppers Relay Venue: Hyde. **KP** is handling this. Maybe we can use the cricket club.
- 7.2. Sat 07 Jul 2018 Activate Moors Valley Our juniors must not run due to the embargo for British Schools. **KF** will plan. Helpers needed on the day.
- 7.3. Sat 18 Aug 2018 Prize Giving Venue: Redcotts, Wimborne. Intention is to use the Scout Hall. **KF** to email the scout leaders.
- 7.4. Mon 10 Sep 2018 WIM/WSX Evening event Avon Heath Need permission. **JW** has contacted.
- 7.5. 26 Dec 18 Canter At Moors Valley
- 7.6. Coaching Activity Days: Provisionally Sat 10 Nov 2018 at Wilverley, Sat 26 Jan 2018 at Gore Heath. Limited to 25 participants for easy access permission
- 7.7. CSC / CST qualifying round? Still unknown.
- 7.8. Summer Relay Season There are a lot of relay races this summer: too many to field a competitive presence in all of them, especially as many are far away. We would like to pick a sensible number of races and field decent teams, with the goal of competing seriously.
- 7.9. Night Events There are 2 already on the calendar. We shall probably host 3 in total.
- 7.10. 09 May 2018 Meeting with WSX / SOC / SARUM This meeting is for finalizing the details of the local leagues: which events, how the scoring will work, who compiles the results, prizes etc.
- 7.11. Sat 28 Apr 2018 Prizegiving **KP** needs a list of the prize winners in advance. **CB** will provide this. Around 50 people are expected to attend the event and the prize giving.

8. **Correspondence**

8.1. Nestle and McCain Promotion: email from Craig Anthony, British Orienteering

The promotion allows purchasers of these products to qualify for 2-for-1 entry. When the promotion was introduced, there were several emails from committee members with strong opinions that we do not want to be associated with these brands. We have opted out of the promotion. There were no objections from the committee, and we shall remain

opted out.

- 8.2. General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) We received guidelines from British Orienteering regarding the new regulations, which come into effect from 25 May 2018, along with an amended membership form. The guidelines are 20 pages, and none of those present could be considered expert. **PH** will study the guidelines in detail and ensure that the club is in compliance. **ACTION: PH**

- 8.3. LiveWell Dorset: Email from Natalie Priestley This is a website that encourages healthy lifestyle, funded by Public Health Dorset. The mail informed us that we are listed on their site, but will be removed if we so desire. The committee is happy to be included on this website.

9. A.O.B.

- 9.1. **AH:** Please would **DK** bring up at SWOA meeting the issue of Yvette Baker Trophy competitors running down several classes in order to score high points. Would clubs who have pursued this tactic care to declare those runners non-competitive, in the interests of fairness?

10. Next Meeting

Wed 13 Jun 2018 TBC