

**Wimborne Orienteers Committee Meeting  
Online Meeting through Zoom  
19:45 Wednesday 17 November 2021**

**Minutes of Meeting**

**Distributed by email to:**

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<u>Revision History</u>		
Revision	Date	Details
0	25-Nov-21	First Draft
1	14-Dec-21	Amendments <b>highlighted</b>

**Present:**

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

**Apologies for Absence:**

Karen French (Treasurer) **(KF)**  
Andrew French **(AF)**  
Rob Mills **(RM)**

The meeting was called to order by **KeP** at 19:45.

1. **Minutes of previous meeting on 07 September 2021**

There were no comments regarding the minutes.

Actions arising therefrom:

**2: KF:** Preparation of Final Statement of Accounts; sent to Trevor Bridle for audit. **Done**

**3.2: CB:** Calculation and payment to MapRun. **Done**

**4.1: RM/CB:** Decide whether an Autumn/Winter MapRun is necessary. **We are expecting to host some events in early January and February.**

**4.5: RM:** Co-ordinate WIM team to attend Compass Sport Trophy on 17<sup>th</sup> October 2021. **Done**

**4.6: JW:** WIM Club Championships at November Classic: Ask John Shucksmith if he is prepared to calculate the results. **Club Championships results are here:**

**<http://www.wimborne->**

[orienteers.co.uk/d7/sites/default/files/Club%20Champs%202021.jpg#overlay-context=node/55](http://orienteers.co.uk/d7/sites/default/files/Club%20Champs%202021.jpg#overlay-context=node/55)

**4.7: JW:** Liaise with Moors Valley CP in preparation for the Boxing Day Canter. **CB: We have permission, but still need to secure confirmation of free parking. In the hands of AF and KF to liaise with Moors Valley CP.**

**4.8: CB:** Approach FE for permission for event at Ocknell in February 2022. **CB: FE have been approached. Final permission is not yet granted but we are confident of success.**

## 2. **Treasurer's Report** (and discussions regarding Mapped Areas)

2.1. **Caddihoe Finances:** A balance sheet had been provided by **KF**. Not yet finalised but we expect a profit of around £4000 to be split with WSX. Discussed later in Paragraph 5.2.

2.2. **KeP:** Our cash reserves are extensive and increasing. We should be looking at effective ways to spend some of it. E.g. Mapping. E.g. Studland. The committee supports this principle.

**RK:** There are **several former WEYOR areas** that can be re-visited. E.g. Bere Wood, Delcombe & Houghton, Affpuddle, Puddletown, **Milton Park Woods**. It would be worth seeking permissions and re-map these areas; particularly those areas that are under private ownership.

2.3. **PH** volunteered to re-map Gore Heath.

**ACTION:** Seek permission to use Gore Heath: **PH**

2.4. **ES** volunteered to approach WSX to discuss use of Puddletown Forest. **ACTION: ES**

2.5. **KeP:** Do SOC have more areas that they would like us to use, as previously with Hampton Ridge? SOC have a quota of permissions for events in the New Forest that need to be filled or risk a reduction in future quota.

**CB:** Probably.

**ACTION:** Approach SOC for discussion: **KeP**

## 3. **Richard Brightman's Legacy Donation £500**

3.1. Richard Brightman's niece Pippa Wetherall has informed us that there was £500 left to the club in Richard's will, with the intention that this money should be spent on training and activities for juniors. There were several suggestions from committee members:

- Grants for juniors to attend squad training (the club and SWOA already support this)
- A trophy
- Kit for juniors
- An annual training weekend (e.g. at Longmoor), using club funds after the £500 is spent

- Food provided for those competing in the Compass Sport Trophy

Other ideas should be sought from the club membership.

**ACTION:** Invite suggestions through MailChimp: **KaP**

#### 4. **Membership**

BOK have successfully increased their membership by 10%. How? Can we also?

Below are some actions that BOK have taken:

- 4.1. Email all lapsed members 2x: **JW** contacts lapsed members by telephone
- 4.2. Welcome all new members with a phone call and an email: **JW** receives a notification by email whenever a new member joins, which he has been forwarding to **CB** to include on the Mailchimp list. An email is sent informing the new member of this. (Mailchimp is now taken over by **KaP**).  
**ACTION:** Send request to BOF requesting **KaP** to have permissions to access the Membership List: **PH**
- 4.3. BOK have a strong junior section: Unfortunately, we do not.
- 4.4. BOK have a strong website: We do also.
- 4.5. BOK are very active through social media: We communicate through Facebook but our Twitter feed is seldom used.
- 4.6. BOK have developed many virtual courses: We have also: many MapRun courses.
- 4.7. BOK have regular fitness training activities (including through Zoom): We have access to the WSX activities but few of us regularly attend.
- 4.8. BOK hosted 22 events in the past year: We are a smaller club and cannot match this, but if we include WSX and SOC then the number of local events is comparable.

Future discussions: We should re-visit this topic regularly.

#### 5. **Recent Events & Meetings**

- 5.1. Sun 12 September Combe Bissett MTBO  
47 participants, beautiful day. Very well enjoyed.
- 5.2. Sat 18 September Caddihoe Day 1 and Day 2  
**KeP** has received feedback, including extensive comments from Controller Terry Smith. Some summarised points that we can learn from:
  - Nearly 1000 competitors took part. Their enjoyment of the event should be one of the most important considerations.
  - On Friday night an instruction was received to remove some of the red/white tape that had been put out to mark the routes to start/finish, following complaints from horse riders

claiming that their horses were prone to eating the tape and it being not good for them.

- Some of the signs that were put out had been moved or turned round, presumably by discontented members of the public.

**ES:** For all events, we must ensure that we remove all tapes including at control sites.

- There was no spectator area for Day1 or Day2
- The Finish was not given a control description
- There should not be allowed any changes to the start times when competitors arrive at the Start. We should be strict about this and make it very clear in the Final Details.
- There were not enough copies of the Start List at the Start.
- Day2 map needed some updating
- Geo-referencing of maps needs to be checked. Also, document control for maps is made easier if the filename is in the format YYYYMMDD\_Name.

**ACTION:** Check with **AF** that all the maps in our library are in this format: **PH**

- Sequential control codes should not be used
- The codes displayed at the controls should comply with BOF rules for size of lettering.

**ACTION:** Ask **AF** if the compliant box of laminated numbers can be found: **PH**

**ACTION:** Contact SN for details of the clip-on plates that they use: **PH**

- There was a 'No Dogs' rule, but at least one was seen. This rule should have been better enforced.
- Many competitors did not easily find the Finish. There was tall bracken cover and there was no funnel taking runners in. The run-in needs to be very prominent.
- BOF rule 18.8 should be complied with regarding map content. E.g. date of magnetic north.

The committee noted that many of the issues were due to the very short time frame: there were only 3 weeks to organize the event after permission was granted.

**RK:** Use of Fabian4 to generate the start times was a good move. The results came through very quickly.

**KeP:** There was a big profit (£4865.03 minus map printing costs). Should we pay a bit more to charity? £750 has been given so far. We could give £100 to the Hyde Preschool Play Group who provided refreshments. Committee agreed.

The £750 breaks down into £250 each for Teenage Cancer Trust, Hampshire and IOW Air Ambulance, Naomi House Hospice.

The Committee agreed to also give £250 to Breast Cancer. To be agreed with WSX.

All the charitable donations should be listed in the club accounts as such.

### 5.3. Fri 22 October WIM AGM

5.4. Mon 25 October Wimborne Night Event

5.5. Sat 13 November 2021 Coaching activity, Moors Valley CP

**KF, JW**, Alice French, Grace French hosted a group of 12 newcomers to the sport. Alice and Grace (both juniors) took the lead, which enhanced the fun and resulted in a highly successful session.

## 6. Forthcoming Events and Meetings

See Fixture List distributed by **CB**, and also:

6.1. Suggestion from **RM** by email: We should host an event at Moors Valley on the first Saturday of every month aimed at juniors / beginners / improving novices. Courses should be white, yellow, orange, score using the POC posts at low cost and easy to organise with coaching available.

**KeP:** For further discussion. How many organisers and what kit would be needed? Moors Valley CP would need to be involved and include this in their activities (Activate) brochure.

**ACTION:** Visit Marc Thompson to discuss: **KeP**

**ACTION:** Put together a framework: **ES**

6.2. Minor events MapRuns open for 1 week: Early January and early February. **CB** to discuss with **RM**. There is a new map of Ferndown Forest.

6.3. Sun 08 May 2022, Yvette Baker Trophy We need to decide whether to field a team or not.

6.4. Sat 18 February 2023, British Nights Champs, Venue TBC This probably cannot be in the New Forest due to Natural England rule that prohibits any night activities. Moors Valley is a possibility, based at the Golf Club.

## 7. A.O.B.

7.1. Communication from Kay Hawke regarding Virtual Orienteering Project: The initiative is to train school teachers and organize pupil activities. **CB** to pass to Di Tilsley.

7.2. **RK:** Forthcoming Equipment expenses: website charges, software licences. **RK** will contact **KF**.

7.3. **CB:** Recent Southern Nights Champs and SN Trophy Many of the more senior competitors found the courses to be more physically demanding than they should have been; some recorded times were 2 hours. Please would **RK** mention this at the next SWOA meeting.

## 8. Next Meeting

Provisionally: Wed 15 December 2021 through Zoom. **KeP** to discuss with **RM** and confirm.