

**Wimborne Orienteers  
Committee Meeting  
Thursday 13th November 2025 19:45  
Verwood, Dorset**

**Minutes of Meeting**

**Revision History**

Rev	Date	Details
0	16/12/2025	Draft
1	31/12/2025	Final version

**Distributed by email to**

Andy French, Karen French, Debs Mays, Rob Mills, Kevin Pickering, Kath Pike

**Posted on website**

**Present**

Kath Pike	(Chair)	<b>KaP</b>	
Karen French	(Treasurer)	<b>KF</b>	
Tom Alcock	(Secretary)	<b>TA</b>	<i>by Zoom</i>
Andy French		<b>AF</b>	
Debs Mays		<b>DM</b>	
Rob Mills		<b>RM</b>	
Kevin Pickering		<b>KeP</b>	

**Apologies**

n/a

**The meeting was called to order at 19:50.**

**1 Minutes of last meeting – Thursday 4th September 2025**

- 1.1 The minutes were accepted by the Committee with no further comments or revisions.

**2 Notices**

- 2.1 Welcome to **DM** who has joined the committee.
- 2.2 Welfare to be added to the committee minutes between Equipment & Future

Events as point 6.

### **3 Treasurer's Report**

- 3.1 Current Account balance £8,703.60.
- 3.2 Recent Income (see also 7):
  - 3.2.1 MTBO Champs (27-28/09/25): +£1300
  - 3.2.2 WRNL Bovington (01/11/25): +£140
  - 3.2.3 SWOL Berewood (02/11/25): +£1700
- 3.3 Upcoming Expenses
  - 3.3.1 **Action: KF** to reimburse Di Tilsley for purchase of First-Aid supplies.
  - 3.3.2 Upcoming Events (see also 8) e.g. Godshill remapping, CSC Heats, Boxing Day Canter.

### **4 Juniors' Report**

- 4.1 Congratulations to Alice F on competing in the Junior Home Internationals (JHIs) in October in South Wales. England won!
- 4.2 Alice F will also be competing at Interland in Calais next Spring.

### **5 Equipment & Website**

- 5.1 We are slowly losing gripple removers at events. **Action: KeP** to buy more gripple removers. If any club members have spares at home, please return to our shared supply!
- 5.2 Newer Type 9 SI dibbers hold 50 controls. If needed, WSX have some that can be shared.

### **6 Welfare – \*New Section\***

- 6.1 BOF standards now require a minimum of two club members with basic welfare training. #1: **KaP** (current Welfare Officer); #2 **KF**.
- 6.2 Our website should also contain up to date info on Welfare practices. **Action: AF** to update the website to contain accurate Welfare info including contact details for trained Welfare members.

### **7 Past Events**

- 7.1 Sat 27<sup>th</sup> and Sun 28<sup>th</sup> September 2025: British Champs/World Masters MTBO
  - Saturday Sprint – Ringwood North
  - Saturday evening – Moors Valley

Sunday – Hurn Forest

**7.1.1** Great event, many thanks to the officials and volunteers. Many compliments from competitors who had travelled from overseas.

**7.1.2** Minor contention on Sunday between riders and local residents, which could not be anticipated.

**7.1.3** It is noted that 3 events in 2 days was a lot (too much) work for the same planner/organiser. Multiple planners/organisers required if we do it again.

**7.2** Sat 1<sup>st</sup> November 2025: Wessex Night League – Bovington

**7.2.1** Great planning, no-one got all controls in the time limit so it was a real challenge even for the quickest runners.

**7.2.2** Feedback that the “dumbbells” and their points value could have been explained slightly better.

**7.2.3** SI timing on the night reset to 6am causing some head-scratching. **Action: TA** to ask James Crickmore how it was debugged for future reference.

**7.3** Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2025: South West League – Bere Wood

**7.3.1** Founder's Trophy: Congratulations to the winner Mike Christopher!

**7.3.1.1** Not many WIM members were able to take part as they were volunteering. Agreed that next year Founder's Trophy would be moved back to November Classic on **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2026** for this reason.

**7.3.1.2** The speed ratios we historically use to age grade are from UKA and are not as fair on orienteers as they could be. **Action: AF** to ensure that the speed ratios which are used for the Founder's Trophy are updated and fair for 2026.

## **8** Future Events

**8.1** Mon 15<sup>th</sup> December 2025: Wessex Night League – Wimborne

Planner/Organiser: Chris Branford

**8.2** Fri 26<sup>th</sup> December 2025: Boxing Day Canter – Moors Valley

Planner: Monty B-H; Organiser: **KF**

**8.2.1** Prices to be set at £10 per senior entry and £5 per car. **Action: KF** to discuss junior/group pricing with Dick Keighley and configure Racesignup.

**8.2.2** Entries have historically closed very last minute, which is not fair on computing team. **Action: KF** to decide on closing date for Racesignup to ensure ample time to process entries.

**8.3** Sat 14<sup>th</sup> February 2026: Purbeck Hill Challenge

Planner: Chris Turner; Organisers: **RM**, Bruno Smith; Controller: Ian Sayer

- 8.3.1 Marshals are needed who do not mind standing in the cold for a couple of hours. **Action: RM** to field a marshal team via Mailchimp.
- 8.4 Sun 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2026: Compass Sport Qualifier – Bovington  
**Planner:** Andrew Howard; **Organiser:** **AF**; **Controller:** Terry Smith
- 8.4.1 Entry fees of proposed of £14 for seniors; £7 juniors. £1 increase respectively from 2024.
- 8.5 Thurs 26th February 2026: Wessex Night League – Alderholt  
**Planner/Organiser:** **KeP**
- 8.6 April – September 2026: WIM/WSX Summer Series
- 8.6.1 The league will take the same successful format as in 2024 and 2025: 6 physical score events; 6 Mapruns run any time each month. Dates and officials tbc.
- 8.6.2 Maprun Events\*: Hyde & Gorley Common, Merley, Bridport.
- 8.6.3 Physical Events\*: Stonebarrow, Potterne Park, Sturminster Newton.
- \*No particular order / subject to change**
- 8.7 Sat 20<sup>th</sup> June 2026: Tidworth Urban  
**Planner:** Chris Branford; **Organiser/controller** TBC
- 8.7.1 The event will be held at the same venue as SW Sprint champs 2025: Tidworth Leisure Centre.
- 8.8 Winter 2026 (date tbc): South West League – Godshill  
**Officials** TBC
- 8.8.1 Event will be held on either Sun 08/11/26 or Sun 13/12/26.

## 9 Mapping Updates

- 9.1 Map georeferencing. **Action: AF** to ensure that all maps are correctly georeferenced.
- 9.2 Wilverley Inclosure. **Action: AF** to look into mapping rights, mapping updates and car parking situation for Wilverley in the New Forest.

## 10 AOB

- 10.1 Training new controllers for the club. **Action: KeP** to contact possible participants in a BOF controller training course.

**The meeting was adjourned at 22.00.**  
**The next meeting will be held on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2026 at 19.45 in Verwood.**

Tom Alcock – Secretary  
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