



**Wimborne Orienteers
Committee Meeting
Thursday, 24th September 2026 19:45
Verwood, Dorset**

Minutes of Meeting

Revision History

Rev.	Date	Details
0	26/09/2026	

Distributed by email to

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

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Present

Kath Pike	(Chair)	KaP
Karen French	(Treasurer)	KF
Tom Alcock	(Secretary)	TA
Debs Mays		DM
Rob Mills		RM
Kevin Pickering		KeP

Apologies

Andy French (**AF**)

The meeting was called to order at 19:50.

1 Minutes of last meeting – Thursday 25th June 2026

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted by the Committee.

2 Notices

There are no notices.

3 Treasurer's Report

- 3.1 The Accounts are currently being audited by Trevor Bridle (WIM).
- 3.2 Current Account balance: **£13,047.18**.
- 3.3 Recent Events (see also 7):
 - 3.3.1 Tidworth (20/06/26): +£655 (surplus).
 - 3.3.2 Summer League (Apr-Sep): The physical events are more profitable. We usually make a small loss on the monthly Maprun events.

4 Juniors' Report

- 4.1 Alice F got into the Talent South squad for the coming year, and is the only remaining active junior in WIM.
- 4.2 Interland takes place in February 2027 in Luxembourg, and she will be travelling lots in the coming weeks to Selection races across England, including JIRCS in Essex this weekend (26th). Good luck!
- 4.3 As per the previous two meetings, the committee has been exploring different options to get more juniors involved in orienteering. Please refer to AOB **10.1**.

5 Equipment & Website

- 5.1 Members of Scottish Orienteering thank the club for lending them equipment for recent events that **KeP** attended in Scotland, including the World Masters in Moray.
- 5.2 More Gripple removers are needed, particularly in advance of the Wessex Night League. **Action: AF** to procure Gripple removers.

6 Welfare

- 6.1 In order to register affiliation with BOF for the coming year, there is a requirement that we appoint a **Safety Liaison Officer**. **RM** volunteered to occupy the role.
Role Description: "the club Safety Liaison Officer will simply receive Safety Updates, Safety Alerts, notifications of reported incidents from their club, and any other relevant communications from the Safety Advisory Group. There are no additional responsibilities or training requirements at this stage."

7 Past Events

- 7.1 July 2026: Summer League – Hyde & Gorley Common Maprun
- 7.2 Sun 5th July 2026: Summer League – Sturminster Newton
 - 7.2.1 No incidents to report. The weather was very warm, and the day ran

smoothly. Thank you to Vicky and co. for planning and organising. Good luck in your new home in Scotland.

8 Future Events

8.1 Sun 18th October 2026: Compass Sport Cup Final

8.1.1 At the time of the meeting, 23 members of WIM have entered the CSC Final. The early entry deadline is Sunday 27th September, and the late deadline is Wednesday 7th October.

8.1.2 Those interested should email the club as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

8.2 Sun 1st November 2026: November Classic

8.2.1 This will be the scoring event for the 2026 Founder's Trophy. **AF** will process the results.

8.3 Starting October 2026: Wessex Region Night League (WRNL)

8.3.1 WSX (Jolyon) is working on the calendar for this year's night league.

8.3.2 Proposed WIM maps: Castlepoint, Poulner, Berewood.

8.3.3 Berewood may be tricky access-wise, or expensive for a small night event with only 30-40 competitors. **Action: RM** to look into Berewood permissions, he has a good relationship with the landowner.

8.3.4 Wimborne is Plan B. There are some new estates in Wimborne offering new mappable areas.

8.4 Weds 4th November 2026: Military League South (MLS) – Moors Valley

Planner/Organiser/Controller: BAOC

8.4.1 Officials were originally going to be WIM members, but the event has fully been handed off to BAOC. All permissions will be handled directly with FE by BAOC.

8.4.2 BAOC have requested latest version of Moors Valley map held by WIM. **Action: AF** to send this to Allan Farrington.

8.5 Sat 12th December 2026: South West League – Godshill

Planner: Phil Harvey; Organiser: Rob Mills; Controller: Ian Sayer WSX

8.5.1 Eamon Staunton has secured Woodgreen Village Hall with car parking and toilets.

8.5.2 **Action: RM** to ask Eamon to research catering options on the day. Discussions were had about delicious tea & cakes in previous years.

8.6 Sat 26th December 2026: Boxing Day Canter – Moors Valley

Planner: Alice F; Organiser: KF

8.6.1 The same car park will be used as in previous years, with a QR code given

to participants to obtain discounted parking (£3 for the day).

8.6.2 The GoApe shelter will be used as Download.

8.6.3 Although we informally have permission, the formalities should be completed soon for the event to go ahead. **Action: RM** to obtain permissions from Forestry England by submitting the relevant forms.

8.7 Starting June 2027: Summer Series 2027

8.7.1 WIM and WSX have agreed to reduce the Summer Series next year from 6 months to 3. Instead of April–September, it will run from June–August in the same format: 3 Mapruns & 3 physical events (1 each per month).

8.8 Sun 13th or Sun 20th June 2027: SW Sprint Champs – Slades Farm, Bournemouth
Planner/Organiser/Controller: TBC

8.8.1 This area is directly adjacent to the Bournemouth Velodrome, and has good sprint potential. Chris Branford is in the process of mapping.

9 Mapping Updates

There are no mapping updates aside from those mentioned above (**8.3** and **8.8**).

10 AOB

10.1 Increasing Junior participation in the sport

10.1.1 Scouts

10.1.1.1 As discussed under Section 10 (AOB) of previous Minutes, Keith Henderson has been working with Verwood Scout Hut to organise a training course for Scouts to get their Orienteering badge, and take part in local events.

10.1.1.2 Since the last meeting, it was decided that participation and retention will be greater if the training is held on warmer, lighter evenings in Spring 2027, with all training sessions being held on the existing Potterne Park map.

10.1.1.3 Once they have the required skills, Scouts will be encouraged to join us at the Summer Series events, starting in June (see **8.7**).

10.1.2 Local Junior runners (Poole Runners)

10.1.2.1 RM is a member of Poole Runners, and noticed that there has been a surge in Junior participation, to the point they have a waiting list for membership, and evening races are oversubscribed. This is a great target audience for us, and some may have already encountered Orienteering.

10.1.2.2 It was proposed that we offer a free membership to any interested Juniors, together with the free entry to WIM events, on short courses (e.g. Yellow).

10.1.2.3 Action: RM to look into publicising WIM amongst families/Juniors at Poole Runners.

10.2 Annual General Meeting (AGM) – Friday 16th October

10.2.1 KaP will be stepping down as Chair after 3 years' service (per the constitution). She asked the committee if any were interested in standing as Chair. There were no takers, and the floor will be open for nominations at the AGM.

10.2.2 KaP will stand as Secretary, as **TA** is standing down as Secretary. All nominations are welcome.

10.2.3 Grace F will stand as Club Captain, as **TA** is also standing down as Club Captain. All nominations are welcome.

10.3 Jan Kjellström Festival (JK) in the South West: SWOA were due to host JK in 2028, however have been unable to find a suitable area. The region is next due to host in 2032. **RM** is chairing a new working group for the next year to establish suitable areas. Members interested in being involved in this group should contact him.

10.4 Post-AGM Talk: The committee suggested that **KeP/TA** give a brief talk on orienteering festivals attended over the summer (e.g. O-Ringen in Sweden; WM MTBO in Scotland) with some maps on display. **RM** may also give a talk on the challenges around JK (see **10.3**).

10.5 Harvester Relays 2027 and Jukola/Venla 2028: In the past WIM has collaborated with other clubs in the region to put forward a team for large relays such as Jukola in Finland, which takes place every June. **Action: TA** to put out a brief email to see if there is any interest for 2027/2028, as teams & logistics would need to be sorted well in advance.

The meeting was adjourned at 21:30.

The AGM will be held on Friday 16th October 2026 at 19:45 in Holt, Wimborne.

The next Committee Meeting will be held on Thursday 26th November 2026 at 19:45 in Verwood.

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