



# Leicestershire Orienteering Club



## **Minutes for Committee Meeting held at The Learning Centre, Brookvale Groby Learning Campus Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

**Present:** Libby Barber, Steve Chafer, Jane Dring-Morris, Roger Edwards, Laurie Fluck, Bob Haskins, Chris Phillips, Iain Phillips, Roger Phillips, Andy Portsmouth, Esther Revell, Wendy West, Ernie Williams, Ursula Williamson.

**1. Apologies for absence:** Ian Wilson, Alan West, Peter Leake.

**2. Minutes of the last Committee Meeting on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> August 2019**

These minutes were agreed to be a true record.

**3. Items arising from the last MOM**

- SC discussed the clubs 50th anniversary plans for 2020. This will include a special edition LEI news, a combined club championships & EMOA league event at Burbage Common.
- WW suggested that the deadline for articles for the special edition LEI news be the 15<sup>th</sup> September 2020.
- WW suggested that the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary edition should be a 4 to 8 page insert into the LEI news. RE suggested based on contributions this could be extended to full 50 page edition.
- JDM asked what kind of contributions are needed for this special edition.
- CP suggested the club map archive & Peter Hornsby as a source of historical material for the special edition.
- EW to check the club archive for material suitable for the special edition.
- SC is to review the club's standing orders and to be discussed at the next meeting.
- CP confirmed that Simon Starkey is reviewing the Mapping Appendix.

**4. Request for inclusion in 'Urgent and important items' on the agenda**

**a. Club and committee roles**

- JDW to take over the of Development plan monitor from SC
- IP proposed that the Club Night Coordinator role be reestablished now that there is only one club night. This will help with better planning and coach coordination.
- Club Night Coordinator role was agreed to be added to the list of roles in the standing orders.
- SC to discuss the role with a suitable club member.
- RE suggested that some members are looking to give up their roles for the club as they have been doing those roles for some time.
- SC to discuss those roles with all those doing jobs on behalf of the club.

## **b. Development plan update**

- SC Development plan needs slight amendment due to the fact only 1 club night is held.
- RE raised the fact we have falling membership numbers. This is a big issue for the club.
- JDW asked about why we have a loss of members.
- CP pointed to out the national survey carried out by British Orienteering highlighted a couple of issues. The sport has an ageing population and the sport is not attracting new members.
- WW suggested the 5 Parks Challenge didn't produce any new club members after the series was over.
- ER suggested that we might be able to convert some park runners to orienteering events.
- SC suggested a way forward might be to schedule an event straight after a park run.
- BH pointed out the difficulty in this, as running clubs don't convert park runners to running club members. An event linked to Melton Mowbray park was tried and didn't succeed in attracting park runners to another orienteering event.
- CP noted other clubs in the region have also struggled to convert novice orienteers to members after running similar park orienteering events.
- SC noted some success with the North West Leicestershire Schools event in engaging 1 school to provide juniors for the Yvette Baker Trophy.
- IP The Learn To Orienteer course had 3 families attending. None of whom have attended the L2O orienteering event or any other orienteering event. Families did not attend the final L2O event due to the very wet weather. No GDPR consent was obtained during the L2O to stay in touch.
- AP Asked about how Facebook works. IP advised that the more people comment and interact with the club's Facebook page the more publicity we get from it.
- EW suggested club website could be more mobile friendly.
- SC to discuss with John Cooke about making the website more mobile friendly.

## **5. Treasurer's Report**

*Please refer to the Treasurer's Report November 2019 circulated prior to the meeting.*

- RE proposed that the club have a change of signatures for the club's Santander Business account.

Proposal - "The Leicestershire Orienteering Club Committee agrees to appoint Roger Phillips to replace Christopher Phillips as a signatory on our Santander Business Account as soon as possible. The four Signatories to be Stephen Chafer, Jane Dring-Morris, Roger Phillips and Roger Edwards."

Proposal seconded by EW.

The committee unanimously accepted this proposal.

- RE Sprints made a significant surplus, ideas are required in order to spend the surplus.
- RE proposed that the profits from the Loughborough Winter League event be donated to LUOC as they are running the event.  
This proposal was accepted by the committee.  
RE proposed a 1 year delay in the agreed changes in the club's travel support scheme. Support to stay at 86% for 1 year, then change to 90%.  
This proposal was accepted by the committee.

## 6. Delegates' Reports

- Nothing to report from EMOA as no meeting held since last committee.

## 7. Events Sub Committee Report

*Please refer to the Event Sub Committee Report November 2019 circulated prior to the meeting.*

- CP Reported that there is some doubt as to the type of event the EM Championships are going to be, Middle or Long Distance.  
*Since confirmed post meeting as Long Distance by LOG*
- CP reported that the Aylestone Meadows event will have a site inspection on the Friday before the event to check for flooding.
- CP acknowledged that OD approached the club about mapping Hinckley and using for an OD event. The understanding is that LEI will be able to use the map at a future date.
- CP reported that the changes to the Forestry England terms & conditions of use mean that orienteering clubs will be unable to use Forestry England areas from February to October. LEI areas effected – Sense Valley, Hicks Lodge, Wakerley Woods, Fineshade Woods. British Orienteering are appointing an Access Officer which may resolve any issues with the Forestry England.
- RE asked how this would affect the permanent orienteering courses in those woods.
- CP unsure of the impact this will have on the POC's.
- CP reported the Outwood's has just started a 10 year felling programme to remove fir trees and replace with oak trees. Hopefully this will not impact on our future event programme.
- CP to approach the Bradgate Trust about use of the park for the 2020 Midland Championships.
- UW asked about the preferred venue option in the 2020 Summer League. Options: Loughborough Grammar School, Loughborough University or Charnwood College.
- IP suggested that the university could be used if the main campus was avoided due to exams. UW to action.
- EW presented a draft post event review form to be used by event officials. Any comments to be discussed at the next meeting.
- CP events sub-committee reviews all the events and any issues raised are discussed with the relevant event officials.
- CP national rule change of "should" to "must" for level C controllers is now not happening.

## 8. Development Team Report

*Please refer to the Development Team's Report November 2019 circulated prior to the meeting.*

- RE reported that we currently have no members attending the British Orienteering Development Conference on the 11<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> January 2020. ER and IP indicated that they would attend.

- WW reported that we still need to progress some coaches on their DBS checks.
- RP asked about DBS checks for adults attending the Peter Palmer Relays.
- WW confirmed those adults will need a DBS check.

### 9. Club Captain's Report

*Please refer to the Club Captain's Report November 2019 circulated prior to the meeting.*

- RP proposed that the surplus from the British Sprints should be used to pay the 2020 entry fees for the CompassSport Cup Heat as part the club's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations. The committee agreed to this proposal.  
In the event the club qualify for the 2020 final the committee will review the cost of the entry fee to the CSC final.
- ER indicated that her preferred choice for the CSC would be Aspley Heath at Milton Keynes.

### 10. Membership Secretary's Report

*Please refer to the Membership Secretary's Report November 2019 circulated prior to the meeting.*

### 11. Any Other Business

- RE requires some suggestions on the best way to spend the British Sprints surplus.
- RE suggested that sprints surplus could be invested in the club website.
- EW suggested that the website could be mobile friendly.
- CP advised that John Cooke has been the club's webmaster for some time and should ask his advice before spending money on the website.
- RP suggested if the upcoming Lakes Training was successful then the surplus could be spent on a 2020 training weekend.
- ER suggested having a club social at a JK. SC suggested the White Rose for a club social.
- CP reported that British Orienteering is likely to introduce a Day Membership category. Any changes would be put to the national AGM at Easter.
- CP advised the committee no date has been set for the club dinner in 2020.  
**Since confirmed as booked for Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2020 at Longcliffe Golf Club.**

*Note: committee agreed to fund entries for the 2020 CompassSport Cup Heat – See Club Captain's Report for proposal.*

Meeting Closed at 9:24pm

### 12. Date of future meetings: (TO BE REVIEWED)

FULL:	FEBRUARY, MAY, AUGUST, NOVEMBER
Events:	JAN, APRIL, JULY, OCT
Mapping:	JUN
Development:	JAN, JULY
Coaching Forum:	MARCH
AGM:	OCT

Date of next committee meeting 10<sup>th</sup> February 2020

*Note: Meetings normally held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month*