

Leicestershire Orienteering Club



Minutes of Committee Meeting held online via Zoom Monday 14th August 2023

Present: Steve Chafer, Jane Dring-Morris, Roger Edwards, Simon Ford, Chris Phillips, Iain Phillips, Roger Phillips, Alastair Paterson, Esther Revell, Alan West, Wendy West, Ernie Williams, Ursula Williamson.

1. Apologies for absence:

Libby Barber, David Cladingboel, Derek Herd, Peter Leake

2. Minutes of the last Committee Meeting on Monday 15th May 2023

These minutes were agreed to be a true record.

3. Items arising from the last MOM

- RP reported that Glenfield Parish Rooms had been booked for the AGM.
- Insurance webinar is still to be discussed at sub-committees.
- IP noted that he was still to discuss with Simon S about the map archive back-up.
- RE asked if we should change banks to have the option of dual control.
- SF suggested the club waits until the ombudsman completes their investigation.
- RP reported that as Chris B hadn't suggested any ideas for progressing the website, this item has stalled for the moment.
- CP reported that AP had downloaded the school's data, but there are still 14 dibbers missing.
- WW reported that British Orienteering will accept safeguarding training from other providers.
- WW noted that BOF are recommending that members of club committees and event officials complete their safeguarding training.
- RE noted that the club was unable to field a team for the YBT final.
- RE noted that entries for the CSC/T were now on the club website.

Action Points

- SC to speak to DC about entries for the CSC

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

a. British Orienteering Event Levies.

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- SC noted that BOF are proposing to change event levies and membership categories.
- SC noted that the proposed membership categories change could affect our amendments to the constitution.
- RP noted that membership categories are defined in the standing orders.

- SC suggested that the proposed changes to the membership structure and fees would not affect the club.
- SC suggested that BOF were responding to changes in how people engage in sport.
- SC suggested that more people just “pay & play” rather than join a club and volunteer.
- IP noted that club event fees already have a non-BOF member element and should cover any BOF levy for non-members.

b. Vacant committee positions

- SC reported that there would be several positions vacant on the committee after the AGM.
- SC noted that LB will stepping down as junior Captain at the AGM.

c. AGM

- RE noted that new constitution must be approved at the AGM.
- RE noted that the membership must be notified of the upcoming AGM and amendments to the constitution.

Action Points

- CP to look at the new membership categories for the constitution.
- RP to upload proposed constitution and AGM agenda to the club website.

5. Treasurer’s Report

Please refer to the Treasurer’s Report August 2023 circulated prior to the meeting.

- SF reported that we are still awaiting the outcome from the financial ombudsman.
- SF reported that he has spoken to the case handler from the ombudsman.
- SF reported that the accounts are ready to be audited for the AGM.
- SC asked about the purchase of new the SPORTident boxes.
- CP reported that many of our Si boxes are getting to be life expired and that replacement boxes was the only real answer.
- CP reported that 20 Si boxes had been ordered with the consent of the officers.
- UW advised the committee that a new A3 OKOKI printer could be purchased for £1,224, plus £1,208 in new printer toner cartridges. This was approved.

Action Points

- UW to order new A3 OKOKI printer (or similar) and cartridges. Printer value £1,224.

6. Delegates’ Reports

- IP reported that EMOA is short of officers.
- CP noted that the EMOA AGM is Monday 11th September at Clifton, Nottingham.
- CP noted that in 2024 the position of Financial Secretary will also be vacant.
- CP reported that DVO are running a first aid course and other clubs are welcome to join.

7. Events Committee Report

Please refer to the Event Committee Report August 2023 circulated prior to the meeting.

- IP reported that the club had held two urban events and both had been successful.
- IP reported the attendance at the Summer League had been high.
- IP noted that the next large event was the BSSC at Martinshaw in October and after that we have the JK sprints at Loughborough in 2024.
- IP reported that the major officials for the JK would be having a meeting in early September.
- IP noted that the scheduled event at Bradgate had now moved to Donisthorpe due to permission issues.
- IP noted the next level C event was at Irchester country park, with WW and AW organising.
- RE noted that there was limited information on the club website for the Irchester event.
- AP asked if there was any progress on a training course for SiTiming?
- AP noted that the club was short of members trained in setting up download and producing results.

Action Points

- IP to arrange with Kevin B training on SiTiming.

8. Development Team Report

Please refer to the Development Team Report August 2023 circulated prior to the meeting.

- RE noted that the MapRun dashboard had been updated. This update allows for better data analysis.
- RE noted that the club is relying on the MapRun app and Open Orienteering Map for training.
- RE suggested that we should donate £50 to each. This was agreed.
- RE noted that club continues to use PurplePen as our primary planning tool.
- RE suggested that we donate £100 to PurplePen. This was agreed.
- RE noted that we can use Woodland Trust land for free.
- RE suggested a donation of £100 to the Woodland Trust. This was agreed.
- SC reported that he had been approached by Leicestershire Beat the Streets team to organise an activity/ event.
- SC noted the Beat the Streets has a reported 44,000 participation in Leicester.
- SC suggested that this event was likely to be at October half-term week.
- RE noted that PL is completing various school's maps.
- RE asked if it was fair to charge for MapRuns at Tuesday training nights.
- IP suggested that it was reasonable to charge if the club was providing maps.
- IP suggested a £1.00 per map would be a suitable fee for MapRun activities.
- RE noted the bookings for the Lake District training weekend has been poor.
- RE noted that club was unable to field a team in the YBT due to the lack of juniors.

Action Points

- RE to donate £50 to MapRun and Open Orienteering Map.
- RE to donate £100 to the Woodland Trust.
- RE to donate £100 to PurplePen.

9. Safeguarding

- WW noted that BOF recommend that club officials complete their safeguarding training.

Action Points

- All – complete the BOF Safeguarding training or upload proof of other safeguarding training to BOF.

10. Club Captain's Report

No report submitted.

11. Membership Secretary's Report

Please refer to the Membership Secretary's Report August 2023 circulated prior to the meeting.

- RP reported that no new members had joined the club.

12. Any Other Business

- None

13. Date of future meetings

- RP suggested the next meeting be 13th November 2023. This was agreed.

Meeting Closed at 8:48pm

TREASURER'S REPORT AUGUST 2023

Current account remains stable at about £3300 with nothing outstanding.

With the £17000 in the deposit account, funds total £20 300.

Year end totalising and analysis is in progress, showing a healthy year end surplus of about £4300 .

Plans are awaited to find a way of spending some of it !!

Telephone conversations have taken part with the Financial Ombudsman regarding the claim to try and recover the £2100 fraud, but no conclusion to date.

EVENT COMMITTEE REPORT AUGUST 2023

Since the last committee meeting, we have held one events committee, 2 level C Urban events and the rest of the summer league. We have the score cup to complete our summer event schedule later this week.

Planning is well underway for the BSSC in Autumn. Chris Phillips has agreed to arrange the volunteers, I will liaise with BSOA and overall organise the event. Roger Phillips is the planner and Bob Brandon from OD the controller.

Our next big event is the JK Sprints in 2024. Again, planning is underway and I'm in the process of liaising with Loughborough University over our use of the area. A big meeting of all JK officials will take place on the 2nd September.

The events committee met in July, but the minutes are not yet ready for distribution.

The rest of this year will be Level C events at Bradgate, Donisthrope and Ratby.

Jane will be organising the Winter League which starts in October and continues until February.

For 2024, I have identified dates for our Level C events, but am now seeking areas and officials. Despite my optimistic note at the last meeting, we are still short of organisers.

Iain Phillips

DEVELOPMENT TEAM REPORT AUGUST 2023

Development report to Executive Committee August 2023

Minutes of the last Development Committee meeting on 6th June have been circulated.

1. Schools events

We will put on Melton & South Charnwood Schools event on Tuesday 12th March 2024 and the NW Leicestershire Schools a week later.

2. Permanent and virtual orienteering courses

We have had a request to amend the Barnwell Country Park, Oundle Orienteering course. There

was a very old map on their web site. This now seems to have been lost, so I am offering Open

Street map or possibly a paid map as a route forwards.

It's highlighted we still have made no progress at reactivating the Brigstock Country Park POC.

(Now in the North Northamptonshire Local Authority area.)

There is a new results system on Maprun this now gives us some usage figures (based on uploaded

results). New people seem to have a lot of mis-punches but do find most of the controls. It seems to

ignore all/many of the club nights which ought to show up! However the usage in last year is

Willesley Yellow 6, Willesley Light Green 3, Irchester Yellow 6 .Dishley Green 3
Bradgate Medium 19 (but all were club night!)

QEDJW all courses 6

There was a total of 259 participants for the whole year, including say half from club nights.

Donations

We use Maprun and Open Orienteering mapper to offer Maprun and they continue to need clubs to

make donations to fund the servers and ancillary expenses. I suggest we make a donation of £50 to each.

We are also a big Purple pen user and we have made one donation in the last ten (?) years. Perhaps

we should be making a further donation. We are also a user of Woodland Trust land for free; we

may want to consider a donation (we have made one in the last ten (?) years after an event at

Martinshaw).

Beat the Street

Steve had an approach from **Beat the Street**. They provide a very successful promotion and get a lot of people active in an orienteering style event, mainly connected with schools, and it could be really helpful if we could build on this. So we are working with them and LCC on offering a Maprun at Hamilton (?) at October half-term. Focus on areas with low activity levels. This would need LEI volunteers to issue maps and instruct newcomers. Obviously they need a phone with Maprun downloaded. This arrangement is very much akin to the UK wide project where BOF is working with a handful of clubs.

3. Schools Mapping

Peter has finished Humphrey Perkins and Packington C of E. I am still struggling to get paid for last summer's work at Charnwood College. I will chase up all three schools in the autumn. Pete Leake is mapping Kibworth Mead, and I have advised on installing a POC. Pete will invoice for mapping and I will invoice for the POC.

4. Coaching

Autumn Club Nights will need a range of new locations. I have a few gaps but not many if all those offering can deliver. We will not have club night where there is a Winter League event midweek.

Activity pricing for map run. As we provide free maps online through BOF it seems unreasonable to make any charge for using mapruns. I suggest for this autumn we provide club night for free and then charge the normal fees after December when we go inside and need to hire a room. We will use Markfield Community Centre from January 2024 for club night. We have abandoned some terrain training on Saturday 30th September.

Lake District coaching early November: we have four LEI interested, none have not been before. Really need 10 from the EMOA to make a self-managed booking. We have two from NOC also so we are getting close. Hilary Palmer will coach if there is no one else. (We had quite a few offers the last time we were in the Lakes).

5. Team Events

LEI won the YBT heat at Carsington in June. We were the only junior club in the East Midlands!

We did not have five to compete in the final so did not go!! East Midlands and LEI are in a bad way for juniors.

With low numbers we are not going to go to Peter Palmer Relays.

EMJOS is still providing support but I think for LEI its just to Eoin and Ellie Simpson.

So EMJOS

is running out of juniors!

6. Recruitment

Nothing planned.

Roger Edwards

Development Co-ordinator

7th August 2023

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT AUGUST 2023

LFI Membership Report

Year	Family	Seniors	Juniors	Units	Total
2013	38	53	12	103	170
2014	38	61	16	115	183
2015	37	56	17	110	174
2016	38	60	12	110	180
2017	34	61	8	103	151
2018		108	37		145
2019		103	36		139
2020		104	26		130
2021		106	23		129
2022		105	18		122
2023		96	15		111

Note: member left club before
AGM

Honorary Members	1	Membership Categories:	Junior, Senior, Family, Group or Correspondent
Correspondent Members	4		
New Members	2		
Left The Club	13		