

# Leicestershire Orienteering Club



## Minutes of Committee Meeting held online via Zoom Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2025

**Present:** Steve Chafer, David Cladingboel, Jane Dring-Morris, Roger Edwards, Simon Ford, Derek Herd, Chris Phillips, Roger Phillips, Alastair Paterson, Ernie Williams, Ursula Williamson.

**1. Apologies for absence:** Steve Edgar, Alison Hardy, Iain Phillips

**2. Minutes of the last Committee Meeting on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2025**

These minutes were agreed to be a true record.

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

- SC noted that the club's juniors had qualified for the YBT final to be held at Capite Wood, West Sussex.
- SC noted that the club managed to have one team at the JK relays.

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

**a. AGM**

- SC suggested that the AGM should be 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2025 and at Glenfield Parish Council Rooms. This was agreed by the committee.

**b. 2026 Summer Series (recruitment drive)**

- SC suggested that we should have a concerted effort at recruitment and promotion. To do this the club should form a working group.

### Action Points

- RP to book a room at Glenfield Parish Council Offices.
- SC to speak to IP about forming a working group for some club recruitment events for 2026.

### 5. Treasurer's Report

*Please refer to the Treasurer's Report May 2025 circulated prior to the meeting.*

- SF reported that the club had £9,000 in our deposit account and £4,700 in the club's current account.
- SF reported that the volunteer vouchers for JK helpers had now been issued and were being used.
- SF noted this will cost the club around £900.
- SF reported that gift aid continues to help the club's finances. The CSC final will be eligible for the club's gift aid scheme.

### 6. Delegates' Reports

*Please refer to the Delegate's Report May 2025 circulated prior to the meeting.*

- UW noted that EMOA still have vacancy for a Vice-chair.
- UW reported that the EMOA development conference still required ideas from member clubs. LEI have yet to contribute ideas.
- RP suggested that the development conference could have a workshop on publicity or maybe a report on how successful NOC have been with their MapActive scheme.
- UW noted that East Anglia are not hosting the Midland Championships in 2027.

- UW reported that EMOA have now set a date for the regional AGM and this will be Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> September at Clifton, Nottinghamshire.

## **7. Events Committee Report**

*Please refer to the Event Committee Report May 2025 circulated prior to the meeting.*

- SC reported on IP's behalf.
- SC noted that the next EMOA league event will be Irchester on the 8<sup>th</sup> June.
- CP suggested that the club has a backlog of mapping due to a lack of mappers.
- SC asked what the cost would be of outsourcing the club's mapping.
- CP noted that the committee would need to shortly start work on a tender document for mapping requirements of our 2028 level A events.
- CP suggested that this would need to be issued in 2026.
- DC asked why there is such a long lead time on this map.
- CP reported that major map updates should be done a year in advance of the event, with minor updates closer to the time of the event. This is to ensure the vegetation for the time of year matches.
- SC asked about permissions for our December event at Martinshaw North.
- DH reported that he will supply the names and addresses for SC to complete permissions for the December event.
- SC reported that the club championships will be held at Battram Woods.
- JDM reported that the Summer League was progressing well, with the usual issue of getting volunteers to collect controls.
- SC suggested that the club could look at incentivising volunteers to collect controls. The club offers half price entries for volunteers at our other events, but nothing for our level D events.
- CP reported that new locks had been purchased for the new SI boxes as the locks bought with the new style Si boxes have proved troublesome.

## **8. Development Team Report**

*Please refer to the Development Team Report May 2025 circulated prior to the meeting.*

- RE reported that the NW Schools championship had to be postponed at the last minute due works at Donisthorpe. This has now been rescheduled for 9<sup>th</sup> June.
- RE reported that Matt W was repeating the orienteering event at the Belvoir Cricket and Countryside Trust on the 15<sup>th</sup> June.
- RE reported that the club will host a first aid course on the 17<sup>th</sup> May for members.

## **9. Safeguarding**

- SC noted that nothing had been reported with regard to safeguarding.

## **10. Club Captain's Report**

*Please refer to the Club Captain's Report May 2025 circulated prior to the meeting.*

- DC reported that the final for the CSC will be on the 14<sup>th</sup> September and club entries will be via the Start Kite entry system.
- DC noted that the juniors had qualified for the YBT final in June, he was struggling to find enough juniors available for a full team.
- DC reported that we did not have a team in the British Relays, but we did have two members who formed a ad-hoc team with another club.
- DC was optimistic that the club will have two teams at the British Mixed Sprint relays at the end of August.

### **11. Membership Secretary's Report**

*Please refer to the Membership Secretary's Report May 2025 circulated prior to the meeting.*

- RP reported that membership was now at 110, as a new member had joined since the report was circulated.

### **12. Any Other Business**

- CP noted that the deadline for articles for LEI news was the 14<sup>th</sup> May.
- CP reported that he had 2 complaints about the service at the club dinner.
- UW noted that the menu was limited compared to previous years, but the venue was good and at a reasonable price.
- CP asked how to implement the club's policy of ensuring the defib was at all events.
- SC suggested that the defib could travel with Kevin B as he is at most events.
- SC reported that he still intends to step down as Chair at the clubs AGM.

### **13. Date of future meetings:**

- RP suggested the date of the next meeting should be Monday 11<sup>th</sup> August 2025. This was agreed.

Meeting Closed at 8:35pm

## TREASURER'S REPORT MAY 2025

### Bank Account details.

Deposit ( Mansfield Building Society )	£9,000
Current account ( Santander )	£4,700
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£13,700</b>

Little change from last meeting.

Summer league events now starting so to expect a gradual increase.

No outstanding payments or bills.  
JK vouchers being used.

Account will increase by £1,000 when outstanding donations claimed for Gift Aid.

### Since Last Meeting.

Club dinner

New Locks purchased

Winter League finished -- Surplus £900

EM Champs surplus £1,100

Treasurer  
Simon Ford

## DELEGATE'S REPORT MAY 2025

EMOA still need a vice-chair. Action all clubs to ask for a volunteer.

Andy Nicholls (treasurer) gave a comprehensive report on EMOA finances.

John Hurley (development officer) would like ideas from clubs for the development conference at Rushcliffe Country Park on 20<sup>th</sup> September 2025.

Ideas to date include:

Rule changes, Mapping Spec changes, Environmental Risk Assessment, Event reporting and feedback, EMOA development – to date, LEI have not input any ideas to this conference or development as a whole. Do LEI want to do anything and do LEI want any money from the development pot put aside?

John would specifically like someone to volunteer to help with the IT side of the day please.

UW has volunteered to cater for the event.

Hilary Palmer (coaching) reported that Andy Simpson LEI has completed his Level 2 coaching certification. Matt White hopes to complete his coaching certification by July.

Ann-Marie Duckworth reported on EMJOS training and thanked everyone who had bought cake at recent events to support the squad.

Correspondence from Mike Gardner (secretary)

NOR are looking for controllers – any offers?

There was also the information from BO about the proposed change of insurance for non-members – (before the AGM this last weekend)

Fixtures:

DVO have volunteered to host the British School Score Championships.

There was some discussion about hosting the PPJTR at Walesby, but costs have risen for use of the site, and the number of competitors has dropped considerably, meaning that competitor costs would be quite high.

Keep looking at the website(s) for information on events as it is (as always) subject to change. The Wirksworth Urban will be an evening event, as it clashes with Open Gardens weekend (and there is no other free weekend to put the event on).

John Cooke (webmaster) is actively changing the way the EMOA website is put together (sorry, I don't know the correct word – compiled?). He is hoping that someone will offer to update some of the content. The description of orienteering says bring a red pen for drawing your course!

DVO are to change their entry system to The Start Kite.

EMEWs is/has been published.

LOG have been approached by BO for content for the BO newsletter spring series, I think – have we anything to say about our summer league?

Next EMOA meeting is 30<sup>th</sup> June by Zoom – IP to set up please.

AGM at The Pace Rooms, Clifton on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 7.30pm. All to attend please, plus as many others we can invite to get a quorate meeting.

Ursula Williamson

Regional Fixtures Officer

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EMOA representative report for 12<sup>th</sup> May meeting

1. Unfortunately, I missed the 28<sup>th</sup> April meeting due to work commitments and I have not yet had the chance to talk to Ursula about the meeting. These notes are from my initial reading of the minutes.
2. EMOA is still in need of a Vice Chair.
3. LEI receives £3,000 from the JK2024 profits.
4. John Hurley and I have created a questionnaire about course lengths for the EM Champs. We will be processing the results at the end of May.
5. There will be an officials' conference on the 20<sup>th</sup> September. They are looking for immediate help with IT and catering.
6. EMJOS is going well. Fund raising via cakes and some good performances.
7. Future events (after 2025):
  - a. DVO will run the Midlands Area Champs in 2026
  - b. DVO will run the Compass Sport Cup heat in 2027
  - c. LEI will run the Midlands Area Champs and British Night Champs in 2028
  - d. NOC are looking to hold the VHIs in 2028 if they can be achieved in our region.
  - e. LEI or LOG will host a Compass Sport Cup heat in 2029
8. DVO will start using thestartkite.uk for entries.

Iain Phillips

LEI Delegate

## EVENT COMMITTEE REPORT MAY 2025

1. My apologies for not attending today. I'm travelling with work.
2. Vouchers for the 2024 JK have now been issued, and this will result in a reduction in actual income for a few events. Delays here have been mine.
3. It's been a personally difficult year with home and work issues. Finding volunteers for events has been difficult, partly because I haven't been able to attend events and meet people.
4. We are still looking for new areas and refreshed use of old areas to allow us to put on a series of events without repetition.
5. For the rest of 2025 we have the following events:
  - a. Irchester.
  - b. Lutterworth.
  - c. Leicester Hamilton. (this is paried with the 2026 Midlands Champs)
  - d. Burbage. Some mapping might be necessary here.
  - e. Beacon. Simon is looking at improving the map.
  - f. Martinshaw North. We are hoping to use some of the surrounding farms and forests to extend the area. This will be a middle distance event.
  - g. Club Champs will be at Battram, we hope, new map around the big Aldi facility. These will be on the 2<sup>nd</sup> November.
  - h. Summer and Winter League.
6. We begin to plan 2026 and 2027, level Cs and the 2025/6 Winter league.
7. There have been a few incidents at the early summer league events where planners have become overcommitted and not been able to think fully through the event. As our summer leagues are now regularly attracting over 60 competitors, we will be thinking about appointing bigger teams including a supervisor/controller/mentor and control collectors to take some of the load off the planner/organiser. I welcome ideas by email.
8. Minutes from the last Events Committee will be issued when I've had time for a quick read, later this week.
9. LEI has contributed controllers to OD for the Bentley Woods event and NOC for the Eurocity race weekend event in the Meadows and for a Trail O weekend in September (EBOR/HALO).
10. Level B and A events that are the responsibility of the region are covered in my EMOA rep report.

Iain Phillips

## DEVELOPMENT TEAM REPORT MAY 2025

### Schools

Uplands (Primary) School, Leicester I delivered some training on using their new Permanent course at the end of February.

Melton & Belvoir and South Charnwood Partnerships event is on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> June at Belvoir.

NW Schools Championship was scheduled for Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> April. Unfortunately when I went on the Monday evening, we had a major problem as that day towpath reconstruction work was taking place along critical parts of the course. The c15 buses and 28 schools then had to be contacted and told not to come. Costs to schools will have been high.

Last year, we had a site inspection a fortnight before and noticed that the area couldn't be used for the event and we switched locations. This year the inspection was done the week before and nothing came to light.

Obviously something had gone seriously wrong with the permissions. Whereby late changes are not being advised to us. It's clear if we wish to use Donisthorpe again then we need to be making contact several weeks beforehand to confirm that the written permission is still valid and that we can proceed. I doubt whether the North West Leicestershire School will trust our permission arrangements again.

The 2025 North West schools event will now be one of four dates in June at the Whitwick and Coalville Leisure centre. Has some venue plusses but is a smaller area than Donisthorpe. Befitting from the new map recently provided by Pete Leake, which includes the new paths and bridge.

Getting the dibbers for the events has been problematic as we had to return the two British school sets after the postponed April event and then we need to get them back for us to use to a tight timescale.

This is run by Josh Jenner and he is looking for clubs to help him get into schools. I have not replied to his invitation.



# THE OUTDOOR CLASSROOM

### Belvoir Cricket

#### and Countryside Trust June

Matt White is to repeat this activity on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2025.

### POC

Mike Dallaway has taken over the role and is attempting to work with Dixie Grammar School re repairs to the Market Bosworth POC. After some initial enthusiasm for doing work here it seems unlikely the school will participate.

Following inspections of Donisthorpe and Whitwick and Colville leisure centre POCs by Ian Buxton, we have repaired these courses.



## **VOC**

I'm working with North West Leicestershire Council and NW Schools partnership to offer a VOC at Ellistown and Sence Valley as a part of a get people walking campaign. Eg Encouraging people to make less use of their cars. There is some County funding to support this project.

Ellistown is live and will probably have some printed maps available at one or two community locations. Sence Valley will probably get promoted in July. The Sence valley VOC/POC will use existing easy permanent course control sites.

## **Club night**

We will need a lot more VOC courses again for the autumn club night programme.

We used Markfield Community Centre from Mid February 2025 to Easter. We peaked at 12 members and dropped to 6 on a low week.

## **Coaching**

### First-aid

Our next First Aid course will be delivered by Jeff Baker was on 17<sup>th</sup> May. Costs for use of Glenfield annexe has gone up considerably eg ?double. Those attending will be low so the cost to the club will be quite high.

### New coach

Matt White is undertaking the BOF coaching course which is being organised nationwide by Hilary Palmer. Participants on the course come from eg SARUM and CLOK and the East Midlands. There have been some in terrain sessions in the Midlands.

Matt is a qualified athletics coach but would like to add orienteering too. He has been doing some introductory work with Stilton Striders during the last year.

## **Roger Edwards**

4th May 2025

## CLUB CAPTAIN'S REPORT MAY 2025

Having qualified for the Compass Sport Final again we are now eligible to take part in the final which is on 14 September 2025 hosted by CLOK at South Gare, near Redcar. Quite a few I have spoken to intend to go and so we should easily have a complete team. Andrew Ridgway (NOC) has already set up an entry template on startkite. He is in contact with CLOK officials about how to transfer entry information between startkite and CLOK's entry system. This will save a lot of effort transferring each piece of competitor information manually to an excel spreadsheet which takes ages!

The juniors qualified for the YBT (Shield) final following Silverhill. I have started to make contact with the juniors as entry has to be before 7<sup>th</sup> June for the 6<sup>th</sup> July event. Unfortunately, Ellie and Eoin will not be going so we might not have a complete team.

The British Relays did not attract much interest from members. In the end, Matt and Karen teamed up with a friend from BAOC to make an ad-hoc team.

So far there are 4 members who are interested in the British Mixed Sprint relays on 30<sup>th</sup> August. I expect a few more to go but we will need ladies to make competitive teams.

David Cladingboel

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT MAY 2025

Year	Family	Seniors	Young Adults	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	-	16		112
2024		87	5	15		107
2025		92	5	12		109
Membership Categories:				Junior, Young Adult, Senior, Family, Group or Correspondent		
Honorary Members	2					
Correspondent Members	3					
New Members	12					
Left The Club	10					