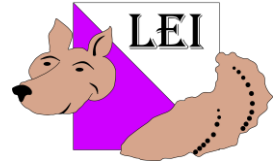


Leicestershire Orienteering Club



Minutes of Committee Meeting held Online via Zoom Monday 10th August 2026

Present: Steve Chafer, Jane Dring-Morris, Steve Edgar, Roger Edwards, Derek Herd, Iain Phillips, Roger Phillips, Alastair Paterson, Ernie Williams.

1. Apologies for absence: David Cladingboel, Simon Ford, Chris Phillips, Ursula Williamson.

2. Minutes of the last Committee Meeting on Monday 11th May 2026

These minutes were agreed to be a true record.

3. Items arising from the last MOM

- JDM suggested that the club dinner booking for 2027 was in-hand.
- IP noted that a Level D planners' course was in the works, but no date has been scheduled.
- JDM noted that CP had been in contact with the EMOA Chair about the EM Championship rule changes.
- IP noted that the issue of older competitors had been discussed at events committee and also informally after events.
- IP reported that an older competitor safety document was written. This will be circulated at later date for committee approval.
- RE asked about the AGM papers and the need to circulate early as per the constitution.
- RP noted the agenda will likely be circulated early September.

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

- None.

5. Treasurer's Report

Please refer to the Treasurer's Report August 2026 circulated prior to the meeting.

- SC noted the auditor was still to review the club accounts for the AGM.

(SF unable to join the Zoom Meeting)

6. Delegates' Reports

Please refer to the Delegate's Report August 2026 circulated prior to the meeting.

- RE noted that EMOA have a large surplus this year.
- IP noted that as a delegate he could suggest any changes to EMOA committee if LEI had a formal proposal to put forward.
- EW was asked by a selection of EMOA members for LEI to discuss EMOA urban classes with regard to numbers attending in each class.

- EW noted that if a course class has low numbers, those competitors will not receive national ranking points.
- IP reported that this issue had been discussed at EMOA committee.
- IP noted that the criteria for the leagues are set by EMOA.
- IP suggested one fix would be better attendance to events.
- SE asked about EMOA Night Championships.
- SE suggested that a Winter League event could be repurposed to host a Night Championships.

7. Events Committee Report

Please refer to the Event Committee Report August 2026 circulated prior to the meeting.

- AP asked about helper voucher scheme for Level D's.
- IP noted that the scheme would require a volunteer to run it.
- IP suggested that Level D planners could organize volunteer control collectors before the event.
- SE suggested that Start Kite could be used to find volunteer helpers.
- IP reported that he was now recruiting Level C officials for the 2027 program.
- JDM reported that half of the planner's positions have been filled for the upcoming Winter League.

Action Points

- IP/ JDM to look at Level D's helper reward scheme.

8. Development Team Report

Please refer to the Development Team Report August 2026 circulated prior to the meeting.

- RE reported that he is keen to get Mike D mapping.
- RE reported that club night training this Autum will again be Map Runs and training nights will move to Markfield in the New Year.
- IP asked about the Loughborough University fresher's fair.
- RE noted that the club website does have some out-of-date documents.

Action Points

- RE to look at club website to archive out-of-date documents.

9. Safeguarding

- SC reported that there are no active safeguarding concerns.
- SC noted that he is only a temporary Safeguarding officer.

Action Points

- CP to find a permanent Safeguarding officer.

10. Club Captain's Report

Please refer to the Club Captain's Report August 2026 circulated prior to the meeting.

- JDM reported that EMOA may wish to enter a regional team into the Peter Palmer relays.

11. Membership Secretary's Report

Please refer to the Membership Secretary's Report August 2026 circulated prior to the meeting.

- RP reported that two club members had moved to another club.
- RP reported the club affiliation fee will be £120 for 2027.

12. Any Other Business

- None

13. Date of future meetings

- RP suggested Monday 9th November 2026. This was agreed.
- JDM suggested this could be an in-person meeting.
- RP suggested a venue could be agreed at the AGM.

Meeting Closed at 8:35pm

TREASURER'S REPORT AUGUST 2026

Funds continue to build slowly, particularly following the Reginal events at Hinkley and well attended Summer League events.

Year end figures are going to show close to £10,000 in the current account, to add to the £9,000 on deposit.

Included in those numbers are a recent Gift Aid claim of £1,200 (making over £3,000 for the year)

For info, this year end figure will be about £3,500 more than last year(July 2025)

There are no outstanding invoices or bills

Simon Ford
August 2026

DELEGATE'S REPORT AUGUST 2026

EMOA continues to support EMJOS and EMJOS numbers are beginning to increase again.

EMOA has healthy finances and the EMOA Development Coordinator is always calling for ways to spend it to support club development.

There will likely be an EMOA sprint championship and EMOA night championship in 2027. These will be held by DVO. There is no intention to hold these every year, but if we were interested we could repurpose an LEI minor league event in the winter 2028 as the night champs. We could also make one of our summer level C urban events into a double sprint and therefore EM Sprint Champs as well as being part of the Urban League. The Events Committee will consider these options, but opinions from the main committee would be helpful. We have quite a lot to do in 2028.

The EMOA committee took a decision that all members of closed and open clubs in the East Midlands association would be eligible for the EM championships trophies. This caused some debate at LEI's last committee with an email going to the EMOA Chair from the LEI Chair. If we (LEI) wish to continue this debate the EMOA ask for a counter proposal to be made, the next opportunity to do this would be the EMOA AGM.

The EMOA AGM will be held online in September.

Iain Phillips

EVENT COMMITTEE REPORT AUGUST 2026

We continue to hold good events with good attendance. Remaining this year we have the Wellingborough Urban and Forest events at QEDJW and the Outwoods. The 2027 level C programme is in place and uploaded to the British Orienteering website. There may be a few tweaks to dates as the other clubs in the region choose theirs and we clash. However, I've started to look for officials. All volunteers are welcome. Please email me.

After this committee meeting, my focus will return to the major events in 2028 (BNC, CSCT Final, Midlands Champs), as well as interworking a level C programme around them. Chris and I are discussing officials for these events and I will be chasing for information from E&CC for controllers and terrain assessment.

Jane continues to do excellent work on our minor fixtures programme and the Winter League for this year is nearly confirmed. She will be on the lookout for volunteers.

Iain Phillips

DEVELOPMENT TEAM REPORT AUGUST 2026

1. Schools

1.1 Events

Melton & Belvoir and South Charnwood Partnerships event was held on Friday 12th June at Belvoir but with less children than last year.

1.2 Mapping services & POC installation

We mapped Brockington College, Enderby and installed a POC. I need to chase up the second instalment at the start of term.

2. POC

No action being taken.

3. Club night

We are getting Maprun ready the Autumn club nights. We have offers for seven weeks starting 1st September. (Syston, New parks, Stocking Farm, Wigston, Dishley, Mountsorrell and Loughborough).

4. Event at Whitwick & Coalville Leisure Centre on 18th November.

We have offered to run a day time event for a Swim England Away day but have not heard if they are willing to pay to cover the basic costs c£200. (There is a Winter League night event.)

5. Loughborough University

We offered BOF SI equipment for a freshers fair but have heard to no more.

6. Website

We are poor at updating our site for changing practices new forms, etc.

7. Recruitment

We have no plans.

Roger Edwards

23rd July 2026

CLUB CAPTAIN'S REPORT AUGUST 2026

Not enough juniors could be found to make a complete team of 5 (only managed 4) for the YBT final in South Wales so LEI did not compete. Juniors were only interested in attending if a complete team could be formed.

Little interest was expressed in the British relay sprints. In the end it was only Steve C and Alastair P who were keen, but a third person could not be found.

I note that Ann-Marie might put a Peter Palmer team together representing East Mids. This would be the best option for our juniors if they are interested.

David Cladingboel

August 2026

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT AUGUST 2026

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		95	6	12		113
2026		87	2	11		100

	Membership Categories:	Junior, Young Adult, Senior, Family, Group or Correspondent
Honorary Members	2	
Correspondent Members	3	
New Members	5	
Left The Club	18	