**ESSEX STRAGGLERS ORIENTEERING SOCIETY**

**Minutes of SOS Committee Meeting**

Committee Meeting held 19:30 hrs on Monday 17th March 2025 via Zoho:

Present: Eddie Banks (Chairman), Roger Gooding, Dean Pepper (Midweek events), John Russell, Geraldine Russell (Membership Secretary), Lyn West (Club Welfare Officer),

Kevin Machin (Mapping)

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| **No** | **Item** | **Action** |
| **1.00**  1.01 | **Apologies**  Apologies received from Colin West (Secretary)  Lyn West agreed to take the Minutes |  |
| **2.00**  2.01  2.02  2.03  2.04 | **Approval to Notes of Meeting 20th January 2025**  Notes of the Committee Meeting on 20th Jan 2025 were approved.  PM2: Eddie has not followed up with Doug and Rachel McTurk re organising a low key event  PM2: Eddie noted that it was decided at the previous meeting that SOS Junior League was no longer needed and that the East Anglian League fulfilled the role  PM4: Roger reported that EAJS coaching at Hatfield had gone well with 20 participants. Nick Jones (events manager) had visited and was supportive.  PM8: Colin had not progressed WhatsApp Group | Eddie  Colin |
| **3.00**  3.01 | **Treasurer’s Report**  David not present. Report to be circulated after meeting | David |
| **4.00**  4.01  4.02 | **Fixtures Report**  **Maldon**  PM4: Mike Bickle (WAOC) had agreed to control.  Kevin and Dean (planner and assistant planner) were due to meet the following day to run through requirements  Provisional approval received from Maldon District Council. Paperwork including RA submitted.  Eddie to chase permission for use of pavilion  **Writtle**  Ian Hargreaves had agreed to plan but would like an assistant planner. Kevin was asked to send the OCAD map to Ian  Graham Batty (HAVOC) was prepared to control.  Eddie had identified a field in a good position for access into the woods and with a path network that would ease the planning of the junior courses. The farmer wanted £3-4 per car. It was agreed to add £2 to Senior entry fee to cover this cost. It was felt impractical to collect that amount of money on the gate and our entry fees are significantly below other clubs in the region so would not deter entrants. The farmer could be paid in cash if he wished. Eddie would follow this up. | Eddie  Kevin  Eddie |
| **5.00**  5.01  5.02  5.03 | **Mid-week fixtures**  PM5: Emma was not able to plan the final winter event but Chris Childs had agreed to do it.  The summer series starts on April 16th and organiser/planners have been found for all 4 SOS events. The format to be used for each event will be down to individual organisers. SOS events are  April 16th Great Notley Colin & Lyn  May 14th Danbury Common Kevin  June 11th TBC Eddie  July 9th Lexden John & Tim  David Float had commented that the 2 map system used by Dave Game for Silver End event needed to have the time taken on the map exchange limited. He thought some runners had taken time to recover before setting off on the 2nd map. |  |
| **6.00**  6.01  6.02 | **Equipment**  PM6 The bulk of the equipment is now with Rachel McTurk. She will sort through and list. The list can then be published on the website  It was noted that the SI equipment is with Steve | Rachel & Lyn |
| **7.00**  7.01  7.02  7.03 | **CompassSport Trophy**  A full team was fielded for the regional round in Epping on February 23rd. We finished in 4th place meaning that we qualify for the Final  The Final is being staged by CLOK on dune area of South Gare on September 14th. There is an urban event in Stockton on the previous day. Several team members had indicated that they were unavailable but others were interested in adding. Lyn informed the entries secretary that SOS intend to field a team.  Andrew Kelly is conducting a review of the competition and has asked for feedback. Lyn will respond. Please let her have comments asap if you haven't already done so. | Lyn |
| **14.00**  14.01  14.02 | **Any Other Business**  Lyn had circulated a request for entries for JK and British relays. So far there had been no expressions of interest and few Stragglers had entered.  Eddie and Helen Hague were visiting Danbury Outdoors to assess the suitability of the accommodation for JIRCs in September 2026. It was intended to use Hatfield for the individual and Danbury Common for relay. Kevin expressed the view that Danbury was too small an area without crossing the road which wasn't practical in a relay. Baddow Ridge was suggested as an alternative but as this would likely be the area for our EAL event in 2026, embargo may be an issue. |  |
| **15.00** | **Date of Next Meeting**  Committee Mtg Mon 12th May via Zoom 7.30pm |  |
|  | The Meeting closed at approx. 20:30 hrs |  |