

Name: Pat MacLeod

Role: Chairman

Period Covered June 2011 – September 2011

IN ROLE:

Tasks Completed

- Attended a workshop arranged by the Government's Independent Panel on Forestry to contribute to the panel's review of options for the future of the Public Forest Estate, and forestry in general in England.
- Completed a report to the Independent Panel, on behalf of the Club, presenting our views and opinions on the future of forestry in England.
- Responded to Mike Forrest(BOK) regarding his request to use part of Danby Lodge for the 2013 CompassSport Cup Final. Advised Mike that having just updated the map we were very reluctant now to see the area embargoed for 2 years. However, I also asked Peter Ward, planner for the Jan 2012 league on Danby Lodge, whether he felt he could plan a good mini-league using just the Eastern part of the map, on the grounds that we might then let BOK use the Western part as an extension to Moseley Green. Pete felt this was possible, and actually made it easier to plan. I also advised Mike Forrest that his plan to use the fields in the middle of the map for assembly might no longer be viable as they are now fully occupied by horses, with extensive stabling etc. If this is the case the BOK proposal is probably impractical anyway. I have heard nothing further.
- Have responded to various requests, both from within the O-community and outside it, for help and support for orienteering activities in our area. These include providing information to a Scout pack on how to build a permanent course (thanks to Bob Teed for responding), providing maps and advise to PFO/SELOC junior squad for a training week in the FoD, and generally supporting various development activities (for which see the Development Officer report).
- .Arranged for Chris and Gill James to attend the BOF Association and Club Conference as NGOC representatives.

Tasks Progressing

- Preparation for AGM
- See Development Officer's report

Tasks Planned (but not yet started)

- Review ClubMark status and things we might need to be doing to maintain this status
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NOT IN ROLE:

Tasks Completed

- Attended SWOA meeting as NGOC representative. Significant time spent on the issue of NAC as a club or not a club. Advised SWOA that NGOC would be happy to have John Burrows rejoin if such an offer helps to resolve the ongoing issue over NAC.

Tasks Progressing

- Have done about as much as I can with the Cranham LIDAR data. I have produced hillshaded relief and contour plots for Crickly Hill, Cranham,

Painswick, Sheepscombe and Haresfield, but it is very difficult to fit these to existing O maps which are not accurately geo-referenced, and which have been rotated (to Magnetic rather than Grid North) by an unknown amount. As a result it is very difficult to use the data to help update or correct the existing O-maps. It seems that LIDAR would be great for new maps, but is of less use for updating old ones with imprecise or unrecorded geo-referencing provenance.

- **Tasks Planned (but not yet started)**

- Write to Cranham Local History Society thanks them for the data and showing what we have done with it, and what could be done with it for orienteering.
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Name: Caroline Craig

Role: Secretary

Period Covered: June 2011 - September 2011

IN ROLE:

Tasks Completed

- Forwarded emails to relevant people and responded to queries where appropriate.
- Completed annual club return for British Orienteering
- Booked room and catering for committee meeting.
- Booked room for AGM.

Tasks Progressing

- Received an email advertising www.connect2coaching.org.uk - we could look on here for coaches for our development work (run by our County Sports Partnership, Active Gloucestershire)
- Similarly, we can register our club on the national Change4Life database, which is linked from Active Gloucestershire and other websites

Tasks Planned (but not yet started)

NOT IN ROLE:

Tasks Completed:

- Organised a summer street event in North Gloucester
- Helped at the taster event for the summer school at Oxstalls campus
- Contacted further orienteering clothing companies about supplying new orienteering tops in club colours. Summarised possibilities and circulated to committee for discussion.

Tasks Progressing:

Displaying a summary of design ideas and a questionnaire at the Chairman's Challenge, in order to get input from the wider membership. Summarising questionnaire results before meeting.

Tasks Planned (but not yet started):

- Organise Informal Event at Crickley Hill in Feb 2011
- Respond to offer of leaflets and some free entry vouchers to Open5 Adventure races in 2011 <http://www.openadventure.com/open5/> (nearest events in 2011 are near Taunton and Church Stretton, Shropshire).

Name: Carol Stewart

Role: Treasurer

Period Covered: May-September 2011

IN ROLE:

Tasks Completed

Financial report for 12 September:

Current account (includes outstanding payments): £7112.12

Deposit account: £3453.58 (plus about 60p interest due)

'Final' figures for Galoppen, 1.5.11:

Income: £1780 Expenditure: £1494.19 Profit: £285.81

Still not paid for mess tent hire.

Tasks Progressing

Accounts 2010-11 drafted, pending end of year statements and any late expenses claims. Currently showing loss on season of £125. Good result, given we have spent over £600 on development-associated costs (mostly travel). Sales of Forest Challenge brought in £1656.50 against expenses of £1323.60. One donation of £400 made (to Oxfam, together with NYD profits, for Pakistan flood relief). Future donations will be made to the Woodland Trust

Tasks Planned (but not yet started)

None

NOT IN ROLE:

Tasks Completed:

Put on 28 May 'Spring Starter' event at Park Campus. 5 competitors (including 2 from NGOC), but none from the Univ of Glos.....

Put on 13 July Street-O in Bishops Cleeve. Record 19 competitors, battling for parking space outside Cleeve School with a school play.....

Tasks Progressing

Planning (i.e. mostly shopping) for Chairman's Challenge BBQ on 10 Sept. Jan Jones kindly helping with shopping for perishables beforehand as I'm away 4-8 Sept, and on the day, including providing her excellent cakes.

Tasks Planned (but not yet started): None

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT

Name: Dave Hartley

Role: Fixtures

Period Covered May 24, 2011 – September 12, 2011

IN ROLE:

Tasks Completed

- Reminders sent to 2011/12 Organisers to – a) Send a map to Forest Enterprise showing control sites, start & finish and parking. (FOD areas only)
- or – b) make contact with relevant wardens if event east of the Severn.
- Compiled provisional 2012/13 fixture list to ensure we reserve dates that won't clash with neighbouring clubs.
- Emailed 2011/12 fixtures details to Western Night League webmaster.
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Tasks Progressing

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Tasks Planned (but not yet started)

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NOT IN ROLE:

Tasks Completed – Gave assistance to Alan Richards re planning/organising League 1 event at Minchinhampton owing to possibility that Alan might not be available on the event day.

Tasks Planned (but not yet started) – Organising Western Night League event at Symonds Yat.

MAPPING REPORT

Name: Pat MacLeod

Role: Equipment Officer

Period Covered June 2011 – Sept 2011

IN ROLE:

Tasks Completed

- Procured extension lead and RCD for generator - c£30.
- Added guys to second club tent, and increased the number of pegs in the bag, to improve its stability in high winds. Both club tents were in service at the Scottish 6 days and worked well, so should continue to serve us for the time being.

- Given up on costs for tunnel tents – only supplier appears to be a Czech company who have not responded to emails.
- New club laptop procured by John Fallows

Tasks in Progress

- None

Tasks Planned (but not yet started)

- Complete full inventory of all equipment, including now redundant stuff – still not started!
- Need to review possible provision of kit to Kyla's Wye Valley Adventure Club on a loan basis – **Committee views sought on this.**
- I am considering starting to collect additional kit to support development activities – kit that could be used for introductory and 'fun' events in support of our development programmes. **I need ideas!**

NOT IN ROLE:

Tasks Completed

None

Tasks Progressing

Tasks Planned (but not yet started)

Name: Greg Best

Role: Captain

Period Covered: Jun - Sept 2011

IN ROLE:

Tasks Completed

- Organising Harvester Relay teams in July. We entered 2 teams
- 3 relay teams for British relays in May

Tasks Progressing

- Organising trip to compass sport cup final in October (recruiting and investigating coach travel)

NOT IN ROLE:

Tasks Completed

- Organising, helping and promoting the Spring Starter Series.

Tasks Progressing

Surveying and mapping work for Crickley Hill map. Investigating (with much help from Pat) possibility of using Lidar data to update/complete the intricate contour detail.

Name: Alan Brown

Role: Legend Editor

Period Covered: to September 2011

IN ROLE:

Tasks Completed

- Issues of Legend to July 2011

Tasks Progressing

- Legend for September 2011 (should be completed and distributed by the date of this meeting)

NOT IN ROLE:

Tasks Progressing

- Manufacture of Forest Challenge games for the new season. About 60 completed so far and materials on hand for many more. (Total sales about 180 so far). Looking at health and safety and use of PayPal for customers who wish to buy from abroad.

Name: Gill James

Role: Welfare Officer

Period Covered to September 2011

IN ROLE:

Tasks Completed

- Nothing new to report

Tasks Progressing

- Being aware of any new initiatives from BOF (none at present)

Tasks Planned (but not yet started)

- None at present

NOT IN ROLE:

Tasks Completed

- Liaised with Duchy of Cornwall regarding permission to use Duchy Woodland for small events initially. With Aconbury being used in July for one of the Wye Valley Adventure Club series.
- Very positive response from Duchy that we would be welcome again as we had been, as usual, keen to show no impact on the area. Our usage time is limited there as we would not be able to use the wood during shooting season, and may be discouraged from using it is early breeding season too.

Tasks Progressing

- Continued contact with Kyla da Cunha regarding future events with WVAC, and how to progress with encouraging its early members to become full club members.

Tasks Planned (but not yet started)

none

Name: Pat MacLeod

Role: Development Officer

Period Covered May 2011 – Sept 2011

IN ROLE:

Tasks Completed

- Wye Valley Adventure Series completed – 7 events, c25-30 entries per event, usually the same group of families.
- Spring Series in Cheltenham/Gloucester completed – 8 events, entries variable between 4 and 30.
- Provided help to Holme Lacy College for their students to plan and run an event for a local school.
- Provided help to PFO/SELOC for their junior training week in FoD
- Provided kit to Gill Stott to run additional events (to the Spring Series) for St Peter's school.
- Provided kit to Neil and Pat Cameron to run an event for Tewkesbury Boys Brigade
- Arranged for Caroline Gay and Neil Cameron to attend Gloucester University meeting to discuss sports development at the University.

Tasks Progressing

- Safety training for club organisers – no progress yet.
- Development of relationship with Hartpury College. Tom Mills appointed as Coordinator for Hartpury. Tom currently discussing ideas for joint NGOC/Hartpury events. See University and Community-O report below.
- Development of plans with Gloucester University. See University and Community-O report
- Reviewing options for registering NGOC with Countryfile Things to Do project. See Countryfile report attached.
- Reviewing BOF West of England Development Plan, to fit this in with our other plans. See University and Community-O report
- Reviewing scope for making an orienteering film, to help with publicity. Likely cost (from Atlas Films, Blakeney) - £1500. Tom Mills has been looking into what it would take to make a film, and whether ways of recovering costs could be found. Hartpury have expressed an interest in contributing to the cost.
- Liaising with Chris James, as representative of Wye Valley Orienteers, over establishment of and support for Kyla's proposed Wye Valley Adventure Club, as a sub-club of NGOC and/or WYE. See WVAC report below.
- Scheduling development planning for the club, via a conference call, with Caroline Gay and the club coaches.

- Reviewing scope for support Gloucestershire Police 'Gloucester Youth Showcase' on 17 September.

NOT IN ROLE:

Tasks Completed

None

Tasks Progressing

Tasks Planned (but not yet started)

None

University and Community O

- Universities are a particular focus for BOF
- We are establishing links with Hartpury College. According to Tom Mills Hartpury are very keen to 'sex up' orienteering and give it a higher profile in their curriculum, but they need our help to do this, and do not themselves have much idea about how they can set about doing this. It seems clear that they will need a lot of support from NGOC. Tom has suggested various types of events to them, and they seem enthusiastic but not really aware what is involved.
- Gloucestershire University have appointed a Sports Coordinator and we have had an initial meeting with them to discuss approaches.
- BOF have produced a West of England Development Plan. The plan aimed for 5 new community programmes in 2010/11 and a further 4 in 2011/12, of which a programme in Gloucester was a 2010/11 target and Cheltenham a 2011/12 one. Overall plan was for overall increase in regular attendance at these programmes of 280 people by end 2012!
- Caroline Gay has drafted some ideas for University and Community O – essentially a 4-strand programme of events based in Gloucester and Cheltenham running through 2012. Caroline's ideas are clearly aligned to the SW development plan. The 4 strands are:
 1. Oxstalls, in Spring 2012
 2. St Peters, in Spring 2012
 3. Park Campus, in Autumn 2012
 4. At Leisure, Cheltenham, in Autumn 2012
 Each would be driven by a paid coach funded by BOF.
- We need a coordinated plan to take account of all this and create a new NGOC development plan.
- We also need to consider how to support the plan:
 1. Publicity – historically we have not been good at this. How do we improve ?
 2. Website improvements – becoming an urgent requirement to support all this activity – do we pay for someone to do this?
 3. Supporting kit and materials.
 4. Volunteers
- Next actions:
 - Meet with Glos Uni coordinator
 - Meet with Hartpury once new intake is settled
 - Development teleconference with club coaches and Caroline Gay
 - Draft 2011/2012 development plan – ideally by AGM

Wye Valley Adventure Club

- Kyla da Cunha has been funded by BOF to run a programme called Wye Valley Adventure Club, which is targeted at young children and their parents.
- Both Kyla and the Hereford County Sports Coordinator (Amy Jenkins) would like WVAC to be established as a Wye club, and not as some sort of off-shoot of NGOC; the local connection is seen as important.
- Kyla is convinced she does not need much, if any, practical support from NGOC members. However, I have told her that we might be able to lend her some SI kit until such time as she establishes the club on a more substantial footing, and can find grants or other sources to fund equipment.
- The remaining WYE skeleton membership (principally Chris and Gill James, Rodney Archard, Alan Pucill, and Terry Foxtan) are considering whether they are able to support WVAC financially and organisationally.
- BOF, and Caroline Gay, are fully supportive of Kyla's plans.
- I would appreciate the committee's views on:
 - what position NGOC would wish to take with regard to WVAC. Is it something we need to be concerned with, bearing in mind that almost all involved are NGOC members, and this far NGOC has bankrolled WVAC activities, albeit as part of our club development activities.
 - Whether we should lend SI kit and potentially other stuff to WVAC, and if so, whether we should charge for it. The principal consequence as I see it is a loss of flexibility in equipping our own programme – if kit is held in Hereford we will incur costs to get it back when we need it.

Countryfile Things to Do Project

- BOF have forwarded details of the Countryfile Things to Do programme, and invited us to participate if we wish to. The note from BOF arrived on 16 Aug and included a 'forward' from BBC which implied a deadline of 18 Aug(!), but it isn't clear to me from the associated material whether this was a one-off opportunity or an ongoing one. I'd have thought it must be ongoing. I'd appreciate the committee having a quick look at the attached materials and Terms and Conditions, with a view to agreeing:
 - Whether we feel we should participate, if allowed to
 - whether we think the effort would be worthwhile – the details suggest that a fair amount of effort will be needed, e.g. to produce good pictures etc.
- My own view is that this would be a worthwhile publicity channel for both our regular and development programmes, provided someone is willing to do the work involved.