

## Minutes of NGOC Committee Meeting November 26<sup>th</sup> 2012

**Present:** Pat McLeod, Alan Brown, Caroline Craig, Greg Best, John Fallows, Roger Coe, Carol Stewart, Gary Wakerley, Gill James, John Coleman.

1. **Apologies:** Simon Denman, Paul Taunton.
2. **Minutes of previous meeting:** Minutes of the 10<sup>th</sup> September meeting were accepted.
3. **Matters arising/Actions not completed or covered elsewhere:** None
4. **Chairman's Report:** Pat suggested the Pied Piper appeal as the charity to which we give the profit from the New Year's Day event. The money raised by the appeal goes to the children's centre at Gloucester Royal. This was accepted as a good idea.
5. **Secretary's report:**

**Permanent Orienteering Courses:** Regarding selling maps for the course at Symonds Yat, Pat had spoken to both the Bracelands and Christchurch campsites. Bracelands were happy but Christchurch were unsure and said it was up to the Forestry Commission as it's their course. Pat plans to ask the FC about it.  
The Pittville Park course is awaiting five new posts, which have been ordered to replace the missing or damaged ones. Greg had offered that we can provide an updated map and make it more 'glossy' with some information about orienteering, as he has done with the map for the new Crickley Hill POC, which he circulated.
6. **Treasurer's report:** The final accounts for 2011-12 were formally accepted, as they had been signed off by the examiner between the AGM and the committee meeting.
7. **Membership Secretary's report:** There was positive reaction to the news of new members (in Simon's report).
8. **Events report:**

(a) **Summer programme 2013:** The fixtures subcommittee had drafted a programme for summer events in 2013, which was circulated round the committee along with the full list for the 2013-14 season. The summer events are on Thursdays and Saturdays (about 5 or 6 of each) but with enough gap in between any two events. Like last year, the Thursday events will be street scores and the Saturday events will be simple informal events. The event on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> July is at Elton maize maze, though the normal entry fee is quite high so we will negotiate a fee.

(b) **Fixtures for 2013-14 season:** On 19<sup>th</sup> October (the day before the CompassSport Cup final), we will hold an informal CSC warm-up event, for teams coming to the final. This will be similar to the event on the Friday before the JK. We also expect the Club and Association Conference to be held nearby on the Saturday evening.  
Pat proposed putting fixtures in the printed list without organisers, so that we can issue it sooner and because the organisers may change.  
John F queried whether Hartpury College is suitable for a league event. There was some agreement that an alternative venue would be better, but it was decided to wait until this season's league event at Hartpury has happened and to decide then. Possible alternatives include Symonds Yat, Painswick and Blakeney Hill (though we plan to use Mallards Pike and maybe some of Blakeney Hill for the Caddihoe Chase, so we'd need to make sure we avoided that part of Blakeney Hill).  
**Action:** John C will circulate the 2013-14 fixture list (including the summer events) to the committee for comments, e.g. suggestions of places we haven't used.

(c) **Photo O:** On 27<sup>th</sup> December, Gill Stott is organizing a Photo O event, with chili, baked potatoes and beer afterwards. Pat will add this to the website.

(d) **Knockalls event on 8<sup>th</sup> December:** There is some confusion over arrangements with this event and it is uncertain whether Kyla will want to continue organising it. The farmer who owns the land we plan to park on has asked that we make a donation to charity rather than paying him. Kyla wanted to make this donation to someone she knows who has cancer, but there was concern over whether this would be appropriate when we'd been asked to donate to a charity. The committee voted unanimously that the money should go to a charity, but various local cancer charities were helpfully suggested. We will ask competitors for a £1 parking charge and will say that the landowner is charging for parking but giving the money to charity. If Kyla doesn't want to continue running the event, there are other people who are happy to finish it off – Pat, Gill and Gary all expressed their willingness.

(e) **MADO:** Pat mentioned that he'd not yet removed MADO references from the website.  
**Action:** Pat will remove references to MADO from the website.

## 9. Mapping report:

(a) **Woodchester Park:** Pat was still waiting to get a quote for data for Woodchester from BlueSky. He had talked to Mike Hamilton and the mapping committee about licensing for maps, but they didn't seem to realize what he was asking about and had said the license was just for printing. The mapping of Woodchester Park will begin as soon as we have the data. Pat will talk to Bob about how we go about it, though the current plan is that we will split it into blocks for different people to map (once we have a base map).

(b) **Cranham extension:** Greg was waiting to hear back from Witcombe Woods with a verdict on whether we can use their land. He had given them lots of information about orienteering, including the potential risks to landowners.

(c) **Other possible new areas:** A few people had mentioned that Chedworth Woods might be worth looking at, though Carol thought the woods themselves were very overgrown.

Pat thought Barnwood (including Barnwood Park) could be a nice urban area. He plans to try making an orienteering map of it, using Open Street Map.

(d) **OCAD 11:** Pat had installed this on the second club laptop though was having trouble activating the license. He hopes to get this sorted soon so that he can pass it on to Kim.

10. **Equipment Officer's report:** Nothing to add.

11. **Captain's report:** The CompassSport Cup and Trophy first round is on 17<sup>th</sup> February. Greg suggested we go to the Agglestone event as it's a brand new area and looks interesting, whereas the other option (Nesscliffe Park) looked small and less interesting. We're back in the Trophy this year so we have a chance at reaching the final again.

12. **Legend Editor's report:** Alan made a plea for some more articles for the January legend, as there's not much in it yet. He reported that he'd sold well over 300 Forest Challenge games and around 12 booklets so far.

13. **Welfare report:** Gill suggested that Gary can act as a co-Welfare Officer, now that he has completed the necessary courses. Gill also said she'd like to go to the coaching conference. We will happily pay her expenses for this as long as they're reasonable.

## 14. Development Officer's Report:

(a) **Organisers Course:** BOK are putting on a course in January and have extended invitations to us. The course will be held at UWE and will focus on organising Level D events. NGOC will pay the expenses for any member who wishes to attend.

**Action:** Pat will advertise this opportunity on the website.

(b) **Sport England grants:** Schools and individuals have recently been interested in POCs. For example, Bournside school asked about Pittville Park and in his reply Pat had offered to put on a small event for them (though hasn't heard back since). Kyla had also made contact with schools near Hereford and they seemed interested.

Pat had seen that Sport England have grants available and wondered if we would benefit from applying for a grant to buy a third set of kit for use in schools etc. A discussion on this followed. The general opinion was that we should do it if it benefits us but that it's a lot of extra work for something that's not necessary. One option was for Kyla to use a third set of kit for her development activities in Herefordshire. Pat will tell Kyla that if she puts together a solid plan to deliver a programme to schools and if she wants kit to support it, then he'll help to put her application through under the name of NGOC.

15. **SWOA committee feedback:** Nothing to report.

## 16. AOB:

(a) **Event Archive:** This is now up and running and has content. It can be found on the 'Reference' page of the website. Pat has entered details of the events we've had so far this season. He noted that the "all controls" map is password-protected for licensing reasons so we need to ask him for the password if we wish to see it. It had been decided to only include the "all controls" map and a list of the control numbers on each course, to save space. Future event organisers and planners need to provide data to Pat so that it can be included in the archive.

John F said that Pete Ward had suggested the planner plotting his/her optimum route in RouteGadget, so that others can see it. John will look at how we can do this.

(b) **Advisers / Informal Controllers:** Rather than assigning an adviser to each event, it will be up to the organiser of an event to ask for an adviser.

(c) **Club top reorders:** Carol had nine tops left from the previous order and six requests for new tops. She suggested ordering 25 more, in specific sizes, some long-sleeved and some short-sleeved. Pat was interested in windproof tops like BOK has, but didn't have time to look into it personally so it was just an idea in case anyone else was keen.  
**Action:** Caroline will contact Trimtex with this suggested order to see whether it's acceptable. If we haven't satisfied their minimum order requirements, we will make all the tops long-sleeved this time.

**17. Next Meeting:** Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2012 at 7:30pm in TC119, Oxstalls Campus.

The meeting closed at 9:35pm.