

Minutes of NGOC Committee Meeting April 22nd 2013

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

1. **Apologies:** Gill James, Paul Taunton, Simon Denman.
2. **Minutes of previous meeting:** Minutes of the 18th February meeting were accepted.
3. **Matters arising/Actions not completed or covered elsewhere:** None
4. **Chairman's Report:** Nothing to add.
5. **Secretary's report:**

(a) **EUOC alumni:** Caroline had received an email from EUOC asking whether she could forward a letter to any NGOC members who had previously been members of EUOC. The letter invites them to a celebratory meal for the 50th anniversary of EUOC in 2014. The committee thought only one member had studied at Edinburgh University and weren't sure whether he'd been involved in orienteering then. Caroline will contact him to check.

(b) Permanent Orienteering Courses:

- Symonds Yat and Beechenhurst: Pat had not yet had time to talk to the FC and BOK, respectively.
Action: Pat will talk to the FC about Symonds Yat and BOK about doing a joint POC at Beechenhurst.
- Pittville Park: This is progressing well as detailed in Greg's report. He added that someone from the council had asked whether we'd like a presence at "Paws in the Park", an event for dog walkers. Greg will enquire about the date.
- Woodchester Park : Pat reported that the Woodchester map should be finished in the next few weeks. He is in touch with the mansion owner, who is happy for us to use some of his areas. Once the map is complete, work will begin on planning and setting up the permanent course.

6. **Treasurer's report:** Carol reported that 3 of the new tops had been sold on Saturday. She also noted that we didn't do badly with the Gallophen profit despite the low attendance.
7. **Membership Secretary's report:** Roger noted that there were quite a few lapsed members and was interested in why. Carol had heard from Simon that they're mostly people we haven't seen for years, rather than people who have recently stopped being active members.
8. **Events report:**

(a) **Access to Oxstalls for summer event:** Pat asked whether anyone knew who to ask for permission to use the car park at Oxstalls for a start/finish area. Greg suggested Catherine Briggs.

(b) **NYD score event:** Lester Hartmann had mentioned to Pat that he hadn't heard back from John C after offering to plan the NYD score event. John thought he'd replied in some form, but will check

Action: John C. will send a note to Lester Hartmann, to thank him and accept his offer.

(c) **VHIs:** We are now hosting the VHIs (rather than the SHIs) at the Caddihoe. There's not much difference, though we no longer need a Long Black course.

We are still struggling for places to hold it, because we need a suitable area for assembly and the relay changeover. Speech House would be good in that sense, but there are so many changes happening in that area that it is probably unwise to use it. Tom had suggested a farmer's field at the far end of Soudley, if we were to remap that area. Gary suggested that the area with lots of tracks, which had been used for the Chairman's Challenge, could be suitable for a relay changeover.

John F suggested that SWOA may be hoping to have their AGM during this weekend. This was thought likely and Speech House seemed to be a good venue.

Pat commented that we should remap the whole of Mallards Pike whether we use it for this event or not. Carol agreed that we can afford it and others agreed that it was a good idea.

Action: Pat will ask Paul to start asking people to bid for the remapping of Mallards Pike.

9. **Mapping report:**

(a) **Pittville street map:** Carol asked Greg how his map update was going. He reported that he'd finished most of it, but that some building work was still going on. He hoped this would be finished soon, so that he could finalise the map ready for Carol to plan her summer event there.

(b) **New areas:** Nobody had looked at Little Doward yet. Pat planned to have another walk around Soudley.

10. Equipment Officer's report:

(a) **Old club laptop:** John F had fixed the laptop and Pat planned to give it to Kim.

Action: Pat will give the laptop to Kim.

(b) **SI unit batteries:** Pat noted that the controls which recently failed were numbers 32 and 40. These were low down on the graph, which shows that the graph is useful. John F had bought the sealant so we can begin replacing batteries soon.

(c) **Tent guys:** Pat will make some more short guys for the tents, so that the others can remain on the results boards.

11. Captain's report: Greg showed the Photo O he had used in Pittville Park. Chris James is also making one for Gorsley.

12. Legend Editor's report: Alan has started thinking about the May edition. Articles or welcome, or even just ideas for things he can write an article on. Photos are especially welcome. Greg suggested asking keen newcomers if they'd like to write something about being new to the club or sport. Alan will ask Hillary Nicholls.

13. Welfare report: Nothing to add.

14. Development Officer's Report: Pat reported that Gill had produced a syllabus for the summer coaching sessions. Eddie had suggested using Google Forms as a way for people to show interest in attending.

Action: Pat will upload the syllabus to the website.

15. SWOA committee feedback: Pat hadn't attended an SWOA committee meeting for a while, as we didn't appear to get anything out of being there and it costs £40-£45 to get there and back. If anyone else wants to attend, they can.

16. AOB:

(a) **Committee succession planning:** As the Chairman role is intended to be a 3-year role, Pat is happy to be replaced at the AGM in October. He will start asking around soon, to see if anyone is interested in the role.

Action: All committee members should consider whether they wish to continue in their role, and begin asking around if not.

(b) **Event Archive:** Pat saw this as another great new idea which may not have been followed up (like introducing advisers for League events). He asked whether people thought it was worth following up. The response was that it will become a useful tool quite quickly and is therefore worth the work. It was suggested to put a note about the event archive in with the SI kit, to remind people when they look at that while organizing their event. Another suggestion was that Pat could be cc'd either when an organiser emails maps to Paul to be printed, or when Paul replies to acknowledge the request. Pat would then email the organiser with a form for the event archive, which they then fill in.

Action: Pat will send a reminder note to all organisers.

(c) **Splitsbrowser:** Greg asked whether we can put our results into Splitsbrowser, as he'd noticed we no longer included a Splitsbrowser link on the results page. John F explained that he thought it was possible to get to Splitsbrowser through Routegadget, but Greg didn't think this method currently worked.

Action: John F will check whether the route to Splitsbrowser through Routegadget still works.

(d) **SI boxes:** John F noted that we were short of a download box at the Gallophen and suggested buying one more – a USB one. Carol agreed that he could. Pat reported that he had received no response from SportIdent after reporting a problem with exporting results for new dibbers. He'd encountered this problem while uploading from the box using SI Config. John F suggested trying to create an event directly from the box, using OE.

(e) **Summer Saturday events:** Caroline asked which courses should be provided at the summer Saturday events. The expectation is to have Yellow, Orange and Green available, though the Green doesn't have to be long.

(f) **Maize maze:** The entry fee is usually £6, so Pat will try and negotiate this for his summer event there.

(g) **Control descriptions:** Carol mentioned that some Orange course runners were fazed by the symbolic control descriptions on Saturday. It was agreed that word descriptions should always be available for Orange.

Action: Pat will add this when he emails all the organisers about the event archive.

17. Next Meeting: Monday 22nd July 2013 at 7:30pm in TC119, Oxstalls Campus.

The meeting closed at 8:42pm.