

NAME: Tom Mills

ROLE: Chairman

In Role: Nil

Tasks Completed:

Controller for Cleeve Hill Regional.

Accompanied Paul to meeting with Lydney Park. Forwarded BOF insurance information to Lydney Park.

Assisted Pat with refurbishment of POC at High meadow.

Followed up the Soudley Ponds map which has been received and forwarded to Paul.

Tasks Progressing:

Lydney Park follow up.

NAME: Pat MacLeod

ROLE: Equipment and Development Officer

Period Covered March – May 2019

IN EQUIPMENT ROLE:

Tasks Completed

- Miscellaneous minor purchases – replacement service dibber, items to refurbish the Christchurch Permanent course, printer supplies.
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Tasks in Progress

- None

Tasks Planned

- None

IN DEVELOPMENT ROLE

Tasks Complete

- Planned and organised 2 Beat the trail courses, at Danby and Cleeve. Moderately successful in terms of numbers, so will persevere for a time.
- Expanded use of maprun technology to fell race courses and the Christchurch POC.
- Completed refurbishment of Christchurch POC – thanks to help from Dave Andrews, Bob Teed, Roger Coe and Tom Mills. The course is now fully workable.
- Provided timing help, and kit, for South Wales Mountain Trial – a Welsh Fell Runners Association event organised by Andy Creber to help navigation development amongst fell runners.

Tasks in Progress

- Helping to run the summer maprun series.
- Planning Toadsmoor Trail.
- Providing local maprun admin support for various clubs around UK –now supporting QO, WAOC, Devon(via QO), and various miscellaneous enquiries.
- Adding maprun capability to Christchurch POC.

Tasks Planned

NOT IN ROLE

Tasks completed

- Helped with lots of events!
- Brought website wordpress up to the latest levels.
- Arranged for webmaster handover from Eddie McLarnon to Steve Lee.

Tasks in Progress

- Maintaining the club websites – Maprun and NGOC – as well as facebook pages and groups. This takes quite a bit of time on a regular basis. It would be good if more people were to post info and discussion topics etc on facebook.....the club pages are OK but not busy.
- Updating Lightning Tree Hill. 1M Lidar is now available, so should be able to progress this better now.

- Fleshing out the summer evening programme.

Tasks Planned

- More experimentation with maprun.
- Discussion with FC on more maprun/POC capability – initially at Mallards Pike.
- Maprun demo and presentation to WOA Volunteer weekend, late June.

DONATIONS

We make regular and extensive use of three free software facilities:

- Purple Pen
- Open Orienteering Maps
- Maprun

These provide a huge amount of benefit to the club, both at organiser/planner level and for the competitor.

We have occasionally made a small donation to Purple Pen, but I feel it would be appropriate to make a reasonably substantial donation to all of them in recognition of the benefit we get from them. Given the amount we have recently spent on OCAD software, I feel that distributing something like £1,000 between them would not be unreasonable, for the benefit we get from them. However, an alternative approach might be to pay what might be considered an annual subscription to each, and make a smaller payment every year, as long as we continue to use their products.

For both Purple Pen and Open Orienteering maps the recipient is an individual. In the case of Maprun, any donation we make could be routed through Orienteering Queensland, rather than to the maprun originator, Peter Effeney, as the Queensland Federation oversees funding from Sport Australia for the maprun project.

NAME: Hilary Nicholls

ROLE: Committee Member & Vice Captain (Committee1@ngoc.org.uk)

Period Covered: part Feb-Apr19

Tasks Completed

- Moved house
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- Investigated possibility of offering Shadowing at Cleeve. Shadowers available but no shadowees came forward.
- Helped with parking at Cleeve 13/4.
- Facebook event circulation – Maprun Coopers Edge – Cheltenham, Gloucester areas. (In future include other clubs FB pages and Parkrun.)

Tasks Progressed

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Tasks Planned/Outstanding

- Lightning Tree Hill 18th & 19th January. Planners Pat & Steve Robinson. Organiser: Hilary. Get in touch with Council again.
- Controllers course. Find out about Clive Caffall (Greg re who attends).
- Look into a Planners course – liaise with Pat/Paul re date, venue, advertising, who was interested before but didn't attend.
- Facebook event circulation – Maprun Coopers Edge, League 2 Danby inc. Beat the Trail.
- 50th Anniversary
- To attend First aid course.
- To set up another Pete Ward Event Safety Workshop. Outstanding: Andy Stott, Christophe Pige, Kim Liggett, Paul Bryce, Paul Murrin, Doug Wilson – anyone else? Offer out to other SWOA clubs.
- Liaise with Simon how information on who has attended an ESW appears on membership list.

When is/was the fixtures sub-committee due in April? (re when main 50th anniversary date is)

NAME: Carol Stewart
ROLE: Treasurer

Period Covered: March - May 2019
IN ROLE:

Financial report for 14 May

Current account - £3848.17. We have spent £2200 on the new Soudley map and £817 on the latest OCAD licences. The postponed events on 24 and 30 March cost us £246.87, of which some £40 was for bits of equipment that will be reused. Turnouts remain high at League events - the Cleeve event took £990, plus £46 for Beat the Trail - so although expenses have been high recently we are still in a strong position financially.

Deposit account: £11488.66.

BOF/SWOA Levies paid up to and including 25 April.

Still waiting to sort out FC and NT invoices - we have received several for the £100 the FC overcharged, for which they also sent a credit note even though we hadn't paid the overcharge! Also still waiting for the FC invoice for the Galoppen.

Tasks in progress: None

Tasks Planned (but not yet started): Club kit - starting to collect orders for more tops and jackets. We have some left (and some running vests) but are now getting more requests for children's sizes. There has also been a suggestion that we should have a special Maprun top - maybe a technical T-shirt.

NOT IN ROLE:

Tasks completed: Help at various events.

Tasks Progressing/planned but not started: None

NAME: Tom Cochrane
ROLE: Communications

IN ROLE

Tasks completed

- Maprun website: rearranged and brought details up to date. Arranged for Tom Birthwright to take over running of the NGOC Twitter, @ngococlub.

Tasks progressing

- Weekly emails.
- Website: ongoing updates with new information/news. Only minor changes to existing material so far

Tasks planned

- Website. Tidy up existing material and rearrange – as time allows.

NOT IN ROLE

Tasks completed

- Successfully submitted 'Year of the Volunteer' application for funding to British Orienteering, to cover half the cost of a first aid course.
- Arranged planners for maprun summer series
- Planned Churchdown maprun, 25 April.

Tasks progressing

- Mapping Tewkesbury – the OCAD 2019 cloud solution seems to be working well.
- Planning Tewkesbury event on Sun 18 August.
- Advising Doug Wilson on Dursley Urban event, Wed 12 June.

Tasks planned

- Get Auto event generator up and running – no time at the moment!

NAME: Ashleigh Denman

ROLE:

Nothing to report.

NAME: Greg Best

ROLE: Fixtures

Period Covered: Mar – May 19

IN ROLE:

Tasks Completed

- Organised permissions for various events. These include league events at Cleeve, Leckhampton Hill and Toadsmoor Valley.
- Put in bid to host British Night Champs in 2 years' time on Cleeve Hill. This has been accepted, land access has been agreed and agreement made with the golf club for use of their club house and parking.
- Together with Jo Foster of BOK and Paul Taunton, met with the Forestry Commission to try to resolve the goshawk issue. This was to no avail, but at least an improved permissions procedure came out of the meeting, whereby we should have more notice of any problems in future.
- Submitted 9 event applications to the Forestry Commission for their new Stage 1 approval. This includes all planned FOD events up to the end of next January. One of these is a night event to test the waters after the FC told us at the meeting these will be allowed again now. Only time will tell whether the new system works better in practice – fingers crossed!
- Re-arranged the events affected by the goshawk restrictions.... Parkend League event moved to November. Middle distance at Knockalls (part of Southern Champs weekend) moved to next January as part of the 50th Birthday weekend. Mallards Pike chosen as the new middle distance venue to be part of southern champs' weekend, now on 30th November – this will now be at Regional rather than National level. Compass Sport Cup venue for next March moved to Coopers Hill/Cranham.
- All land and parking permissions now in place for the Compass Sport Cup event.
- Chairmans Challenge date moved in the schedule.
- Down-graded Painswick event next October from Regional to Local, as concerns over sufficient parking and the lack of available NGOC controllers.
- Cancelled our National event scheduled for May next year, as this was to accompany the BOK Trot that has now been moved outside of the Forest because of goshawk fears.
- Moved our December league event from Staple Edge to the newly mapped Soudley. This was necessary as Andy Creber was no longer able to commit time to Staple Edge after parking on tracks was disallowed there, meaning his existing courses could no longer be used.
- Permission finally granted by the Witcombe Estate for our first use of the remaining parts of their woods that have so far not been used by us (even though I mapped them some time ago!) We can use these outside of the pheasant shooting season and will be used for the first time next April, together with Barrow Wake and The Peak that I will start mapping soon.
- Interviewed by a journalist from *The Local Answer* about the up-coming Leckhampton Hill event.
- Met with the National Trust ranger responsible for Crickley Hill at her request on 15th April. This was really to check that the changes they are planning wouldn't totally mess up the permanent course there. They have put up a number of new fences and "dead hedges" which will restrict access somewhat, but I told her we will just have to work around whatever they do!

- Wrote info for planners about the short green and string courses, and supplied list of names for distribution. This was an action on me from the last committee meeting.

Tasks Progressing

- Moved the WNL event for Cleeve in December to Woodchester because of the 2 year embargo. Access permissions set in motion and currently on-going.
- Various other event permissions for 2019 on-going.
- Recruitment of event officials on-going for the various new/re-scheduled events mentioned (Soudley, middle distance at Mallards, British Nights, Compass Sport Cup, 50th Birthday weekend)

Tasks Planned

- More of the same.
- To contact Cheltenham Race Course to request permission to hold a sprint event there at some time.
- To contact Painswick Rococo gardens to ask if there's any chance of us using their car park for events. I visited the gardens recently and realised that their car park is really quite large and it is adjacent to our mapped area. I imagine at best this would only be allowed at quiet times of the year for them.
- To try and persuade some more people to become controllers

NOT IN ROLE:

Tasks Completed

- Finally finished off mapping of some nice woods on the western fringe of the Chalford map, which will be used as part of the up-coming Toadsmoor event.
- Promoting my Toadsmoor Valley event. This includes flyers on several local noticeboards and information for the website for local residents.

Tasks Progressing

- Planning and organising the Toadsmoor event.

Tasks Planned

- No new mapping projects lately as very little spare time, but the extension of the Cranham map to include Barrow Wake and The Peak will be the next project.
- Update Leckhampton map after gorse cutting complete

NAME: Simon Denman

ROLE: Membership Secretary and Volunteer Coordinator

Period Covered: Mar 2019 – May 2019

IN ROLE:

Tasks Completed

- Fielding member queries
- Sent out updated password protected membership lists
- Organising Abbeymead with Ashleigh
- Website updates

Tasks Progressing

Tasks Planned (but not yet started)

NOT IN ROLE:

Tasks Completed

- Helping at events

Tasks Progressing

Tasks Planned (but not yet started)

Previous membership figures 3/3/19:

Category	Current	Other	Lapsed
Senior	122	2	30
Junior	32	0	6
Total	154	2	36

Current membership figures 10/5/19:

Category	Current	Other
Senior	129	2
Junior	34	0
Total	163	2

The format of the membership figures has changed as the lapsing policy at BOF has been changed this year. The explanation is as follows:

“We have recently reviewed the length of time in which lapsed memberships change from a lapsed status to expired status.

As you will know, British Orienteering membership runs from 1st January to 31st December with renewals starting on the 1st November. Originally, a lapsed membership will become expired on the 1st January, we have decided to move this date to the 31st March meaning that members will only be lapsed from 1st December to 31st March.

The reason for this is to hopefully reduce the number of members that join again instead of renewing which results in members having more than one membership on the database. when this happens we have to merge the two memberships together before we can process it. By bringing the date forward, expired members can only renew over the phone.

We put in a place a comprehensive campaign to all “ lapsed “ members from February to March, which was received quite positively. Every lapsed member was contacted and advised of their membership status, and how they could renew after the 31st March, which has resulted in an increase of membership renewals over that period.

As a result of this, when you look at your lapsed membership report, it will be blank. This will stay blank until the 1st January 2020 when the current members that haven't renewed will become lapsed members, they will then stay lapsed until the 31st March 2020.”

We weren't informed of this until after the event but I was aware of a flurry of renewals around the end of March so it does seem to have been effective.

It does however seem we are somewhat down on our previous membership at the end of 2018 from 189 to 165 members. Some of this will no doubt be replenished over the year through natural churn and late (phone) renewals.

And 5 minutes after I typed this a further member renewed!

NAME: Shirley Robinson
ROLE: Club Captain's
Report for 14th May 2019

It seems like ages ago now but the team travelled to Bentley Wood for the Compass Sport Cup qualifying round on March 17th. Although we didn't progress to the next stage everyone seemed to enjoy the day and the team gave a good account of themselves.

Despite Hilary's and my best attempts to encourage people to take part we didn't manage to enter a relay team for either the JK or the British Championships even though quite a few club members entered individual races for both events.

We do have a full team for the Cotswold Way Relay at the end of June and I have people interested in the Wyedean Relay in August. I do still need four more runners for this event including at least one lady.

NAME: Kim Liggett
ROLE: Secretary
Report for 14th May 2019

Costs obtained for first aid training with borderlands first aid, no details of costs received yet from Frenchay first aid.

BOF insurance issues have been raised by BOK via the SWOA meetings, awaiting response from BOK. The next SWOA meeting is on 22nd May.
