

NGOC Committee Meeting, 7pm on 7 December 2020, using Zoom

AGENDA

1. Apologies: Alan Brown, Ashleigh Denman, Shirley Robinson
2. Minutes of previous meeting (Zoom meeting, 7pm 1st June) Already circulated
3. Matters arising
4. Lydney Park (Paul) information only
5. JK22 (Paul) –WOA need information from NGOC
6. Risk Assessment, POCs & Virtual Courses (Paul) info only
7. SWOA meeting (Paul) discuss relay request under fixtures
8. Changes to Constitution (Paul) info in report. Not for discussion today as low priority.
9. Treasurer update (Carol)
10. Brief update on BNOC 2021 (Pat) for info, no decisions needed
11. Maprun Christmas Challenge (Pat) need agreement to spend money on prizes - chocolate!
12. Christchurch POC refurbishment (Pat) need committee to spend £400 on materials
13. Need committee agreement to map Biblins (Pat) travel costs only
14. Fixtures Update (Greg)
15. Query re Proposed 2021 League (Greg)
16. Archiving of Routegadget on older MapRun courses (Simon)
17. AOB
18. Date of next meeting

Reports for Dec 2020 (Including Information for Agenda Items)

Chairman – Paul Taunton

1. Lydney Park

For information - Following Tom's letter to Lord Bledisloe e-mail contact received from Gavin Green of Lydney Park Estate: "Please can you suggest a suitable time that we could speak over the phone or meet to hopefully come to agreement over the orienteering event". Meeting arranged for 10am on 8 Dec (tomorrow).

2. JK22

Jan Kjellström Orienteering Festival 2022, Day 2, Sat 16th Apr, Middle (UKOL), NGOC leading, Level "A" event

Now Merthyr Mawr – Area of sand dunes just W of Bridgend (ca. 80m, 1.5hrs from Gloucester). Last used for British Night Champs Feb 2018 and Welsh Champs March 2017. I have:

- Permission form (incomplete) already submitted to landowner Natural Resources Wales during November 2020 by WOA.
- Current map(s)

Location of parking/assembly not yet established, some previous knowledge available. Unsure if woodland camp area used for BNC (a) big enough or (b) available at Easter? Up to organiser.

Can we identify from NGOC:

- Organiser (to have successfully organised a min. of 2 Level "B" events, and planning experience)?
- Planner (to have successfully planned or controlled a min. of 2 Level "B" events in last 10 yrs, 1 in last 5 yrs)?

Also other JK22 roles still to be filled:

- Non-SI equipment coordinator (Note: Sportident running all SI-related equipment and personnel)
- Entries secretary

3. Risk Assessment, POCs & Virtual Courses

- Rules silent about POCs & virtual courses?
- MOST rules not applicable to POCs but we could be criticised if accident and no risk assessment.

Conclusion: We must make sure we show a section "Safety & Risk Assessment in course details on-line.

4. SWOA meeting report

- Meetings now using Zoom so I took part. Will circulate meeting report when available.
- SWOA request – **NGOC event for SW relay series 2021?**

5. Changes to Constitution

Action for me from AGM. **Not at present vital, so perhaps committee could consider the following points and respond by e-mail before 1/1/21?** Hopefully a consensus can be achieved that can be put to the membership for approval next year:

- Need to clarify - does a person holding 2 posts (e.g. Greg, Pat) have 2 votes, 1 for each post? Yes/No
 - Formalise Volunteer Coordinator (Kevin Brooker) as voting member of Committee - Yes/No
 - Formalise Communications Officer (Tom Cochrane) as voting member of Committee - Yes/No
 - Do we need to add another post, Publicity Officer, agreed previously but never appointed, or is that role adequately covered by Tom as Communications Officer?
 - Current constitution shows 14 posts. Currently held by 12 voting members and 2 non-voting appointees.
 - Do we still need a Vice-Chairman, as none in post in recent years, or remove to save number on committee being too great?
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Outgoing Treasurer – Carol Stewart

Report mislaid?

Equipment Officer – Pat Macleod

Maprun Christmas Challenge - need agreement to spend a bit on prizes - minimal cost, chocolate!

Christchurch POC refurbishment costs roughly:

- a. 8 posts - £100
 - b. Full set of signage - £150
 - c. Post caps of all posts - £30
 - d. misc. hardware - screws etc. - £10
 - e. Travel costs for volunteer workforce?
- assume £400 max.

Request from Biblins campsite to map their side of the river - need agreement to proceed - not worth professional mapping, so costs fairly low - just mapper travel

Maprun levies - just confirmation that I have paid a 40p/head levy for all maprun event runs through the summer and autumn, approx. £120.

Legend Editor - Alan Brown

January 2021 Legend has been started. Further articles still welcome (or send me the name of someone whose arm I might be able to twist!).

Fixtures Secretary - Greg Best

With some light now appearing at the end of the virus tunnel, I have spent some time earlier this week working out and registering a schedule of "proper" events for 2021. This consists mostly the same events that were postponed from this year, although I hope to replace Nine Wells with my new Edge area. What's more, I have received this week a probable go-ahead for 2 events on the Witcombe Estate for early next year, which means we should be able to put on 3 or even 4 events in the fairly near future when restrictions are likely still to be in place. These will be at Cooper's Hill probably in February, Barrow Wake in March and part of the Huntley Estate maybe in April. I am waiting on the Tysons and hoping we might be able to have an event in their part of Cranham in January which would give us 4 in the pipeline. Things are looking up at last! I will need to recruit some organisers for these at fairly short notice.

I do have one question to raise about 2021. Should we try to put on a normal NGOC league to cover the whole of 2021, starting with the first of these events with the usual range of 6 courses, in the hope that permissions will become easier to secure for other venues as the roll-out of the vaccine progresses? Or should we have an interim "NGOC Corona League" to consist of any "flag" events I can manage to get permissions for plus terrain VOCs as proposed previously? If the latter, they are likely to offer a sub-set of course, O, G, B (plus yellow?)

Ian Phillips - Mapping Officer

Map printing all seems to be going well. Getting used to the process. Printed maps for Painswick and Winchcombe so far.

2000 sheets of A4 mapping paper acquired.

Request just a couple of days extra time to print from planners whilst I get used to the system and to iron out issues before 11th hour needs.

I know that it is a very difficult period but do we have a provisional fixture list available so that I can understand who needs what and when.

Estimated potential attendance figures would also be helpful, based upon previous events. (*Note: the retiring mapping officer will forward tables of attendances at NGOC events to Ian*).

Nothing to report

Hilary Nicholls, Kim Liggett, Alan Pucill