

## Minutes of Meeting Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Present: Pat Macleod, John Fallows, Kim Liggett, Paul Taunton, Carol Stewart, Hilary Nicholls, Stephen Robinson, Greg Best, Tom Cochrane.

1. Apologies: Alan Brown, Tom Mills, Shirley Robinson, Ashleigh Denman, Simon Denman.
2. The Minutes of the Committee Meeting of 9th December 2019 were approved.
3. Matters arising – None
4. Reports:
  - Chairman's report: Update from Greg regarding the meeting with the Forestry Commission. Challenge the Forestry Commission in understanding their restrictions, they are happy that the club is pro-active. Two positives from the meeting is that they are setting up event zones that can be used regardless of the time of year, and that there is no longer a problem in parking on tracks but confirmation is required. A follow up meeting for further discussions is being held in April.
  - Communications report: Update from Tom C regarding Cheltenham racecourse, a map has been sent to the racecourse of the proposed courses. With the additional use of some of the buildings the cost being charged has been increased. Tom reported that Lidar data is now available from the Environment Agency.
  - Fixtures: The owners of Huntley Estate have been tracked down and contacted and they are keen for the land to be used for orienteering.
  - Welfare: **Action Pat** to add the British Orienteering safeguarding email address to NGOC website.
5. Display of organiser contact details on the web/maprun:- In having personal contact details on the web has raised the fact that organisers are then getting unwanted contact. It was discussed and agreed that a new email be set up as [events@ngoc.org.uk](mailto:events@ngoc.org.uk) for future events. Hilary has agreed to have these emails set up for her to receive and then any queries can be forwarded to the relevant person. **Action:** Steve Lee to set up new email.  
Telephone number/s on maprun maps to be removed before publishing on the web. **Action:** Pat/Paul
6. Any Other Business:
  - SSAFA Sponsorship - The committee are happy to sponsor in some way but felt that club runners at the Cotswold Way relay would prefer to be identified as NGOC runners and not solely SSAFA. The club would be happy to make a donation and if something else was available to wear in addition to NGOC tops that would show the clubs support and sponsorship of SSAFA then this would be preferred. The possibility of a similar type of sponsorship at other events was discussed as in the example that NYD event profits are donated to a charity.
  - White Course:- Discussed by the committee and agreed that not enough resources to set up an additional course. Families should be encouraged to do a yellow course and extended window for split starts has already been set up to help families.

- Chairmans Challenge 2020:- Various places were raised as possible venue for the event with further investigation, these included Cinderford Community Hub, Ellwood FC, Yorkley Community Centre (parking?), Steam Mills Football Club, Soudley Village Hall. As these venues could possibly be a used for the event with further investigation the option to use a bus to transport competitors to the event was not an option the committee considered due to additional costs involved.
  - Pat is to create a standard format form for organisers to use to enter the relevant information for an event. This will make is easier to then upload to the website.
  - Club Only Members:- Attendance of maprunners is still good but committee decided not to encourage them to join as a member of NGOC although some have progressed to becoming orienteers. Publicise mapruns in the usual way via facebook.
  - Summer Events:- There is a full programme of maprun but no programme for summer evening SI linear course events. One event is planned at Bredon School in May. **Action Greg** to register the event. It was decided to hold one event a month. **Action Tom** to include in his email a request for members to sign up to organise an event.
  - Cancellation of events with more than 1000 competitors was discussed, the British Championships (21 – 22 March) and JK events (10 – 13 April) are at the moment due to go ahead. If BOF decide that they should be cancelled due to the Coronavirus it was decided to publicise a Maprun challenge for weekend of 10-13 April.
1. Date of Next Meeting:- Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2020