

Minutes of Meeting held Monday 22nd November 2021 – 7pm

Remote minute meeting via Zoom during Covid-19

Present: Paul Taunton (Chair), Rhiannon Fadeyibi, Ian Phillips, Pat Macleod, Tom Cochrane, Alan Pucill, Simon Denman, Gill Stott

1. Apologies: Greg Best, John Fallows, Judith Taylor, Shirley Robinson, Kev Brooker, Alan Brown
2. Minutes of September meeting accepted subject to correction of typo, Item 10, should read “form” not “from”.
3. Matters arising: -
 - a. Event in memory of Chris James – item carried over to next meeting
 - b. Ian Phillips and Andy Stott have completed the Controllers Course. Andy to look into doing the Event Safety course online.
4. Reports
 - a. Committee agreed to offer Roger Evans a token of appreciation to the value of £25.00 for the work he did auditing our accounts
 - b. JIRCs – agreed in principle that NGOC would be happy to cooperate with BOK for this event in 2024, provided that courses for adults would also be made available. Classic length event, Saturday, east of the Severn, NOT the Caddihoe.
5. SWOA October meeting report
 - a. SWOA have agreed not to change the levy this year, so our proposed event entry fees OK.
 - b. Other clubs reporting increasing difficulty with Forestry England permissions, a requirement to photograph control sites before & after events!
 - c. SWOA has prepared a revised fixture policy. Paul to copy to Greg.
6. Agreement of statement detailing authorised payment limits from NGOC accounts (action from AGM for Treasurer) – The statements prepared by the Treasurer, as follows, were agreed by the Committee:
 - a. Signatories to the NGOC bank accounts are Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer. For online banking the primary user is the Treasurer, and the secondary user is the Secretary. The primary and secondary users can act independently.
 - b. NGOC internal governance allows payments of up to £500 to be made by one permitted signatory, payments between £500 - £1000 require approval of a second signatory and any amounts above £1000 shall be referred to the Executive Committee.
7. Agreement of events entry fees 2022 (action from AGM for all) – The proposed entry fees set out in the document “Agenda Item 5” presented to the AGM were discussed in detail. It was concluded that the fees as set out in that document would be implemented, save for two amendments:
 - a. Remove non-member supplement for families.
 - b. Maprun EOD to be at the same rate as pre-entry, for both seniors and juniors.Agreed to purchase a credit card payment device to facilitate EOD.
8. Incentives and rewards for event volunteers. - The committee supported the proposal to reward members who volunteer at events and saw it as a way to encourage more members to come forward to help. A 50% discount for League events was agreed. Incentives for other events would be considered on a case-by-case basis. It was also agreed to add a field to Fabian4 pre-entries where members could say they would help at that event.

9. JIRCs –Dealt with under item 4.
10. Venue for Compass Sport Cup qualifier: The committee's first choice is Postensplain in the Wyre Forest (near Bewdley). **ACTION:** Club Captain (Shirley) to inform the CSC organiser.
11. Discussion of event formats to encourage people to participate all year round. Committee decided there would be no change to the format of the current Maprun series (score event) but in the summer the club could offer linear Mapruns with a choice of long or short courses. Both formats would be run as leagues with prizes.
12. Training and coaching.
 - a. Coaching sessions would need to be run informally otherwise would be liable to levies and obliged to gain permission for areas used. Need to be certain people will attend otherwise it is a lot of wasted effort.
 - b. Alternative is to have someone ready to run demonstrations for new/inexperienced people at events. Gill and Pat happy to do this but would want to know in advance if this service was needed.
 - c. Need to gauge level of interest in coaching/training and what level required. **ACTION:** Tom and Pat to include on weekly email, post on Facebook and put on the web page.
13. Support for NGOC members of BOF Talent Squad South. - Committee agreed this could be in the form of juniors applying for club sponsorship to help them achieve their potential. **ACTION** – Gill and Paul to write something for the next issue of Legend.
14. Gary Wakerley is attending an Army Engagement briefing tonight on behalf of the club.
15. Orienteering Foundation review of NGOC website. **ACTION** on all to look at NGOC website and send comments to Pat. Please feedback on relevance and accuracy of existing content and give suggestions on how to make the website more accessible/attractive to newcomers. Should we continue to maintain the Maprun Gloucestershire as a separate website?
16. AOB
 - a. British Night Orienteering Championships. Weather forecast looks positive. 200 meals have been ordered. Working on plans for parking overflow.
 - b. JK22 update. Logistics for holding the event at Clydach are proving challenging. Running on area acceptable, but current parking proposals vetoed by Blaenau Gwent Event Safety Advisory Group. Possible alternative identified today, but we are running out of time and options.
17. Date of next meeting: 7th February 2022