

NGOC Committee Meeting

Monday 4th April 2022 – 7pm (by Zoom)

Present: Paul Taunton (Chair), Gill Stott, Ian Phillips, Pat Macleod, Rhiannon Fadeyibi, Shirley Robinson, Tom Cochrane

1. Apologies: Alan Brown, Alan Pucill, Greg Best, Kevin Brooker, Judith Taylor, John Fallows, Simon Denman
 - a. The Chairman noted that he thought the seven members present were sufficient for the meeting to be quorate and a subsequent check of the constitution confirmed this.
2. Minutes of previous meeting - Accepted
3. Matters arising
 - a. Andy Stott has received details about doing the Event Safety course online.
ACTION CLOSED.
 - b. General training and coaching, and support for NGOC members of BOF Talent Squad South: Interest in schools is increasing. Would be good to tie in with Tom C's existing maps of school areas e.g., Gloucester Academy.
Gill Stott to action by next meeting.
 - c. Quote for remapping remainder of Lydney Park area:
ACTION – Ian Phillips to follow up with Tom Mills
 - d. Bank mandate: the mandate form has been resubmitted.
 - e. Club donations: Donations made to Maprun, Purple Pen, OOM, and TablePress.
ACTION on Treasurer remains OPEN: clarification of the Woodland Trust charge and affiliate membership of the Cotswold Way Association.
 - f. Event live results via QR code:
 - i. live results in html vice pdf format were available at the Cleeve Hill event on 19th March.
 - ii. Ian P planning to add QR code to the maps for the next few events. **ACTION CLOSED.**
 - g. Committee succession:
 - i. Paul Bryce has joined the pool of members familiar with running events using the computers and SI equipment and now has basic equipment. Alan Pucill interested in joining pool. Pat and John waiting for more interest before arranging training sessions.
 - ii. Steve Williams interested in joining the committee at next AGM as Volunteer Coordinator. Noted Membership Secretary will also be needed then, Steve's actual role to be agreed.
4. Reports (Chair, Captain, Welfare Officer, Treasurer, Fixtures Officer, Equipment and Development Officer, Club Coach)
 - a. Treasurer: The committee appreciated the extra report detailing income/expenditure by event. It was noted that the breakdown does not include map costs.
 - b. Club Coach:
 - i. Greenshaw Learning Trust is holding an inter-school event on 28th April and have invited Gill. There is interest in setting up a permanent orienteering course at Wotton and they would like the club to help. If 28th April event goes well, they will put on a "come and try it" event in Wotton Community Parc (mapped by Lin Callard).

- ii. Blue Coats school is opening an after-school event to generate interest in orienteering.
 - iii. Gill would like help with the School Commonwealth Games/Wellbeing Day at Oxtalls on 8th June and at the Gloucester School Sports Network annual orienteering day for Primary Schools on Monday 4th July at Robinswood Hill Country Park.
 - iv. Pat flagged that a Gloucester sports shop was planning an orienteering event from its store on 27th April and would pass the contact details to Gill.
- 5. CompassSport Cup Final
 - a. 16 members so far interested in travelling to Scotland to represent the club in the CompassSport Cup Final on 16th October. Discussion about club subsidies for participants in the event. **Decided the subsidy would be £1000 towards a coach. No subsidy on entry fees.**

ACTION – Shirley to email members asking who would use the coach and how much they would be willing to pay.

- 6. Review of rate for mileage expenses: proposed in response to the recent large increase in fuel prices.
 - a. The committee considered the options of continuing to follow the British Orienteering Federation (BOF) Financial Policy of 25p a mile, or increasing to 32p a mile, and **decided to remain aligned with the BOF rate.**
 - b. Chair wrote to BOF to point out the rate had not been revised since 2011 and to ask when it would be reviewed again. The BOF CEO agreed to discuss the mileage allowance, probably at the next BOF Board meeting.
- 7. Ledbury urban 22nd May – Chris James memorial event: The hall has been booked. **Judith will email during the week to ask for volunteers to bake items for the cake sale.**
- 8. JK progress: Draft details on the JK 2022 website. Pat thanked Joe Parkinson who has devised an excellent traffic management plan. Pat has agreed to become “white van man” moving equipment between sites. **Still looking for volunteers to help.**
- 9. Caddihoe Chase 2023:
 - a. since NGOC is hosting this, the club can try the format proposed by Paul - keeping the chase format and amending the chasing start time on the second day to one-minute intervals from the base start time. This would allow it to be a ranking event.
 - b. Speech House has been booked but still waiting for Forestry Commission (FC) permission.
 - c. Greg Best is the planner. Charles Daniel from BOK is the controller.
- 10. Call from BOF to host future events: NGOC is already hosting the Caddihoe Chase in 2023 and potentially the Junior Inter-Regional Championships (JIRCS) in 2024 (joint weekend with BOK), so not looking to come forward until 2025.

ACTION – Greg to confirm the club is hosting the JIRCS in 2024 and consider what we might host in 2025 onwards.

- 11. Updating NGOC website: new and improved website now live, thanks to Pat and Tom C.
- 12. AOB
 - a. Paul noted that Compasssport has several free entries available for a 2-day mountain marathon in Denmark on 27th/29th May, contact him for details.

- b. Pat noted that extensive felling of large areas of diseased trees by Forestry England means that most of our Forest maps will require attention before their next use, in particular Danby Lodge.
- c. Rhiannon has pin badges for those nominated for British Orienteering Annual Awards. Good luck to the four nominees from the club. The awards will be presented on 15th April at the first day of the JK at 16.30 before the Sprint prize-giving ceremony.
- d. The individual prize giving for the UK Orienteering League 2021 season is expected to take place during the JK weekend (Ros Taunton - winner W70).
- e. Kevin Brooker fed back that offering an event entry discount to volunteers seems to have generated the desired response. Kevin will monitor across the year to see if interest is sustained.

13. Date of next Zoom meeting

- a. **Monday 6th June 2022 at 7pm.**