

NGOC Committee Meeting

Monday 6th June 2022 – 7pm (by Zoom)

Present: Paul Taunton (Chair), Alan Pucill, Greg Best, Ian Phillips, John Fallows, Judith Taylor, Pat Macleod, Rhiannon Fadeyibi, Shirley Robinson, Simon Denman, Tom Cochrane

1. Apologies: Alan Brown, Gill Stott, Kevin Brooker, Steve Lee
2. Minutes of previous meeting - Accepted
3. Matters arising
 - a. 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 – See Club Coach report for June.

ACTION CLOSED

- b. Quote for remapping remainder of Lydney Park area.
 - i. The club wishes to proceed with mapping the Lydney Park area as we would need to cover a bigger area than currently to run other events there such as the Galoppen. Pat noted that parking permissions limit how we use the area and could we revisit being allowed to park elsewhere to expand our options for events held at the estate.

ACTIONS: Paul to send Ian a map with an outline of the area we want to map (about 85% of the total). Pat to advise Ian of a potential parking field he is aware of.

- ii. Discussion about cost of the mapping exercise. It was thought the cost of the previous mapping had been about £800.

ACTION: Ian to confirm the previous quote with Tom Mills, and liaise with Lydney Park for permission and obtain a price from Nick Nourse for the additional mapping.

- c. Bank mandate: has been accepted (see note on this month's Treasurer's Report)
- d. Clarification of the Woodland Trust charge and affiliate membership of the Cotswold Way Association: The club has group membership of the Woodland Trust at £33 p.a. The club is now a member of the Cotswold Way Association at £50 p.a. (see notes on this month's Treasurer's Report)

ACTION CLOSED

- e. Committee succession.
 - i. Membership Secretary and likely Volunteer Coordinator will become vacant and need to be filled at the next AGM. Potential interest from Steve Williams. Any other candidates?
 - The committee is not aware of any other candidates. Also, it appears that while Steve was originally thought to be interested in a role there may have been a misunderstanding.

ACTION: Paul to check status with Steve.

- ii. Confirm all other committee post-holders are content to stay in role for the next year.
 - All other committee post-holders are content to remain in role for another year.

ACTION CLOSED

4. Reports (Chair, Treasurer, Fixtures, Membership Secretary, Club Coach)

a. Treasurer's Report:

- i. Equipment insurance renewal is due the end of September 2022. A clock was purchased for £300. No need to replace the club tents yet. No significant purchases that might affect the renewal premium/level of cover.
- ii. Quote from Trimtex for club mesh O-tops is 40 Euros plus VAT (about £35 plus VAT) per top. The club might get a better deal elsewhere e.g., from CompassSport. Suggestion that we include the URL of the NGOC website on club tops. This can be done at no extra cost.

ACTION: Treasurer to discuss required order quantity with Carol Stewart and put together a costing for the committee to decide.

b. Fixtures Report:

- i. SWOA action: discuss our interest and level of involvement in helping SWOA host the 2025 British Long Distance and Relay Championships
 - After discussion, the committee decided not to commit to anything at this stage. We will revisit once the venue is selected. The club will offer volunteers to assist as a minimum.
- ii. The Chris James Memorial event at Ledbury went very well. £700 was raised and has been divided equally between Cancer Research and the Orienteering Foundation. Gill James was very appreciative of the club's gesture.

ACTION: Paul to respond to Gill's email on behalf of the committee

- iii. The committee has been sent feedback about planning and organising the Ledbury event: -
 - It takes longer to put controls out at an urban event.
 - Consider having two planner/organisers (especially if they work full time)
 - Splitting the role might encourage more volunteers to plan/organise events

ACTION: John to formally respond to the feedback.

c. Club Coach's Report:

- i. Common theme is the difficulty of finding enough volunteers to ensure schools events can go ahead.
- ii. Adult Elite coaching: there is no-one in the club qualified at that level. Could SWOA assist?

ACTION: Paul to consult Gill and write a form of words to propose at the next SWOA meeting.

d. Development Report (verbal):

- i. Forestry England are interested in helping to promote the club's permanent orienteering course in High Meadows by handing out packs at the campsites in Christchurch and Bracelands. Pat is reviewing and simplifying the packs. Questions around costs – who will pay for the maps (since campers will not be able to print the map when at the campsite). Will NGOC get a percentage of any profits?

- e. Club Captain's report (verbal):
 - i. Harlequins Orienteering (HOC) are interested in sharing a coach with NGOC which makes hiring one a viable option. Travellers are asked to pay £10 deposit by 20th June. Most people are prepared to pay up to £40 for the coach. There is no charge for juniors.
- 5. SWOA Meeting feedback:

The next SWOA meeting will discuss the request from Julie Astin (WSX) that SWOA should consider making grants to clubs towards the cost of professional mapping. Point made that small clubs have less chance of having competent mappers among their membership.

 - The committee does not support the request as it stands. The committee supports SWOA loans to smaller clubs for professional mapping, however the committee notes that mapping costs can be covered by revenue from events.

ACTION: Paul to feedback NGOC's position to SWOA

- 6. Volunteer recognition – details in Chair's report
 - a. JK volunteers
 - i. The committee agrees that volunteers should be recognised as the sport relies heavily on their services to hold events.
 - ii. The committee does not favour paying people to volunteer and discussed non-pecuniary ways of recognising people's efforts. Offering a 50% discount to event entry fees is proving a popular incentive. JK volunteers are reminded that they can claim back the cost of fuel. The committee agreed to spend some of the revenue from the JK on recognising volunteers and decided to offer a technical top to those who make a significant contribution. **Tom Birthwright has agreed to produce a design that could be awarded in a different colour each year.**

ACTION: Paul to draft feedback to BOF on their reported lack of recognition for those involved in JK.

- b. BOF postcards for National Volunteer Week (1-7 June)
 - The BOF postcards did not find favour with the committee.
- 7. Support for Juniors
 - a. Level of financial support for tours:
 - Three club juniors have been selected for the JROS Czech camp this summer and one for Lagganlia. Members can apply to SWOA (or perhaps WOA for those resident in Wales?) for financial support up to 50% of the cost. NGOC will in principle subsidise 25% of the cost.

ACTION: Paul to write to the parents of the four juniors advising them that the club will contribute to the costs of attending the camps.

- b. Compass Point backpacks in club colours as prizes
 - The committee did not favour this suggestion.
- 8. AOB
 - a. The organiser of the League 8 sprints event at Dean Close School on 20th August has completed the planning but is now unable to run the event. Greg is looking for someone to help. **Paul will approach Samuel Taunton.**
- 9. Date of next Zoom meeting

- a. **Monday 15th August 2022 at 7pm.**