

## Reports June 2022

Name: Paul Taunton  
Role: Chair  
Report: June 2022

### **SWOA meeting 31st May - (including Items for action by club reps)**

- Action - Emma Monkman has set up a WhatsApp group for permissions/access officers so that she can keep an overall view of the permissions situation nationally – please check that your club's officer(s) know about this and are included. - **Greg has confirmed he has joined group.**
- Appointment of Ian Phillips as a Grade 3 Controller **confirmed** by SWOA Committee.

### **Other actions addressed under agenda items 4a and 5**

#### **Volunteer Recognition**

The question of how volunteers are recognised has arisen twice in recent weeks:

1. I received an e-mail from Richard Cronin, with an attached earlier e-mail from Tommi Grover concerning lack of JK volunteer recognition from BOF. Richard also concerned by relatively low number of NGOC volunteers at an event which was not too far from home. (Copy e-mail attached). I believe the club will eventually receive a significant payment from BOF for this event. Volunteers were rewarded by a £5 on the day voucher for helping. Should the club use the payment from BOF to fund a better reward, especially for those who helped on the day without getting a run? In the past as controller, I have received an event buff, and a T-shirt. *(Both from Croeso/WOA).* Something similar should have been considered for the JK. Can we do anything now?
2. I have received a packet of "Thank You!" postcards from BOF, relating to National Volunteer Week (1-7th June). (Electronic image attached, editable version also available). Is it worth spending postage sending these out? Or should they be sent electronically? And if so, to whom should they be sent? *(In my opinion we should send either hard copy, or nothing. An electronic version seems less appropriate than a normal email or web thankyou?)*

### **To be discussed during the meeting under agenda item 6**

#### **"Pre-Entries" App**

An observation only: I have used this several times when entering BOK events and still find it less user-friendly than Fabian4. However, I did make a complaint to Ben Mitchell that the payment receipts showed the name of the club whose event had been entered but failed to give the event name, and he responded the same day to say that future receipts will show this information.

## Forestry England Consultations

I responded to the on-line Consultation on Parkend Walk and Blakeney Hill Walk Forest Plan (and Pat Macleod also did so). The following reply was received from Stephanie Johns (Communications Officer – Our Shared Forest, Forest of Dean, Forestry England):

*"Good morning. Thank you for taking the time to consult on the Parkend Walk and Blakeney Hill Walk Forest Plan. Your concerns around the proposal of zoning have been taken onboard and we would like to assure you that, because of comments made by yourself and others, we will be revisiting this internally. The aim of our 'Quiet Zone' proposal is to ensure that some areas identified as having special or sensitive flora and fauna, get the extra protection needed to thrive. That said it is clear from the comments we have received that this needs more work. Before we progress this any further and make any changes, we will be sure to reach out and engage fully with user groups. You can keep up to date with the work we are doing in the Forest of Dean through our Facebook page or on our website.*

*Best wishes, Steph"*

The proposed "quiet zones" in which **NO organised events would be permitted** do not include any areas that NGOC regularly uses, but do include the Moseley Green (Churchill Enclosure) area that we have used in the past, and the BOK area of Oakenhill Wood to its south, which were used for S. Champs in 2019.

The consultation covered quite a lot of topics but the response seems only to be to this one point?

I had previously responded to the on-line Consultation on Savernake Forest, an NWO area, but did not receive any reply.

**Name:** Alan Pucill  
**Role:** Treasurer  
**Report:** June 2022

- Current balances (at 31/05/2022)
  - Current Account               £9,939.49       (Prev. report £ 7,962.47)
  - Deposit Account           £11,519.45       (Prev. report £11,519.45)
  
- Summary of larger items since last meeting (rounded figures):
  - Income
    - Income from Fabian4 for February, March and April (excl. donations)
      - League                               £3178
      - Maprun                               £440
      - WNL                                   £277
      - Total   £3895
  
    - EOD income                               £164
    - JK Relay Entries                       £167
    - JK Expenses (SI Hire + Printing)   £485

- Expenditure
 

▪ BOF/SWOA levies	£955
▪ Landowners (NT, Ledbury Community Hall) *	£216
▪ Toilet Hire	£114
▪ Mapping & Equipment	£340
▪ Printerbase	£0
▪ CWA membership	£50
▪ Planners/Organisers expenses	£46
▪ JK Relay Club Entry Fee	£595
▪ Cotswold Way Relay Entry	£200
▪ Insurance (extension to 1 <sup>st</sup> September)	£88
- Income from Fabian4 lags a month behind.
  - Expected income at end of June (from entries made in May)
 

▪ League (Ledbury)	£871
▪ Mapruns	£145
▪ Donations from Ledbury event	£277

Notes:

- The new bank mandate has been accepted – HSBC just didn't bother to tell me until I contacted them.
- JK. The income from our card reader was passed to British Orienteering Federation. I have received re-imbursement for our printing costs and use of our SI equipment (see above). Awaiting the final "profits".
- £700 was raised from the Chris James memorial event in Ledbury, £391 on the day and £309 in donations through Fabian4. I have paid £350 to Cancer Research and £350 to The Orienteering Foundation. From the latter "It is very kind of Chris's widow to think of the Foundation and agree for us to have half of the proceeds. We do appreciate it and please let NGOC know that it will be wisely spent by the Trustees."
- Action points pending from meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> February:
  - We are now affiliate members of the Cotswold Way Association. I have set up a standing order as the original one-off payment through PayPal was rejected. The cost is £50 p.a.
  - I followed up our Woodland Trust membership. Their records were in a mess as they had conflated Carol's personal membership with our group membership. Hopefully this is now sorted. I have been sent 3 back issues of their magazine "Broadleaf" – would anyone like to read them? The membership is £33 p.a.
- Our equipment insurer, Richard Weston, has moved the renewal date from 1<sup>st</sup> June to 1<sup>st</sup> September. I have paid £88.46 for the 3-month extension. If any changes to our cover from September are required, they need to be submitted soon.

- I have contacted Trimtex with an order for 40 new o-tops and am awaiting a quote. I am expecting the prices to have risen significantly due to inflation and the weak pound. We already sell at a loss so we may need to increase the price.
- \*I have still not received an invoice from the Huntley Estate for the May Hill event, but I expect it be just under £1000. The event will have made a loss but this is more than covered by surpluses from other events.

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**Name:** Greg Best  
**Role:** Fixtures  
**Report:** June 2022

IN ROLE:

It is our region's turn to host the British Long Distance and Relay Champs in 2025. SWOA are looking for interested clubs and potential venues for this. **Are we interested?**

#### **Tasks Completed**

- Arranged access permission for the sprint event at Dean Close School in August. Also had a guided tour around the grounds with organiser Neil Cameron.

#### **Tasks Progressing**

- As always, various other event permissions and fixtures issues on-going.

#### **Tasks Planned**

- To recruit officials for next year's SW League event in April

NOT IN ROLE:

#### **Tasks Completed**

- Controller of May Hill event
- Begged for and co-ordinated raffle prizes for the Chris James Memorial event at Ledbury. Duties and prizes were passed to Hils on the day as I was away on holiday.

#### **Tasks Progressing**

- Organising the relays on Leckhampton Hill in July
- A maprun around the villages of Randwick and Whiteshill in July.

#### **Tasks Planned**

- Agreed to be planner for the Veteran Home International (VHIs)/Caddihoe weekend at Mallards Pike in September 2023. Carried out a first recce there with Pat.

**Name:** Simon Denman  
**Role:** Membership Secretary  
**Report:** June 2022

Previous membership figures 31/10/21:

Category	Current	Other
Senior	129	2
Junior	26	0
<b>Total</b>	155	2

Current membership figures 1/6/2022:

Category	Current	Other
Senior	126	3
Junior	26	0
<b>Total</b>	152	3

Membership numbers are slightly shy of those at the end of last year but no significant change. Nine new members have joined so far this year.

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**Name:** Gill Stott  
**Role:** Club Coach  
**Report:** June 2022

- Well over 100 hundred children attended a school orienteering event at Wotton under Edge Community Parc. Thanks go to Hannah Bradley who helped me.
- 110 children attended multi school orienteering event at The Park, Cheltenham in May. Big thanks go to Samuel Taunton (who also helped update the map), Rhiannon, Carol Stewart and Matthew Lawson for helping on the day. Judging by the responses of the children they all had a great time. I handed out many NGOC orienteering leaflets to interested teachers.
- The next event is this Wednesday at Plock Court, Oxstalls, Gloucester. This is to celebrate the 2022 Commonwealth Games being held in Birmingham. Samuel Taunton, myself and Matthew Lawson have mapped the nature area for children to navigate round, answering questions about Commonwealth Games participating Countries as they go. I need one more helper!
- On July 4th Gloucester Schools sports network are orienteering in Robinswood Hill Country Park, organised by myself. I need 4 helpers for this on the day
- Adult Coaching. Rob Finch has requested elite standard coaching for himself. Perhaps there are other orienteers in the club in this category, or potentially could run elite who might like to join forces and train? Mark Saunders has offered for them to join his Welsh squad training camps.