

NGOC Committee Meeting

Monday 3 April 2023 – 7pm by Zoom

Present: Judith Taylor (temporary Chair), Alan Pucill, Ginny Hudson, Ian Phillips, Ian Prowse, John Fallows, Pat MacLeod, Rhiannon Fadeyibi, Suzanne Harding, Tom Cochrane

1. Apologies: Alan Brown, Greg Best, Paul Taunton
2. Minutes of previous meeting (6 February 2023) - Accepted
3. Matters arising: -
 - a. Volunteer recognition:
 - i. NGOC technical top for volunteers Determined enough interest within the club to proceed. Design selected and quote received. Agreed to place an order for 100 unisex T-shirts at £15.00 each. Committee authorised the funds as over £1000. Determining range and numbers of sizes before placing order. T-shirts should arrive within three weeks of placing the order. Committee noted that there were a lot of helpers at the JK last year - many who forfeited a run to help – and we will need many volunteers to help at Croeso 2024 (21-27 July). We will need a policy outlining who receives a free T-shirt. **ACTION CONTINUING**
 - b. Committee succession. Development Officer and Club Coach positions still vacant. Paul has not yet approached Orienteering Foundation about funding.

ACTION: Pat to discuss with Paul.

- c. Gloucester City Sprint (13 May 2023). Application made to Gloucester City Council. Permission given in principle. **ACTION CLOSED**
- d. Terry Bradstock Trophy (TBT)
 - i. John to write a piece on the Trophy competition for Legend. Article planned for April issue of Legend. **ACTION CLOSED**
 - ii. John to review scoring for TBT, particularly if people run up from their age class. Committee felt that those running on short courses should also be awarded points. The short course is on average 70% of the long course, by distance. **The committee agreed that the figure of 70% is applied to the points for short course runners. ACTION CLOSED**
- e. Training for event Organisers and Planners. Expressions of interest sought but not enough interest to go ahead with bespoke training. Alternative possibilities are doing training online or offering shadowing opportunities. **Club members to let Greg Best know if they would like shadowing opportunities. ACTION CLOSED**
- f. Pat to create a WhatsApp group for NGOC car sharing to events. **Pat has created the group and will publicise it on the NGOC website.** Details will also be included on future event flyers. **ACTION CLOSED**
- g. John to replace the batteries in the control boxes that he has. Future units will be sent to SportIdent. Completed. **ACTION CLOSED**
- h. Selsley Common event to be moved to 2 September if scout centre available. It is, and event has been moved. **ACTION CLOSED**
- i. Pat to check whether there is a Maize Maze in 2023. There is, but it is likely to be the last one. **ACTION CLOSED**
- j. Ginny to draft a privacy policy. **ACTION CONTINUING**

- k. Tom to put a news item on the website about signing up for the NGOC newsletter.

ACTION CLOSED

- l. Suzanne to put a news item on the website about running for the club at the CompassSport Cup (CSC) heat. **ACTION CLOSED**
- m. Committee to think of possible prizes for the Caddihoe Chase 2023. Pat proposed a personalised small box in which to keep orienteering kit like dibbers and compasses as a prize. He will circulate a picture. He also suggested awarding a “plant a tree” memento card to go with the winners’ certificates. A tree is planted for each card bought. Cards cost approximately £1.50 each. There are eight classes. How many prizes do we intend to award? Winner only or second and third place too? It is likely we will need to increase the budget allocated for prizes in any event.

ACTION: Pat to circulate picture of o-kit box to committee.

4. Reports

a. Chair

- i. Difference of opinion has arisen on the format of the chasing start at the Caddihoe Chase on NGOC’s day (Day 2, 1 October 2023) which needs to be resolved. NGOC favours the format where runners start at one-minute intervals with their start slot determined by their finishing position the previous day.

ACTION: Pat to publish the preferred format on the website with an invitation to comment.

- ii. Chair’s Challenge. Needs to be light touch due to Chair’s involvement in the Caddihoe/VHI event 30 September/1 October. Is Maize Maze still an option and would 10 September be a good date?

ACTION: Paul, Greg and Pat to discuss

b. Captain

- i. The club is subsidising NGOC juniors entering the Yvette Baker Shield. As the juniors are entering themselves, to get the subsidy they will be provided with a discount code and should enter as helpers on Fabian4. They need to enter the YBS classes not the standard classes so we know who is running.

c. Treasurer – no points arising

d. Fixtures/Permissions – no points arising

e. Equipment Officer

- i. Three more dead control boxes to send back. This could indicate we will be regularly returning equipment.

f. Mapping

- i. Three juniors expected to run in the YBS so far.
- ii. Paper supply has been restocked. This should last most of the year.
- iii. Ian enquired about a small club banner/flag that groups could take with them when travelling to events like the O-Ringen where it is not practical to bring the normal sized feather flag. The banner/flag would be used to indicate a meeting point for club members, and advertise the club. **Ian and Tom C to look into the cost with a view to purchase.**

g. Membership

- i. Current membership is 160. Some lapsed members have been persuaded to rejoin the club. We will begin comparing each period with the same period the previous year.
 - h. Newsletter – no points arising
 - i. Communications – no points arising
- 5. Date and format of next meeting: **The next meeting will be an in-person meeting at 7.30pm on Monday 12 June 2023 at Down Hatherley Village Hall.** There may be an option for those who cannot attend in person to join via Zoom.