

Reports April 2023

Name: Paul Taunton
Role: Chair
Report: April 2023

- I have failed to do anything about funding application for Coach/Development. If anybody thinks they can do a better job please volunteer?
- Prepared an initial set of Veteran Home Internationals (VHI) relay courses and submitted to Controller for agreement of concept. (*Shape of long courses MWM agreed, but short courses WMW need more work*).
- Devon now intends to make the Caddihoe their annual event, from 2024 onwards, but have withdrawn from assisting Kernow with the Tamar Triple (TT). Kernow, after discussion at their committee meeting of Devon's withdrawal, have decided they are unable to stage the TT alone, so will not be organising it in future! Kernow said the May Bank Holiday weekend (alternating with Springtime in Shropshire) will now be a free date in the calendar.
- The format of the chasing start on Day 2 of "our" 2023 Caddihoe (Sunday 1 October 2023) has been much discussed. Team has agreed that we will have a Chase. Controller favours a traditional chase (not our proposed hybrid). For discussion (see agenda)
- Completed updating of OCAD map of Gloucester to show several newly-constructed areas, based on OS and Google data, for urban event 13 May. Further updates likely to be necessary as planning progresses.
- The initial response from Gloucester City Council to Samuel's application form requesting permission was rather negative, but I spoke to the "Film & Events Officer" and provided a written statement giving details of how the event will operate, and we now have agreement in principle, subject to providing map of control locations and payment of £63.
- Attended SWOA virtual committee meeting 28 March.
- "**Chairman's Challenge**" – I'm not keen on getting involved with anything too time consuming close to the time of the VHI weekend at the end of September. Previously I suggested adding two short navigational Challenges to the Middle Race at Selsley on 2nd Sep (using same controls) but maybe 2 events in 1 day not such a good idea?? And location not great for me. I understand it's likely to be last year that Maize Maze is available, so perhaps we should revert to that – is Sunday 10th Sep likely to work with Maize farmer? (National event in S Wales on Sat 9th). For discussion (see agenda)
- Contributed "Chairman's Chat" to January and April Legends.

Name: Suzanne Harding
Role: Captain
Report: April 2023

CompassSport Cup

There was a great turnout and a great result for the club. Even with 6 people having to drop out we still had 44 runners on the day. Some brilliant runs meant we won 7 of the 12 classes and beat BOK by 8 points overall. So we're through to the final again for a second year in a row which is a great achievement.

British Relays

We had NGOC people running in 5 teams. There was a podium placing for Reuben Lawson running with a couple of friends from SBOC in the M18- class. He came back 1st on the first leg and his team finished 2nd overall. A brilliant result.

Our W50+ team and Men's Short team also did well, finishing halfway up their fields.

Thanks to Judith Taylor for collecting the numbers and dealing with the club tent as I was not running on the Saturday.

JK Relays

Judith Taylor has also kindly offered to be on the weekend captain for the JK Relays as I am not going. I have entered 3 teams. A Men's Short team, a Women's Short team and a M/W210+ team. Good luck to all of them. It looks like it will be an interesting area.

Cotswold Way Relay

There were only 5 people who wanted to run so I have not been able to enter a NGOC team this year.

Yvette Baker Trophy

NGOC was originally allocated to the Trophy competition for this year but I queried this with BOF and they agreed we should be in the Shield competition.

I'm just waiting for some details to go up for our Newent event and I'll send an email out to see how many Juniors want to run.

Name: Alan Pucill
Role: Treasurer
Report: April 2023

- Current balances (at 01/04/2023)
 - Current Account £7,959.31 (Prev. report £8,211.22)
 - Deposit Account £11,562.80 (Prev. report £11,535.89)
- Summary of larger items since last report on 01/02/2023 (rounded figures):
 - Income
 - Income from Fabian4 for January & February
 - League £1,488
 - Maprun £298
 - WNL £555
 - Total £2,341
 - EOD income £224
 - Sale of O-tops £120
 - Membership Income £39
 - Mapping (mapping of school grounds) £300
 - Café/shop £20
 - Entries – CSC, British & JK Relays £357
 - Expenditure
 - BOF/SWOA/WNL levies £737
 - Landowners (Forestry England, Prinknash, Staunton PC) £365
 - Entries CSC, British & JK Relays £972

▪ Pretex Paper – BML	£544
▪ Printerbase	£0
▪ Planners/Organisers/Controllers expenses	£560
▪ SPORTident – Repair of SI boxes	£256
▪ Other equipment	£64
▪ Toilet Hire (Newent Woods)	£132

- Income from Fabian4 lags a month behind.
 - Expected income at end of April (from entries made in March)
 - League (Painswick) £592
 - Mapruns (Ross & Winchcombe) £137

Notes:

- We have spent a lot of money since the last meeting. Subsidies for the CSC, British and JK Relays amounted to £608, we have just restocked waterproof paper at £544 and there has been some up-front expenditure on the Caddihoe and the Newent event. However, finances remain stable.
- Ian has sent details of the map printing costs for events since the last meeting, which I have added. (Ignore the fact that they are showing in blue!)
- Levies and expenses for Winchcombe will be paid in the next few days.

Name: Greg Best
Role: Fixtures/Permissions Officer
Report: April 2023

IN ROLE:

Tasks Completed

- Date changes for 2 events: Cirencester moved back a week because of Gay Pride clash (now 25 June 2023) and Selsley moved back a further week (2 September 2023) to open possibility of being used for Chairman's Challenge
- Sought permission from the Woodland Trust for Selsley (Penn Wood). I highlight this, as it was the first time I have been in contact with them and was pleased to find them easy to deal with and willing to give us permission.

Tasks Progressing

- As always, lots of event permissions and fixtures issues on-going.
- Officials. Recruiting of controllers for Regional league events – one found, one more to find.
- Trying to find out whether we will be allowed to use the Dowards for events, prior to a map being made. Part of this is owned by the Woodland Trust and the other part of it is Forestry England. Much of it is a Special Area of Conservation, so this may be the sticking point.

Tasks Planned

- More of the same

NOT IN ROLE:

Mapping Work Completed

- Map updates on Newent Woods, as requested by the event team.

Mapping Work Progressing

- Mallards Pike. This is my current major project with many days spent on it.
- Selsley extension. Now that permission has been received, have made a start on adding the adjacent Penn Wood to Tom's map for the event there in August and changing the scale of the whole area to 1:7500, which has meant some re-working of the contours.

Mapping Work Planned

- Annual gorse cutting update for Cleeve Hill.

Other Tasks Progressing

- Caddihoe Chase/VHI Weekend. This will take place at Mallards Pike at the end of next September and I am planner and map updater for both days. Making good progress, but still much to do.

Name: Pat MacLeod
Role: Equipment Officer
Report: April 2023

IN EQUIPMENT ROLE:

Tasks Completed

- 9 SI units returned from Sportident, 3 sent to Germany, likely beyond repair.

Tasks in Progress

- No progress on guides tentage, still trying, will keep the two mess tents anyway.
- No progress or need yet for more kites

Tasks Planned

- None

NOT IN ROLE

Tasks completed

- Helped at Gloucestershire Schools Sports Network activity day at Robinswood on 15 March 2023. Now in contact with the relevant people and able to continue the work Gill Stott previously did, though on a 'help on the day' basis, not further development work.
- Updated the Reference page of the website to remove old material and archive the committee section, leaving only the last 5 years on the main reference page.

Tasks in Progress

- Continuing on an ad hoc basis with event day TD3 training for the Harlock-Askew twins
- Ongoing MapRun UK coordination and support, typically 2-3 requests a week from Peter Effeney to respond to new inquiries from UK people
- Ongoing organisation of Caddihoe/VHI weekend
- Full update of the Bixslade map – nearly complete – awaiting some drier days to finish off
- Searching for potential prizes/mementoes for the Caddihoe weekend.

Tasks Planned

- Update of Knockalls map following the forthcoming event, planning for which by Alan P has indicated that it needs a complete review and update.

- Update of the website beginner info to include excellent material collected by Tom Mills at the O-Ringen – not yet started
- Updates to Highmeadow map for November league
- New map of the Dowards, subject to permissions from Woodland Trust and Forestry England (FE)

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Name: **Ian Phillips**
Role: **Mapping Officer**
Report: **April 2023**

1000 sheets of A4 and 1000 sheets of A3 paper purchased to support stock. Price increased to A4 now = 18p, A3 now = 27p per sheet 'prior to printing'.

Initial 12 NGOC maps forwarded for sending to Severn Area Rescue Association (SARA) -

Standish Wood 190113;		
Selsley Common 20210725;		
Newent Woods 230317;		
Rodborough Common 201219;		
HH/HM/SYat 20230215;		
Gloucester City 230314;		
Cirencester 230327;		
Bixslade 230201;		
Knockalls 230327		
Flaxley with Welshbury 20230103		
Ninewells 20221218		
Painswick	Beacon	230328

Note: preferred mapping name is Area YY (year) MM (Month) DD (Date).

Since last committee meeting, maps printed for the following events:

Knockalls
Headless Hill (for SWOC)
Bishops Cleeve Maprun
Symonds Yet (WNL)
Ross Maprun
Painswick
Winchcombe Maprun

Printing costs since last committee meeting £240.02

Name: Ginny Hudson
Role: Membership Secretary
Report: April 2023

MEMBERSHIP FIGURES

As at 30.3.23

Category	Current	Lapsed since 2022
Senior	132	9
Junior	28	3
Retired		3
Total	160	15

Welcome to new members Ed Wicks and John Walsh.

Name: Alan Brown
Role: Newsletter Editor
Report: April 2023

- April Legend issued Thursday 30 March 2023

Name: Tom Cochrane
Role: Communications Officer
Report: April 2023

Club T Shirts

- Ran a survey to assess interest in club T-shirts, with 19 responses. There is interest in a general 'NGOC' design that can be bought by club members, and also given to key volunteers at major events.
- Sent the T-shirt design to 'Selekt Run & Cycle' for a design and quote. Committee preference was for the sustainable range: this is only about 50p more than the standard range, and comes to £15-£16 per T-shirt.
- The design looks good - it's sublimation printed, so should be hard-wearing. We are finalising some tweaks and need to decide on sizes: I have details from Carol on O top size popularity, plus results from the survey.

Mapping

- Finished the map update for National Star College, Ullenwood (they'd requested an update to the map Bob Teed created about 10 years ago, to include their new developments). They thought it would be logistically challenging to use the area for an event, so made a donation of £300 to the club instead.

MapRun series

- Arranged dates for a few more events in the MapRun series.

Emails

- Regular member emails, roughly fortnightly at the moment.

Joint statement from British Orienteering and Forestry England (sent 30 March 2023)

Permissions and access to the nation's forests: joint statement from British Orienteering and Forestry England

British Orienteering and Forestry England are discussing updates to the agreement for permissions in the nation's forests because the current agreement expires in September this year.

This is a priority for both of us and Forestry England will still accept applications for competitions and activities beyond September 2023.

One of the key reasons behind the discussions is that Forestry England has, over recent years, been making permissions for all activities in the nation's forests fairer and more consistent.

As part of this, they are introducing a new system that should make applications easier to make and manage. As this develops, British Orienteering have been invited to help with a degree of user testing to refine and improve the system.

Further details will follow in due course so in the meantime, please submit your permission applications in the usual way.
