

Reports June 2023

Name: Paul Taunton
Role: Chair
Report: June 2023

- I submitted my apologies for the April meeting as I was away and without internet access.
- I have still failed to do anything about funding application for Coach/Development.
- Planning of VHI relay courses (part of our 2023 Caddihoe weekend) got off to a good start, but my progress stalled due to other commitments. Met with Greg/Pat on 31 May and now progressing again. The format of the chasing start on Day 2 has been much discussed, but still to be finalised.
- Completed updating of OCAD map of Gloucester to show several newly-constructed areas. After some puzzling, updated the multi-level sections to the latest sprint mapping standard.
- Time consuming attempts to assist Samuel with obtaining permissions for Gloucester urban event. Gloucester City Council "Film & Events Officer" was supportive of the event, but ultimately permission was not given. This was because of the concerns of Gloucester Docks Estate Company Limited (GDECL), the new management company appointed to look after some Council-owned land within the docks (they were not in place when previous permissions were obtained). The application fee of £63 was waived by the Council.
- Greg has identified some possible dates for a similar event next year (*possibly part of a Three Choirs weekend with HOC, Gloucester/Worcester/Hereford?*) HOC's preferred weekend is the 31 Aug/1 Sept 2024 with the weekend after being their second choice. I will propose these dates to GCC Film and Events Officer and then arrange a face-to-face meeting with her and other interested parties.
- Received a proposal from Gloucester Explorer Scouts offering to help with the refurbishment of the permanent orienteering course (POC) in Gloucester Park. They have identified a company to provide the control markers free of charge and the scouts will provide labour. Caroline (NGOC POC manager) has agreed to take this forward, initially contacting the Council for permission, and then assisting Scouts with decisions where to locate replacements for controls that are no longer possible. Some map updates are likely to be necessary.
- Attended SWOA virtual committee meeting 23 May. SWOA item for advice to clubs: *"Club representatives are asked to take the issues of succession planning and volunteering covered in Section 8 for serious discussion by their club committee; **and** to report that club's best practice back to the SWOA committee for its next meeting". See SWOA minutes attached.*
- Sent comment to BOF that the Safeguarding Policy (which had to be sent off for Gloucester permissions) was past its review date. Policy promptly reviewed and reissued by BOF.
- Sent comment to BOK that initial results submitted to BOF for the SW Sprint Champs were not compliant with the event rules appearing on the SWOA website. (*Should be treated as two separate events for ranking purposes*). Eventually resolved.
- Sent comment to SINS Day2 organiser that results sent to BOF not in correct format for auto upload to UKOL. (*Course names incorrect*). Currently, UKOL points awarded for day 3 but not day 2.
- Printed maps for SWOC Bute Park event on my own home printer. NGOC reimbursed by SWOC for Pretex paper that I obtained from Pat.

- Investigated comment from a club member (verbal, at an event) that several organisers named in the fixture list appeared not to have had Event Safety Workshop training. Passed list of unqualified names to Greg who has contacted those concerned.
- A member followed up information (received via HOC) that the owners of Wolford Wood were interested in orienteering but it seems that having found out more they may no longer be interested.
- Started “Chairman’s Chat” for July Legend, with a couple of “Soapbox” issues!

Name: Suzanne Harding
Role: Captain
Report: June 2023

JK Relays

Our Men’s Short team had a great result finishing 8th out of almost 50 entries less than 10 minutes behind the winners. Our Women’s Short team and M/W210+ team though not finishing so high up also ran well on what was a very tricky area.

Thanks again to Judith Taylor for acting as captain for the weekend in my absence.

Yvette Baker Trophy

Following a great performance by our Juniors in the YB heat at our Newent Wood event in April, they made it through to the final of the YB Shield competition which is to be held on 9th July by SYO.

5 Juniors (and parents) are prepared to go all the way to the final so we shall be able to enter a team.

Is the club happy to fully subsidise their entry fees (£5 each + dibbers)?

Name: Alan Pucill
Role: Treasurer
Report: June 2023

- Current balances (at 07/06/2023)
 - Current Account £7,555.04 (Prev. report £7,959.31)
 - Deposit Account £11,601.52 (Prev. report £11,562.80)
- Summary of larger items since last report on 01/04/2023 (rounded figures):
 - **Income**
 - Income from Fabian4 for January & February
 - League £668
 - Maprun £304
 - Yvette Baker Newent £2,332
 - Total £3,304
 - EOD income £90
 - Sale of O-tops (inc. 1 new t-shirt) £55
 - Map printing & kit hire (SWOC & Army) £145
 - Café/shop £35
 - Interest £38
 - Total £3,667**

○ **Expenditure**

▪ BOF/SWOA levies	£726
▪ Landowners (Huntley, FE - Welshbury)	£1,325
▪ Kustom Clothing – T-shirts	£1,494
▪ Café Supplies	£40
▪ Printerbase	£16
▪ Planners/Organisers/Controllers expenses	£124
▪ Sundries (Hire of hall, Postage, Bank Charges)	£49
▪ Event Safety Training x3	£24
▪ Donation to Maprun	£132
▪ Costs for SWOC map printing	£44
▪ Cotswold Way membership	£50

Total **£4,024**

- Income from Fabian4 lags a month behind.

○ Expected income at end of June (from entries made in May)

▪ League (Gloucester City)	-£106	
▪ Mapruns	(Churchdown,	Trellech,
Brockworth, Yorkley, Nailsworth)	£223	

Notes:

- Finances remain stable despite major outlay on the new t-shirts.
- The cost of refunds for Gloucester will be offset against our May income from Fabian 4. (We received income of £76.40 for April entries for the event.)
- We made a small surplus on the Newent Woods event, despite extensive costs.
- More organisers, planners and controllers are claiming their expenses, which is encouraging.

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

IN ROLE:

Tasks Completed

- Officials. Due to the difficulty of recruiting a final controller for this year's regional events, was given permission by SWOA to use one of our own (Tom C at Blakeney)
- Liaised with the Woodland Trust and Forestry England to try and agree permission to hold events at the Dowards. Because much of it is a Special Area of Conservation, this was quite sensitive, but happily permission has finally been given as long as we stick to the winter months of Nov-Jan. Hence, Pat is starting work on extending the High Meadow/Symonds Yat map to include this area.

Tasks Progressing

- As always, lots of event permissions and fixtures issues on-going.
- Harlequins have approached us to ask if we will put on an urban event to accompany their Worcester urban at the end of August 2024 and we have provisionally agreed to do this. It has

been suggested that this could be marketed as the 3 Choirs Weekend, using Gloucester and Hereford to complete a trio of events – nothing agreed yet.

Tasks Planned

- More of the same
- Organise the annual fixtures sub-committee meeting to arrange next year's fixtures.

NOT IN ROLE:

Mapping Work Completed

- Mallards Pike map totally revised, ready for the Caddihoe/Veteran Home Internationals (VHI) weekend in September.
- Annual gorse cutting update for Cleeve Hill.
- Selsley map extension, update and conversion to 1:7500 now complete, ready for the league event there in August.

Mapping Work Progressing

- NTR

Mapping Work Planned

- Mallards Pike Need to finish off the revision of the area that we will use for the Junior Inter-Regional Championships (JIRCS) in 2024 (this is not being used for this year's major event)

Other Tasks Completed

- Maprun at Nailsworth Valleyside. All ready for my event there in July, include significant updating of Open Street Map.

Other Tasks Progressing

- Caddihoe Chase/VHI Weekend. As planner and map updater for both days, this continues to be my main focus.

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

IN ROLE:

Tasks Completed

- Purchased a new air tent as a test for replacement of the current two club tents, which are approaching end of useful life, and for which spare poles etc are no longer available.

Tasks in Progress

- Purchasing 30 new kites to have sufficient for the Caddihoe/VHI weekend.
- Purchasing a new smaller club tent for use at events where only a few NGOC runners are present, such as Relays etc.

Tasks Planned

- Received the annual inspection report for Christchurch Permanent Orienteering Course (POC) from Forestry England (FE). There are several posts missing or broken. They will need to be repaired or replaced over the next couple of months.

NOT IN ROLE:

Tasks Completed

- Helped at lots of events and organised some MapRuns.
- Bixslade map updates largely complete, subject to Gary Wakerley's planning for the December league
- Updated parts of Highmeadow map for the November League

Tasks in Progress

- Continuing on an ad hoc basis with event day TD3 training for selected junior members
- Ongoing MapRun UK coordination and support, typically 2-3 requests a week from maprun developer to respond to new inquiries from UK people.
- Ongoing organisation of Caddihoe/VHI weekend
- Ongoing submission of entry details to Fabian for our events, and website maintenance.
- Searching for potential prizes/mementoes for the Caddihoe weekend.
- Helping to organise an inter-schools orienteering event at Viney Hill Adventure Centre. This is run by a charity called Sportily.

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.
- New map of the Dowards, subject to permissions from Woodland Trust and FE, which have now been given.

Croeso 2024 (21 – 27 July 2024)

- Liaising with WOA on Croeso 2024. We are down to organise Day 1 (21 July 2024) on Merthyr Mawr, but there are still no permissions in place. It seems likely that we will need to sort those out ourselves again, as most WOA focus is on finding new areas and getting permissions for those.

Name: Ian Phillips
Role: Mapping Officer
Report: June 2023

Mapping costs since last Committee meeting (included in Treasurer's financial report): -

- BOK Army Westridge Wood maps - 39 x A4 maps plus 6 pages of descriptions. - £12.78p
- Hereford Maprun - 19 x A4 Maps.- £6.18p
- Newent Woods - 375 x A4 maps (54 double sided) and 86 x A4 sheets CD's. (84 maps scrapped - contamination issues). - £131.03p
- Churchdown Maprun - 38 x A4 maps. - £12.35p

- 04/05/23 approx 25 sheets A4 by xerox engineer to support printer breakdown. Note, awaiting IBT assembly, due 23rd June! - £8.13p
- 15 x A3 maps for NWO Devizes event that I am controlling on 11th June - Used to visit Devizes to check controls. - £6.23p
- SWOC Bute Park - Not used -60 off A4 maps. - £19.50p
- Trelleck Common Maprun - 30 off A4 Maps. - £9.75p

Note: Major Printer issues. Had 2 off replacement imaging units, 1 off feed unit, 1 off fuser and awaiting replacement IBT (Transport belt) unit. 2 off engineer call outs. All of this has been covered by our contract. Apart from the delay in getting the IBT, which is a 'supply to the UK issue', cannot fault the Xerox service so far.

Paper is: A3 - 27p, A4 - 18p

Ink is: Colour 14.088p, Black 1.524p

Usually CD's are printed on reused maps so no cost for paper.

Spent on mapping since last committee meeting = £205.95p

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

MEMBERSHIP FIGURES

As at 7.6.23 - unchanged since March 23

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

Name: Judith Taylor
Role: Welfare Officer
Report: June 2023

- There have been no safeguarding or welfare concerns raised since the last report.