

## Reports December 2023

**Name:** Ian Jones  
**Role:** Chair  
**Report:** December 2023

After the excitement of the Caddihoe Chase weekend, the ensuing discussions on hornets and first aid, and the AGM, things have been a little quiet. The CompassSport Cup (CSC) was well attended; the Chair offers the combined apologies of the Jones family for not attending due to a long-standing commitment to be elsewhere.

Discussions underway which will hopefully be progressed at the meeting:

- CSC 2024 first and second choice locations
- String Course
- Alternative approaches to training / coaching / support for those new to the sport
- Defibrillators (Assuming the discussion on First Aid Kit is now resolved following Ellen's email on 29<sup>th</sup> October)
- Indoor orienteering

### **IJ's notes from the SWOA meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> October**

The committee agreed a 15% increase in Levy from 60p to 69p. It does not sound like much but it adds about £1,000 to annual income and enables SWOA to meet its planned spending on grants, more or less. The grant level was agreed to be reduced to 40%.

There was extensive discussion about the difference between an orienteering activity and event. The latter attracting a levy. The view seemed to be that if everyone recorded their own time and results were not published, then this counted as an activity. Where MapRun is used, then results are in theory published. A MapRun course open for six months could become a permanent orienteering course, subject to different rules. The debate around whether this made anything using MapRun an event did not resolve itself and the impression was that clubs would take their own view and wait for any challenge from BOF.

NGOC were the only club to submit a report on volunteering, so the discussion did not progress from where we are now.

Other information:

- Mid-Wales orienteering club is to be mothballed
  - They are setting up dates for the 2026 sprint champs, but universities are reluctant to commit to making campus sites available so far in advance
  - There are no volunteers for hosting the British Schools Champs, as this is seen as offering a low reward requiring a training day and an event day
  - South West Junior Orienteering Squad (SWJOS) is seen as being at a good level of strength
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**Name:** Alan Pucill  
**Role:** Treasurer  
**Report:** December 2023

- Current balances (at 30/11/2023)
  - Current Account               £9,693.36      (Prev. report £6,650.57)
  - Deposit Account             £15,649.21     (Prev. report £11,601.52)
  - Total                           £23,342.57     (£18,252.09)
  
- Summary of larger items since last report on **14/08/2023** (rounded figures):
  - **Income**
    - Income from Fabian4 for July, August, September and October
      - League                       £3,951
      - Maprun                       £272
      - Caddihoe                   £10,824
      - WNL                          £164
      - **Total**   **£15,211**
    - EOD net income   £486
    - CSC Final Entries   £555
    - Other Caddihoe entries (Tuff Fitty + other)             £104
    - Equipment loan and lost dibber                           £235
    - Sale of O-tops and t-shirts                                 £215
    - Café/shop   £60
    - Interest   £48
    - AGM Donations   £41
    - Total**   **£16,955**
  - **Expenditure**
    - BOF/SWOA/WNL levies                                       £3,449
    - Landowners (FE + Penn Wood Scouts + Bracelands + Speech House\*)                                       £2,741
    - Web Hosting (3-year contract)                             £510
    - CSC Final Entries   £555
    - Café Supplies   £107
    - Sundries   £71
    - Printerbase   £767
    - Woodland Trust Membership                               £33
    - Planners/Organisers/Controllers/Mappers expenses   £842
    - Toilets (Caddihoe)   £462
    - Food trading Licence (Caddihoe)                          £75
    - Extra Insurance (Caddihoe)                               £134
    - Prizes (Caddihoe)   £530
    - Map printing (BML for Caddihoe)                         £1,148
    - Equipment Insurance renewal                             £354
    - BOF Affiliation   £80
    - Committee expenses (AGM)                               £116
    - Junior Squad Support + other training                   £142
    - Total**   **£11,979**

- Income from Fabian4 lags a month behind.
  - Expected income at end of December (from entries made in November)
 

▪ League (Highmeadow, Bixslade)	£1,040
▪ WNL (Minchinhampton)	£51
▪ Mapruns	£88

#### Notes:

- \* We have only been charged for one day (£850) at Speech House.
- Finances have been given a considerable boost by the Caddihoe/VHI weekend. We made a surplus of £5,800 but see note above. For full details see the events report.
- £4,000 transferred from current account to deposit account where it is earning a little interest.
- We have not been billed by Forestry England for Highmeadow yet (£313).
- I am still awaiting feedback from the audit of our accounts for 2022-3.

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**Name:** Greg Best  
**Role:** Fixtures/Permissions Officer  
**Report:** December 2023

#### IN ROLE:

##### **Tasks Completed**

- Permissions for recent events held at Selsley, Mallards Pike, Cleeve Hill, Blakeney, Minchinhampton and Highmeadow
- My proposal to hold an event at the Flyup417 bike park has unfortunately been shelved for the time-being as Glos Wildlife Trust have withdrawn permission for us to use Barrow Wake.
- Got permission to use Cranham Lodge sawmill for parking, but we decided it would be too wet there to use for the Coopers Hill event in January.
- Been given permission by Natural England for 3 events in 2024 (at Edge, Cranham and Coopers Hill). This was a long, drawn-out process with an excessive amount of bureaucracy (IMO).
- Permission granted by the Natural Trust for 2 events in 2024. Again, this was a struggle – more so than it used to be.
- Managed to get Glos Wildlife Trust to overturn a decision they initially made to decline permission for Coopers Hill. Again, harder than it used to be!

##### **Tasks Progressing**

- Finding event officials for next year's fixtures – just a few gaps remain. Been waiting for the fixture list to be more concrete before pushing this.
- Still checking on certain permissions before settling on final fixture list for 2024, especially Cheltenham College, Leckhampton and Gloucester. Replacements may be necessary.
- Decided now that Stroud will be our venue for the joint UKUL weekend at the end of August.

As always, lots of event permissions and fixtures issues on-going.

##### **Tasks Planned**

- Paul and I to arrange a meeting with Glos council to discuss use of Gloucester for urban next year

## NOT IN ROLE:

### **Mapping Work Completed.**

- Carried out map updates required for various league events. These include Blakeney, Coopers Hill and Edge. In the case of Coopers Hill, have added an intricate old quarry area.

### **Mapping Work Progressing**

- Finishing off the major revision of the remaining bits of the Mallards Pike map, in readiness for the JIRCS there next year.

### **Mapping Work Planned**

- Possible updates to the Stroud map for UKUL event

### **Other Tasks Completed**

- Planning/mapping for both individual events for the Caddihoe/VHI weekend

### **Other Tasks Progressing**

- Assisting Hannah with the New Years Day event.
- Acting as adviser to Ginny for Coopers Hill event
- Organiser of the Junior Inter-Regional Championships (JIRCS) individual day (28 September 2024). Initial outline plans are now in place, but these still need approval from Forestry England (FE).

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**Name:** Pat MacLeod  
**Role:** Equipment Officer  
**Report:** December 2023

### **Tasks Completed**

- None

### **Tasks in Progress**

- Purchasing a new smaller club tent for use at events where only a few NGOC runners are present, such as Relays etc. No further action yet

### **Tasks Planned**

- A number of controls have failed and need to be sent to SI for repair. I'll wait until we have a reasonable batch, as we are not short of controls for normal league scale events.

## NOT IN ROLE

### **Tasks Completed**

- Helped at lots of events
- Finally got signed agreement for parking at Day 1, Croeso 2024 (21 July 2024)

### **Tasks in Progress**

- Ongoing MapRun UK coordination and support, typically 2-3 requests a week from Peter Effenev to respond to new inquiries from UK people
- Ongoing submission of entry details to Fabian for our events, and website maintenance.
- Ongoing discussions with a small, informal, coaching/development sub-group on what we can do to improve both
- Mentoring various planner/organisers for upcoming League events and Croeso 2024

## 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. No progress and will probably be dropped for the time being.
- 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. Aiming to start this month, to build on base map already created.

## The Caddihoe Weekend

Was very successful, thanks to a huge entry and massive volunteer effort, from BOK as well as NGOC. In particular, lots of praise from the VHI coordinator and teams for the way we accommodated them and organised their event for them. On the downside, the food traders whom we found as late replacements for Tom and Julie Wilkinson did very poor business, as they were necessarily separated from the main arena due to problems with FE trader licences. We did offer them a small compensation payment for possible stock wastage, but both graciously declined to accept it.

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

Not so many maps printed since AGM in October.

BOK Army - Cleeve Hill 52 x A4 Maps plus 12 A4 pages of CD's. = £16.88p

Blakeney event - 196 x A4 Maps plus 39 A4 pages of CD's. = £69.50p

WNL Minchinhampton - 57 x A4 maps plus 15 A4 pages of CD's. = £18.53p

Lydney Maprun - 30 x A4 maps.=£9.63p

Highmeadow 421 x A4 Maps and 77 A4 pages of CD's.=£135.22p

**In Stock** – In the order of 3000 sheets of A4 and 500 sheets of A3 Pretex.

**Printing Cost – Since AGM = £249.76p**

### **Current prices:**

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.

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**Name:** Ginny Hudson  
**Role:** Membership Secretary  
**Report:** December 2023

Membership figures are currently:

As at 29.11.23

Category	Current	Other
Senior	138	3
Junior	30	
Total	168	3

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