

## NGOC Committee Meeting

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2025 – 7pm via Zoom

**Present:** Ian Jones (Chair), Alan Pucill, Andy Creber, Greg Best, John Fallows, Judith Taylor, Rosie Taylor, Pat Macleod, Paul Taunton, Vanessa Lawson, Ginny Hudson

1. **Apologies:** Alan Brown, Ian Prowse, Rhiannon Fadeyibi
2. **Minutes** of previous meeting (17 February 2025) were accepted.
3. Matters arising: -
  - a. Purchase of replacement printer and printing package. Sample maps have been sent to Xerox. See Mapping Officer section of agenda for discussion. **ACTION CLOSED**
  - b. Change of BOF rules relating to young orienteers (U16) crossing live roads. Paul will send Andy a link from the BOF web site relating to applications for changes of rules. **ACTION CONTINUES**
  - c. Orienteering Foundation grant for Club Development Officer. **ACTION CONTINUES**
4. **Reports:**
  - a. Chair
    - i. Chair's Challenge will need to take place a week earlier than last year, given the club's success at winning a place in the CompassSport Cup. Pat will talk to the landowner who has provided a maize maze in the past. Ian will also talk to Greg about Crickley Hill Country Park.
  - b. Captain
    - i. The club fielded a creditable five teams at the JK relays with one of the teams achieving a podium finish. Gathering numbers for the Harvester Relay, one person short of a team. Andy volunteered to join the team.
    - ii. **The Committee agreed** to fund junior relay teams at Adams Avery and YB, as has been practice in previous years.
  - c. Treasurer
    - i. The club has just received payment for its involvement with Croeso 2025
  - d. Equipment
    - i. Getting samples printed or any detailed technical advice from Xerox dealers has proved unattainable. Pat has identified that the Versalink C7000 printer appears to have all the required features, without some of the multi-function features that are not required for map printing, at a cost of c.£2,000. The next model up is the Altalink model, used by professional designers and with features that are not needed by the club. **The Committee agreed** that it was not appropriate to delay further waiting for printer samples and that the club should proceed with obtaining a quote for the Versalink C7000. Approval for purchase will be via email from Committee members.

- e. Mapping – no points raised
- f. Fixtures/Permissions
  - i. Greg recently attended a Forestry England meeting, together with Pat and Andy, being told we were no longer able to hold events in second half of January and all February, due to nesting Goshawks, a protected species. Affected areas: in Forest of Dean. Dymock Woods status to be confirmed. General frustration was expressed at the extent of the exclusion and possible actions offered e.g. commissioning research into the real effects of activities in affected areas, talking to the raptor society to try to persuade them to relax their demands.  
Greg to reschedule the postponed Soudley Ponds event perhaps in November to combine with a BOK event in FOD.
- g. Membership
  - i. Brief discussion held about how to make new members feel more welcomed and integrated, if they don't actively make themselves known at download/enquiries.  
Ginny to ask event team to look out for them and to send follow-up emails if they have attended an event.
- h. Newsletter (LEGEND) Editor
  - i. Paul said he would be disappointed to lose the paper edition of the Legend, if no one steps up to replace Alan B as the new editor.
  - ii. Greg suggested initiating ad hoc submissions of articles from members direct to the website, possibly with links coming from the weekly newsletter.
  - iii. Andy pointed out drawback of potential controversies being raised if no one is moderating the posts.  
An idea to consider.
- i. Safeguarding – nil to report
- j. Volunteer Co-ordinator – nil to report
- k. Communications & Publicity Officer
  - i. Rosie was congratulated and encouraged once more for her great efforts with the newsletter and social media.
  - ii. Rosie and Ginny recently took part in a recorded interview on Radio Winchcombe, where they chatted away about our sport.
- l. Ordinary committee members
  - i. SiAC Testing for battery replacement – club-owned units. It was agreed that it is reasonable to delay battery replacement until failures begin to take place. Pat suggested we could monitor the units regularly.
  - ii. We have 10 SiAC dibbers, 9 of which are already booked for the next event. Pat to buy 10 more units.
  - iii. Portable loos. Next requirement is in August at Cleeve Hill.

- iv. John has now added JK results to the Terry Bradstock Trophy league. Rosie to publish quarterly ranking lists.

## 5. AOB

- a. Pat would like to add a note to event details about a stricter adherence to the published closing date, after which time, competitors cannot reserve maps. Any spare maps would only be available for EOD. This was generally accepted as entirely reasonable.
- b. Following British Orienteering's consultation with clubs regarding the Board's recommendation to remove public liability insurance (PLI) for non-members at competitions (events) from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2026, the Board has decided to adopt the recommendation.
  - i. The Board and Executive are actively working on a solution which could allow newcomers to receive temporary cover for an initial period. Details of the solution are awaited.
  - ii. The Board has decided that any reduction on the insurance costs should be reflected in the levy fees for 2026. Members will have the opportunity to vote on the Board's two proposals for the 2026 levy at the forthcoming AGM on 17 May 2025. **Please note that proxy voting closes at 16:00 on Thursday 15 May 2025.**

- 6. Date of next meeting: **30 June 2025 via ZOOM.**