

Reports April 2025

Name: Ian Jones
Role: Chair
Report: April 2025

Not much to update for this meeting, with orienteering limited to the JK and an earlier few days sprint orienteering in Italy with Park World Tours. I had one interesting conversation about club development with one of the organisers at the JK, from SYO, who mentioned that they tried to hold a club night every Wednesday. This entailed hiring a school hall or similar place, with a mixture of desktop and outdoor orienteering training. I am not sure I heard it right, but he said that they had up to 60 juniors and novice seniors at these events which was impressive. I don't think we can ever match this, not least because SYO have the benefit of being almost entirely based in one City and could afford to hold all their Wednesday night training in and around the one metropolitan area.

Tasks Completed

- Contacted the OMM team and did own research to learn more about GPS trackers – which turn out to be prohibitively expensive for regular usage
- Reverted to BMBO with club response about helping to prepare for the MTBO World Masters Championships

Tasks Progressing

- None in train

Tasks Planned

- Find a location and organise a Chair's Challenge for this year, hopefully early in September

Name: Vanessa Lawson
Role: Captain
Report: April 2025

IN ROLE:

Tasks Completed

- The CompassSport Cup Heat took place, and we qualified for the final.
- Relay entries done for JK and BOC.

Tasks Progressing

- Gathering numbers for Harvester, Adams Avery and YB Heat.

Tasks Planned

- To establish location of 2025 Peter Palmer relays to see if geographically we can ask parents to commit. Ongoing as not been disclosed to my knowledge.

NOT IN ROLE:

Tasks Completed

- Nil to report (NTR)

Tasks Progressing

- Planning for the Danby Lodge event in September, with Seth.
- Coaching course continues, a series of four sessions need to be planned and delivered by the summer.
- Ongoing communication with Junior parents about events via the WhatsApp group is working well.

Tasks Planned

- NTR

Name: Alan Pucill
Role: Treasurer
Report: April 2025

- Current balances (at 17/04/2025)
 - Current Account £8,292.71 (Prev. report £9,495.67)
 - Deposit Account £16,094.28 (Prev. report £16,021.19)
 - **Total** **£24,386.99** (**£25,516.86**)
- Summary of larger items since last report on **11/02/2025** (rounded figures):
 - **Income**
 - Income from Fabian4 for August, September and October
 - League £1,934
 - Maprun £400
 - WNL £137
 - **Total** **£2,471**
 - CSC, JK Relay & BOC Relay Entries £178
 - EOD net income £160
 - Membership fees £24
 - Interest £73
 - Total** **£2,906**
 - **Expenditure**
 - BOF/SWOA/WNL levies £1,058
 - Landowners (NT Woodchester) £100
 - Sundries (Bank Charges, Refreshments) £20
 - FE application fees £0
 - Planners/Organisers/Controllers/Mappers expenses £204
 - Equipment (Tent & String Course Bags, Gripples) £132
 - Web Software (TablePress one time purchase) £345
 - Donations (Cotswold Way Association Membership) £50
 - Mapping Costs (Travel, OCAD Licences (£839)) £1000
 - Printing Costs (Toner) £226
 - Entries (CSC, JK Relay & BOC Relay) £861
 - Misc. Travel (Cleeve School Walk recce.) £37
 - Toilet Hire £0
 - Total** **£4,033**
- Income from Fabian4 lags a month behind.
 - Expected income at end of April (from entries made in March)
 - League (Bishops Cleeve) £42 (£716 due at end of May)
 - Mapruns (Monmouth & Prestbury) £263
 - WNL £220

Notes

- We are still awaiting income from Croeso 2024
- Expenditure has exceeded income since the last report, largely due to renewal of OCAD licences

Name: Greg Best
Role: Fixtures/Permissions Officer
Report: April 2025

IN ROLE:

Tasks Completed

- Permissions for recent events held (at Woodchester and Crickley Hill)
- The Soudley event due to take place in February had its permission withdrawn at the last minute, so will now take place in October
- Attended meeting at Forestry England Offices together with PM and AC. They announced that we will no longer be allowed to hold events in February or the second half of January, due to goshawks now nesting 6 weeks earlier than previously thought.

Tasks Progressing

- As always, lots of event permissions and fixtures issues on-going. Some dates/venues in the schedule are likely to have to change.
- Still trying to confirm our summer relay with Dean Close School. May need to find an alternative venue if no progress is made soon.
- Still trying to encourage Cheltenham College to agree a date for us to hold our sprint event there.
- Chair's Challenge is scheduled for the same day as the CompassSport Cup final, and as we have qualified for this, it will need to move.
- Need to move next year's SW league event which was scheduled for the now disallowed month of February. My hope is that this can be moved to November to form a double-header of Forest of Dean SW League events, together with BOK's event on Sunday. This would hopefully make for an enticing weekend for people to travel to from outside our area.

Tasks Planned

- NTR

NOT IN ROLE:

Mapping Work Completed.

- Finished off some fringe parts of the Mallards Pike map ready for an event in those areas next winter.
- Minor updates to the Bishops Cleeve map and Chalford map.

Mapping Work Progressing

- A further extension of the Nottingham Hill map to include the adjacent woodland that the landowner has offered us, so that we can hold a middle distance event there next year. There is also another nice wood there which I hope to extend into as well but need to request permission for this from a separate landowner. To fit all of this on a page of A4, the existing map has had to be re-surveyed at 1:5000 with 2.5m contours (instead of 1:3000 and 1.5m contours that was used for the Chair's Challenge last September).

Mapping Work Planned

- The annual update of the Cleeve Hill map after this year's gorse cutting ends at the end of February. The gorse is ever changing, so this is an important task, so it doesn't get out of hand.
- We have been given the okay from HOC to take on Dymock Woods, since they hardly ever use it, being outside of their heartlands. This will require a map update.

Other Tasks Completed

- Organised the Prestbury Maprun in April

Other Tasks Progressing

- Organising/planning the Maprun at Chedworth in May.
- Organising/planning the 2025 SWOL event at Newent Woods in May.

- Acting as Adviser to planner of June's Chalford event.

Name: Pat MacLeod
Role: Equipment Officer
Report: April 2025

OUTSTANDING ACTIONS

- 4b. Printer replacement. Continuing
- 5g. Bob Teed. In hand, not yet completed

IN EQUIPMENT ROLE:

Tasks Completed

- NTR

Tasks in Progress

- Printer replacement. See separate report under Mapping Officer

Tasks Planned

- Start to 'rehome' or dispose of some equipment no longer used (at least for a long, long time); generator, several heavy-duty tables, large numbers of small plastic signs now redundant either due to being too small for most purposes or rendered redundant by satnavs and what 3 words. Some progress, not much.

NOT IN ROLE

Tasks completed

- Helped at lots of events
- Usual maintenance of the website, and submission of Fabian applications.
- Created a set of permanent QR Code MapRun courses for a Nature Reserve in Johannesburg, South Africa, at MapRun developer's request.
- Informal training group sessions have started and seem to have been generally well received. We have had sessions at Chestnuts, Blakeney Hill, and Merthyr Mawr.

Tasks in Progress

- Ongoing MapRun UK coordination and support, though now very few requests from MapRun developer to respond to new inquiries from UK people
- Ongoing submission of entry details to Fabian for our events, and website maintenance.

Tasks Planned

- Implementation of an agreed training programme.

Name: Pat Macleod
Role: Mapping Officer pro tem
Report: April 2025

OUTSTANDING ACTIONS

- NTR

IN MAPPING ROLE:

Tasks Completed

- None, other than normal printing for events.

- We now print two scales routinely for league events, and sometimes two different map sizes. This adds quite a bit of pre-event setup work but seems well regarded by competitors and conforms better to the usual standards for bigger events.

Tasks in Progress

- Printer replacement. Having tried a different dealer, Printerland, I have had a sample page returned, via them from Xerox (I assume). The line work is no worse than the current printer, but colours look very faded by comparison. I have gone back to them to seek confirmation that the low-end Versalink printer we are considering has the colour adjustment facilities that are listed in the Xerox brochure for that model; it should have, but the usual caveat is there that not all functions are supported on all models! Printerland say that as the more advanced Altalink printer is 'metered', whatever that means, it's not possible to get sample prints. I have also asked for a price for the package we would want, still awaiting a reply
- Disposal of the Xerox 6600 printer. No progress yet.
- Experimentation with OCAD colour settings to improve the quality of brown symbols on our 7100 printed maps. On hold pending printer replacement outcome.
- Looking at how to reduce print wastage. MapRuns are now printed on used maps, with no adverse comments from runners so far. I have also reduced the number of spare maps we print for EODs and course changes, but particularly in low pre-entry low TD courses we still end up with a quite a lot of wastage due to making sure we can accommodate EODs for these from new orienteers.
- Creation of a suitable map library and archive on the NGOCOCAD Google Drive. In progress – some master map copies are stored centrally, and I have created an archive of all 2024 events, plus earlier years for MapRuns. Ongoing.

Tasks Planned

- Creation of a better way to manage map version control, in line with the map library described above.

NOT IN ROLE

Tasks completed

- Covered under Equipment Office report

Tasks in Progress

- Covered under Equipment Office report

Tasks Planned

- Covered under Equipment Office report

Name: Ginny Hudson
Role: Membership Secretary
Report: April 2025

Membership figures

As at 20.4.25

Category	Renewed/ Current	Other	Definitely not renewing
Senior	113	1	18
Junior	27		5
Young Adult	3		
Total	143	1	23

New members include Cam Breeze and Bonnie Hitchins.

Name: Alan Brown
Role: Newsletter (Legend) Editor
Report: April 2025

- Next issue of Legend will be out soon.
- Notice of intent to step down as Editor of LEGEND.

Name: Judith Taylor
Role: Safeguarding & Welfare Officer
Report: April 2025

- No safeguarding or welfare concerns to report since the last committee meeting.

Name: Ian Prowse
Role: Volunteer Co-Ordinator
Report: April 2025

- Nothing to report

Name: Rosie Taylor
Role: Communications & Publicity Officer
Report: April 2025

- Nothing to report

Name: Andy Creber / Paul Taunton
Role: Committee member
Report: April 2025

- SIAC Tests Info for Committee – see agenda item 4l
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