

NGOC Committee Meeting

Monday 20 July 2026 – 7pm via Zoom

MINUTES

Present: Ian Jones (Chair), Duncan Liddle (from 19:45), Ginny Hudson, John Fallows, Judith Taylor (from 19:20), Pat Macleod, Paul Taunton, Rhiannon Fadeyibi (from 19:15), Vanessa Lawson.

1. Apologies: Alan Pucill, Andy Creber, Greg Best, Ian Prowse
2. Minutes of previous meeting (18 May 2026) were accepted.
3. Matters arising: -
 - a. *Additional club merchandise in the kit catalogue. Decisions: -*
 - i. Non-branded socks in club colours are generally available (e.g. all4o.com) so no need to purchase any for club kit.
 - ii. NGOC logo only to go on neck gaiters. Investigate Trimtex as possible supplier.
 - iii. Look at getting a small quantity of running caps
 - b. *Procuring suitable communications equipment for events.* Progressing - waiting to hear back from the supplier. The primary objective is to obtain the kit in time for NGOC hosting the Harvester Relays (July 2027) after which we will decide whether to buy our own equipment. Since this is well in hand, **ACTION CLOSED.**
4. Reports:
 - a. Chair – no report as focus is on AGM planning
 - b. Captain
 - i. Very well done to the Juniors winning bronze at the British Sprint Relays.
 - ii. Very well done to the Juniors also winning bronze in the Yvette Baker Shield.
 - iii. Great turnout at the Adams Avery in very hot conditions.
 - iv. Would like to see a formal recognition scheme in place for juniors. This would be on a par with other SW clubs. Could be NGOC Juniors League (extracted from the main NGOC League results), age class awards, badges, certificates. Could affix NGOC label to prizes like chocolates or vouchers to mark the award. Could be presented at social events e.g. Summer Relays or Chair's Challenge. [See also item 7.c.ii]

ACTION: Captain to discuss recognition scheme with parents of juniors

- c. Treasurer
 - i. Agreed to donate £100 to Brynmawr School following the Clydach Terrace event.
- d. Safeguarding & Welfare – see item 6
- e. Fixtures/Permissions
 - i. Unfortunately, we have not been granted access to Rodborough Common on 29 August. Alternative venue to be notified. Also, possible date change.
- f. Equipment
 - i. First MapRun memento awarded, for completing five MapRuns.
- g. Mapping
 - i. Mapping the maize maze at Elton for Chair's Challenge. Damage noted from (probably) badgers

- h. Membership
 - i. Welcome to new members Bonnie Hitchins (rejoined), Nick Feasey, Naomi Ryan, and Stephanie du Toit
- i. Volunteer Co-ordinator – nil to report.
- j. LEGEND editor
 - i. LEGEND was developed to a new format template in April/May and relaunched in June 2026 (issue 218). The redesign has been conceived for delivery and viewing via smartphone, with a page size of 19.5 x 9.0 cm. The digital magazine has been uploaded in two formats on the NGOC website. For readers who prefer to read print, the new format can be printed at actual page size, three abreast on A4 paper (suggested PDF print options are included in the publication).
 - ii. Feedback has been very favourable, especially from committee members – highlighting the high production values and versatility of the new format (with respect to different viewing preferences).
 - iii. Coincidentally, this relaunch greatly facilitated the chaplain at Cheltenham General Hospital in reaching out to the club with respect to Carol Stewart.
 - iv. A special commemorative edition (219) is at an advanced stage of preparation. A closing date for contributions (19 July) was advised via the club WhatsApp channel. The principal driver for the timeline is to have a completed edition in advance of Carol's funeral on 5 August. This is at the request of the hospital chaplain who asked for information to be shared with Carol's next of kin.
 - v. **We expect 16 club members to attend the service at Cheltenham Crematorium, where the Club Chair has been invited to give a short speech. The content is to be composed in collaboration with LEGEND editor.**
 - vi. Special thanks to Sarah Bryce, who coordinated the capture of short tributes from orienteers within and beyond the club.
- k. Communications & Publicity Officer – no further points raised
- l. Other committee members – no further points raised
- 5. AGM 2026
 - a. **The AGM will be held in person on Monday 5 October 2026.**
 - b. The venue will be **Highnam Community Centre**. A complimentary buffet will be provided from 19:15 with AGM business expected to start about 19:45. AGM expected to finish by 21:00
 - c. We are aware that there is a contraflow in operation on the A40 due to Over Bridge roadworks, but traffic should be moving well at that time of evening. **No overnight closure of the A40 is scheduled for 5 October 2026.**
 - d. The club committee is elected at the AGM. **Nominations for any of the committee posts are welcome**, just let the club secretary know. Note that the Chair has completed his three-year term and must stand down. **We are also looking for someone to take over the NGOC Café.**
- 6. Protocol for photographs of Juniors on club website, Instagram and Facebook.
 - a. Looking for club policy based on British Orienteering (BO) guidance
 - b. Agreed to contact parents to determine individual stance (Membership Secretary)

7. AOB

- a. *Mini café at MapRun*. Agreed to make post-MapRun refreshments a regular offer, and that Pat should be reimbursed his expenses for providing them.
- b. *Payment for MapRun mementoes*. Agreed to fund the purchase of more mementoes
- c. *Club recognition and awards*.
 - i. Event in Carol's name – **CARRIED OVER** due to lack of time
 - ii. Andy C can make sustainable trophies for £8 to £35 each depending on complexity. To determine: -
 - 1. Style and design of trophy
 - 2. Categories still appropriate?
 - 3. Eligibility criteria and frequency of awards

ACTION: Committee to review the style of trophy available and select which ones to proceed with. Ideas for designs welcome by END OF AUGUST PLEASE (no artistic flair required). Prototype could be brought to the AGM.

Link to gallery of trophy options:

<https://trophies-bespoketrophiesawards.godaddysites.com/gallery>

8. Date of next committee meeting: **14 September 2026 at 7pm over Zoom**