

NGOC Committee Meeting

Monday 14 September 2026 – 7pm via Zoom

MINUTES

Present: Andy Creber, Duncan Liddle, Ginny Hudson, Greg Best, John Fallows, Judith Taylor (from 19:20), Pat Macleod, Paul Taunton, Rhiannon Fadeyibi, Vanessa Lawson (to 19:45)

1. Apologies: Alan Pucill, Ian Jones, Ian Prowse
2. Minutes of previous meeting (20 July 2026) were accepted.
3. Matters arising: -
 - a. *Recognition scheme for Juniors.* A separate Juniors' League Table has been created using data extracted from the NGOC League results.
 - b. *Choose trophy designs for club recognition and awards.* Two designs have been selected.

Club Captain said that the scope of her discussions with members about recognition schemes has expanded beyond Juniors. Given this, it was agreed to combine the two items above and that she would continue with a small working group to decide the club recognition and awards framework for all members. The goal is to have the categories and qualifying criteria in place by **January 2027**.

ACTION CONTINUES

4. Reports:
 - a. Chair
 - i. Thanks to the Chair and his support team for devising a fun Chair's Challenge at the Elton Farm Maize Mazes.
 - b. Captain
 - i. Next thing on the horizon is the CompassSport Cup heats on 7 February 2027. The SWOA heat is in Dorset, ~2.75 hours by car from Gloucester, the West Midlands event is likely to be closer, decision at next meeting. If a distant location is selected the committee agreed that a fully subsidised minibus might be appropriate.
 - c. Treasurer
 - i. Our equipment may be over-insured. Equipment Officer agreed to review the stock ahead of the next renewal to ensure we are appropriately insured.
 - ii. The committee accepted the Treasurer's recommendation for 2027 club membership fees, event entry fees, and subsidies for certain inter-club competitions.
 - d. Safeguarding & Welfare
 - i. Reiterated that the rules about who needs a DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) check are changing. Safeguarding officer will contact those who she thinks will need DBS checks to ensure they are appropriately certified.
 - ii. Requested that the link to the "5 steps" to follow if you are worried about a child or adult be added to the NGOC website.
 - e. Fixtures/Permissions
 - i. Drew up provisional fixtures list for 2027. Bixslade (20 November 2027) was selected as the SWOA League event.

- f. Equipment – no further points raised
 - g. Mapping
 - i. Previously problematic, we are now able to print good quality maps that consist of large areas of green and yellow (e.g. Merthyr Mawr).
 - ii. Continuing to work on the map archive. This will be a valuable planning resource.
 - h. Membership
 - i. A warm welcome to new members Matti Teed, and Charlotte and Michelle Scott.
 - ii. Junior membership has increased so we will be in the competitions for bigger clubs in 2027.
 - i. Volunteer Co-ordinator – nil to report.
 - j. LEGEND editor
 - i. Wrote an obituary for Carol Stewart for publication in CompassSport.
 - ii. Starting work on the next issue of LEGEND. All contributions welcome from all members on any topic. Don't be shy!
 - k. Communications & Publicity Officer
 - i. There will be no newsletters for the next month as Comms Officer is away until the end of October.
 - ii. Policy around photography of Juniors – ask permission in every instance before reproducing any images.
 - l. Other committee members
 - i. Initial flyer for the Harvester Relays (3-4 July 2027 at May Hill) has been produced and sent to CompassSport Editor to include in the next issue. Will also be featured in LEGEND.
 - ii. Have received 12 orders for club neck gaiters and 12 expressions of interest for club running caps. Based on this, the following was agreed: -
 - i. Go with the new design for the neck gaiter
 - ii. Order 30 neck gaiters (price around £8 each)
 - iii. Order 20 running caps at the same time (price around £15 each). Limited colour choice so going with navy blue.
5. Event in Carol's name [*carried over from 20 July 2026*]
- a. Decided to hold one League event dedicated to Carol's memory. **This will be the SWOA League event at Soudley on 22 November 2026.**
6. Fees for the Army events attached to the NGOC November fixtures at Symonds Yat and Soudley. (Pat)
- a. Discussion about what the entry fees should be to cover our costs. There are logistical challenges around handling the levies and entering the event. These will be looked at offline by the event planners and organisers in due course.
7. AOB
- a. It was suggested that MapRun planners also designate a Pub of the Night for post-run discussions.
 - b. Portable toilets were requested for the Nottingham Hill event on 26 September. Andy C. to arrange.
8. Date of next committee meeting: **7 December 2026 at 7.30pm in person at Down Hatherley Village Hall. Pre-Christmas meeting with mince pies 🥰**