

NGOC Committee Meeting

Monday 22 April 2024 – 7pm for 7.30pm Quedgeley Community Centre

Present: Ian Jones (Chair), Ginny Hudson, John Fallows, Judith Taylor, Pat Macleod, Rhiannon Fadeyibi, Tom Cochrane, Paul Taunton joined from 7.30pm.

1. Apologies: Alan Brown, Alan Pucill, Greg Best, Ian Phillips, Ian Prowse, Vanessa Lawson. The meeting was quorate.
2. Minutes of previous meeting (19 February 2024) were accepted.
3. Matters arising: -
 - a. Junior Representative position. This role will be renamed Junior Captain and suit an older junior. The Junior Captain will work closely with the Club Captain. **ACTION CLOSED**
 - b. SWOA action for the club to include a section on *Beginners* page of NGOC website on volunteering. Information has been added, but **the volunteer role of Club Coach was inadvertently omitted**. This will be added, so considering this **ACTION CLOSED**.
 - c. Hosting the Harvester Relays in 2025 or later. Chair yet to contact CompassSport editor about running a survey in the newsletter to gauge whether there is enough demand for the Harvester as an event. **ACTION CARRIED OVER**
 - d. Google poll to understand the wider club membership's appetite for training exercises. Pat and Tom C to draft and circulate poll to wider membership. **ACTION CONTINUES**
 - e. Investigating whether NGOC can offer a personal performance award scheme which develops orienteering skills (like WOA/SBOC Seren Awards). Heather Bovill has agreed to oversee SWOA colour coded award scheme for the club. **Download team will state on event results what the standards are to help identify when members have qualified for badges. ACTION CLOSED**
 - f. Crickley Hill Permanent Orienteering Course (POC) – should replacement signs be UV-resistant? Signs to be both UV-resistant and animal-proof. Discussions with suppliers underway. **ACTION CLOSED**
 - g. Purchase of defibrillator. Decision not to proceed with purchase. **ACTION CLOSED**
 - h. Purchase of small tent for events with fewer NGOC competitors. Tent now purchased. **ACTION CLOSED**
4. Reports
 - a. Chair
 - i. The committee has learned of the passing of Frances Alexander. Chair will send a letter of condolence on behalf of the club.
 - b. Captain
 - i. A WhatsApp Group for NGOC Juniors and their parents has been established. This group will be used to communicate training and development opportunities for this age group.
 - c. Treasurer
 - d. Fixtures/Permissions
 - i. The committee is pleased to lend NWO either Minchinhampton or Rodborough Common for their SW League event on 19 January 2025.
 - e. Equipment Officer
 - i. Proposal to purchase a personal ECG machine to add to the First Aid kit. Committee agreed in principle. Pat to undertake further research.

ACTION: Pat to undertake further research into personal ECG machines for NGOC First Aid kit.

- ii. Club Trophies. The committee is keen to introduce a range of awards - number and categories to be decided – and is currently sourcing awards.
- iii. The club policy of allocating an advisor to each event planner has been overlooked recently. **The committee requests that the fixtures sub-group assigns an advisor to each event planner when the planner agrees to do an event.**

iv. Feedback on events should be sought from participants as part of continuous improvement.

The committee is considering the most effective way to do this – ideas welcome.

- f. Mapping – no points raised.
- g. Membership Secretary – no points raised
- h. Newsletter – no points raised
- i. Welfare Officer – no points raised
- j. Volunteer co-ordinator – no points raised
- k. Comms officer – no points raised
- l. Committee Member

i. To add to the Chair's update from the SWOA March committee meeting, please note that there will be no SW Long or Middle Championships this year. The SW Sprint Championship will be hosted by BOK and held at the University of Bath on 8 June 2024.

5. AOB

- a. Congratulations to Greg Best, who won the BOF Chichester Trophy for the best Amateur map (Mallards Pike) to go with his Bonington Trophy for services to mapping from two years' before.
- b. Congratulations to NGOC's newsletter Legend included in the CompassSport magazine Newsletter Awards; and to Tom C for the winning (AI) cover design.

6. Date and format of next meeting: **Monday 10 June 2024 via Zoom**