

NGOC Committee Meeting

Monday 10 June 2024 – 7pm via Zoom

Present: Ian Jones (Chair), Alan Pucill, Greg Best, Ian Phillips, John Fallows, Pat Macleod, Paul Taunton, Rhiannon Fadeyibi, Tom Cochrane, Vanessa Lawson

1. Apologies: Alan Brown, Ginny Hudson, Ian Prowse, Judith Taylor. The meeting was quorate.
2. Minutes of previous meeting (22 April 2024) were accepted.
3. Matters arising: -
 - a. Hosting the Harvester Relays in 2025 or later. CompassSport editor still to be contacted about running a survey in the newsletter to gauge whether there is enough demand for the Harvester as an event. Vanessa offered to speak to him on behalf of the Chair. **ACTION CONTINUES**
 - b. 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. As the summer holidays are starting, decided to postpone the poll until the start of next season. **ACTION CARRIED OVER**
 - c. Purchase of personal ECG machine to add to the club First Aid kit subject to further research by John. Market leader appears to require interpretation of waveforms and does not state whether a heart attack is happening. This makes it challenging to determine whether a hospital visit is appropriate. However, Paul's own mobile ECG does produce a colour-coded diagnostic. **Paul to share his ECG make and model with John for John to conduct further research. ACTION CONTINUES**
 - d. To decide number and categories of Club Trophies. Proposed list of awards: -
 - i. Terry Bradstock Trophy
 - ii. NGOC league winners
 - iii. Most improved member
 - iv. Junior of the year
 - v. Services to the club
 - vi. Maprun league winners**ACTION CLOSED PENDING COMMITTEE APPROVAL**
 - e. Feedback on events – next steps
 - i. The committee decided to implement two initiatives. The first is a form for general feedback available on the webpage to improve NGOC events in the round. The second is a panel of experienced orienteers to offer coaching feedback on the courses. This is with a view to help with the professional development of planners.
 - ii. Note that RouteGadget has a feature where people can post their opinions of an event.

ACTION: Tom C to draft a feedback form and post final version on results page and NGOC main website. Toadsmoor Relays to be a pilot event.

ACTION: Pat to approach potential candidates to serve on a panel

4. Reports
 - a. Chair – no points raised.
 - b. Captain
 - i. Captain asked whether she was required to manage teams for the Club Relays at Toadsmoor on 13 July. She is not, members should organise themselves for this event.
 - c. Treasurer
 - i. Committee agreed to seek an alternative auditor for the club annual accounts. Vanessa volunteered to do this, providing there is no issue with an NGOC member auditing. The Committee agreed with this proposal.

- ii. Committee agreed to 100% subsidy of the junior entry fee for the Yvette Baker Shield final (7 July at Northaw Prov, near Potter's Bar in Hertfordshire).
 - iii. Treasurer agreed to include maprun levies in the event breakdown tables.
 - d. Fixtures/Permissions – no points raised.
 - e. Equipment Officer
 - i. Sufficient kit has been borrowed from other clubs to manage the Croeso Day One (21 July)
 - ii. Cleeve School has asked the club to repeat the Duke of Edinburgh (DofE) orienteering day held on 7 February. The committee is prepared to do this again as an opportunity to promote orienteering to a younger generation. It may also offer an opportunity to use the school facilities as a base for a future “come and try it” club event.
 - f. Mapping
 - i. The visit to Xerox is yet to be arranged.
 - ii. **The mapping officer will stand down at the AGM in October. Please speak to Ian or any committee member if you would like to find out more about this committee position.**
 - 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. Noted that a new beaver enclosure has been erected in the Mallards Pike area. This may impact the courses being planned for the JIRCS/League event there on 28 September.
 - ii. Noted that neighbouring clubs offer mid-week options at different ends of the scale: MDOC offers regional-level events while DEE puts on local park sprints.
 - iii. Disappointed that SBOC's appearance on TV programme “Joe and Katherine's Bargain Holidays” was treated frivolously.
5. Club provision of GPS trackers for vulnerable people (proposer: Chair)
- a. Chair has been equipped with a GPS tracker when competing in OMM events. This may be a useful option for the club to offer to help some members to continue orienteering with increased safety.

ACTION: Ian J to contact OMM team for information on the tracking system used.

- b. Pat noted that maprun offers a live tracking capability at an extra cost. This may be a useful solution for maprun events.

ACTION: Pat to investigate the cost of the maprun live tracking capability

6. AOB
- a. Recertification of club First Aiders (proposer: Secretary)
 - i. The First Aid certification of several members is due to expire in a few months. The committee agreed to underwrite the cost of putting on a recertification course. Secretary will co-ordinate this nearer the time.
 - b. A “Colour Times” column has been added to the Results table on the NGOC website. This page calculates the colour standard times for each event to help members identify when they have qualified for badges.
 - c. Congratulations to NGOC Juniors Hannah and James Agombar who have been selected for British orienteering summer camps at Lagganlia (Hannah) and Deeside (James). The club is pleased to cover 25% of the costs of this great opportunity.
7. Date and format of next meeting: **Monday 9 September 2024 via Zoom**