

NGOC Committee Meeting

Monday 09 December 2024 – 7pm via Zoom

Present: Ian Jones (Chair), Andy Creber, Ginny Hudson, Greg Best, John Fallows, Pat Macleod, Paul Taunton, Rhiannon Fadeyibi

1. Apologies: Alan Brown, Alan Pucill, Ian Prowse, Judith Taylor, Rosie Taylor, Vanessa Lawson. The meeting was quorate.
2. Minutes of previous meeting (09 September 2024) were accepted.
3. Matters arising: -
 - a. Purchase of personal ECG machine to add to the club First Aid kit subject to further research by John. Device will be added to inventory. **ACTION CLOSED**
 - b. Club Trophies: Awaiting design of new awards and a quote for their production. **ACTION PAUSED**
 - c. Feedback on events – general feedback form and post-event panel. General feedback form implemented. Response to comments and planned actions per event posted to website. **ACTION CLOSED.**
 - d. Club provision of GPS trackers for vulnerable people. Chair to obtain details of the tracking system used at OMM events. **ACTION CONTINUES.**
 - e. First Aid cover at events – Secretary to arrange a course to increase the club’s pool of certified first aiders. Course has been arranged for 15 December 2024. There are 10 candidates, two of whom are from HOC. **ACTION CLOSED.**
4. Reports
 - a. Chair – no points raised.
 - b. Captain – no points raised
 - c. Treasurer – no points raised
 - d. Fixtures/Permissions.
 - i. Formal memo from British Orienteering Federation about training events yet to be issued but we can plan with it in mind. See also agenda item 7.
 - e. Equipment Officer – no points raised
 - f. Mapping
 - i. Discussion around which replacement printer and printing package should be purchased out of those identified as possibles.

ACTION: Pat and Greg to print sample maps from the potential replacement printers and purchase the most suitable for the club’s purposes.

- g. Membership Secretary
 - i. Will follow up on member renewals at the end of January
 - h. Newsletter (Legend) – next issue is due in January.
 - i. Welfare Officer – no points raised
 - j. Volunteer co-ordinator – no points raised
 - k. Communications & Publicity Officer
 - i. First newsletter emailed to members.
 - l. Committee Members
 - i. Andy is arranging toilets for the Level D League event at New Beechenhurst on 18 January.
 - ii. Discussion about whether all our Level D League events should be elevated to Level C. Note this discussion was about League events only, not Maprun, score, night events etc. It was clear that there are a lot of things to consider and the topic needs further discussion. **ITEM CARRIED OVER TO NEXT MEETING.**
5. Qualifying events for the 2025 Terry Bradstock Trophy (TBT) [agreed post-meeting]

- a. CompassSport Cup Heat – 23 Feb 2025
 - b. British Middle Championships – Crawley, 15/03/25
 - c. JK Sprint – Sheffield, 18/04/25
 - d. JK Classic – Sheffield, 20/04/25
 - e. Springtime in Shropshire Day 1 – Ludlow, 24/05/25
 - f. Springtime in Shropshire Day 2 – Nash Woods (tbc), 25/05/25
 - g. Yvette Baker Qualifier and BOK Trot – Wavering Down, 01/06/25
 - h. Euro City Weekend – Nottingham, 12/07/25
 - i. Caddihoe Chase Day 1 – Ashburton, 18/10/25
6. Items for committee consideration submitted by club member
- a. NGOC donation to SWJOS (South-West Junior Orienteering Squad)
 - i. The committee agrees in principle but would like to better understand the SWJOS funding model and how the club's donation would be used.

ACTION: Pat to speak to the club member

- b. What is NGOC's plan to encourage under-represented groups to participate in orienteering? Could this be achieved by recruitment of a paid part-time Club Development Officer (complementary to agenda item 7 – NGOC 2025 training)?
 - i. NGOC's current focus is on up-skilling the existing membership (see agenda item 7) but once that is on a stable footing, the committee plans to look at growing the membership which will include attracting under-represented groups. All ideas welcome.
7. NGOC 2025 training
- a. The proposed strategy for up-skilling the membership was discussed.
 - i. Two streams will be established: -
 - 1. Stream 1 will be a planned schedule of training events open to all. This will be led by the three club members who are training to be coaches and will form part of their accreditation process.
 - 2. Stream 2 will be informal, small-scale, Maprun-based events aimed at experienced seniors. These will be on an ad-hoc basis, probably organised via a WhatsApp group.
 - b. Full details will be published on the NGOC website in due course.
8. AOB
- a. Event Terms & Conditions (Ts & Cs) on Fabian (Pat)
 - i. It was agreed that NGOC should include event Ts & Cs on events handled by Fabian.

ACTION: Chair to speak to BOF about appropriate Ts & Cs

- b. Possible Permanent Orienteering Course (POC) at Woodchester Park (Greg)
 - i. **The committee agreed to providing the map and QR codes subject to National Trust providing the initial infrastructure and funding any subsequent maintenance.**
- c. Mementoes to encourage Maprun participation (Pat)
 - i. These would be small, inexpensive mementoes that would be awarded after a given number of runs on an increasing scale. Each set of runs would qualify for a different memento. **The committee agreed to the purchase of some mementoes with which to run a trial.**
- d. Can NGOC help with MTBO events ahead of 2026 MTBO World Masters Championships in Scotland (Moray, 3-7 June)? [Request from British Mountain Bike Orienteering (BMBO)] (Rhiannon)
 - i. There is insufficient expertise within the club to put on an event. However, we may be able to offer suitable maps for other clubs in the area to use, and the few NGOC club members who also compete in mountain bike orienteering may wish to help at any such events.

ACTION: Greg to pass the message to the relevant club members and Ian J to revert to BMBO with response

- 9. Date and format of next meeting: **Monday 17 February 2025 at 7pm via Zoom**