

NGOC Committee Meeting

Monday 17 February 2025 – 7pm via Zoom

Present: Ian Jones (Chair), Alan Pucill, Andy Creber, Ginny Hudson, Greg Best, John Fallows, Judith Taylor (from 19:26), Pat Macleod, Paul Taunton, Rhiannon Fadeyibi, Vanessa Lawson

1. Apologies: Alan Brown, Ian Prowse, Rosie Taylor. The meeting was quorate.
2. The club has learned with sadness of the passing of Peter Maloney who was a club member of long standing.
3. Minutes of previous meeting (09 December 2024) were accepted.
4. Matters arising: -
 - a. Club provision of GPS trackers for vulnerable people at NGOC events. Chair to obtain details of the tracking system used at OMM events. The cost of GPS trackers is higher than expected, with monthly charges for network access. The "Find My Friend" app (used on some mapruns) is a more affordable alternative solution. **ACTION CLOSED**
 - b. Purchase of replacement printer and printing package. Sample maps have been sent to Xerox. No response yet, Pat will chase. **ACTION CONTINUES**
 - c. NGOC donation to SWJOS (South-West Junior Orienteering Squad). Further details have been provided. SWOA gives an annual grant to SWJOS, so NGOC already indirectly supports SWJOS via its levies to SWOA. However, the committee will consider granting additional funding on a case-by-case basis to both SWJOS and the Welsh JOS (as there are junior club members in both). Applications for specific projects (e.g. contributing to a minibus for training trips) should be made. **Chair to speak to SWJOS point of contact. ACTION CLOSED.**
 - d. Inclusion of NGOC Ts & Cs on events handled by Fabian. It was noted that general event notes on the NGOC website contain information about our policies, so it was not felt necessary to include them in Fabian. **ACTION CLOSED**
 - e. Club response to BMBO request for help with preparations for the MTBO World Masters Championships. The club lacks the resources to assist. **Chair to respond to BMBO request. ACTION CLOSED.**
5. Reports
 - a. Chair
 - i. Elton Farm Maize Maze near Littledean suggested as venue for this year's Chair's Challenge
 - b. Captain
 - i. 36 NGOC runners at the CompassSport Cup heat on Sunday 23rd
 - ii. Coaching course going well. Captain will do coaching sessions with Chepstow Harriers juniors as many come to our events.
 - c. Treasurer
 - i. Researching accounts that offer better rate of interest
 - d. Fixtures/Permissions.
 - i. Elevating some League events from level D to level C. Discussion on the benefits and drawbacks to this strategy. Recognise that need to keep some events at level D as these are the entry level pathway for new organisers and planners to gain experience. However, level C events raise the club's profile and offer opportunities to obtain ranking points. **Agreed to review the fixtures schedule each year and identify those that are suitable to elevate to level C.** The club anticipates that about half of the events will be suitable.
 - e. Equipment Officer
 - i. Thanks to the club members who assisted Cleeve School with their Duke of Edinburgh practice hike over Cleeve Hill to Sudeley Castle on 12 February.
 - f. Mapping

- i. Good informal training session at Chestnuts on 15 February, useful to learn how well maprun works as a training tool. There are some issues to iron out. Note that as informal training sessions are not registered, there is no insurance cover.
 - g. Membership Secretary
 - i. Noted that Bob Teed has retired from orienteering after many years. **Pat will contact Bob to ask if he would like to write a reflection piece for Legend. Bob will be awarded honorary membership of the club.**
 - h. Newsletter (Legend) – next issue is due in January.
 - i. Welfare Officer – no points raised
 - j. Volunteer co-ordinator – nil to report
 - k. Communications & Publicity Officer – no points raised
 - l. Committee Members
 - i. Advocate for changing BOF rules related to young orienteers (U16s) crossing live roads.
- 6. Orienteering Foundation grant for Club Development Officer
 - a. Club member James Askew is prepared to put together an application to Orienteering Foundation for a grant to fund a Club Development Officer (CDO). More research is needed to better understand what CDOs at other clubs do and the outcomes. **Chair will speak with James to discuss.**
 - b. Some upcoming events will include Red courses which are suitable for adult beginners
- 7. BOF consultation on insurance for non-members
 - a. The committee broadly accepts the BOF proposal of withdrawing public liability insurance cover for non-members at competitions. **Send any views to the Chair by 3 March. Chair will then complete the BOF consultation.**
- 8. AOB
 - a. Determination of which forthcoming events need provision of portable toilets
- 9. Date and format of next meeting: **Monday 28 April 2025 at 7pm via Zoom**