**Minutes for SN COMMITTEE MEETING on Thursday 28th August June 2025 at 8pm**

1. **Attended by: Paul Fox, Debbie Robinson, Steve McKinley, Pete Jones,**

**Helen Le Page, Paul Keeble**

1. **Apologies: Ross McLagan**

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| **TO BE RESOLVED/CONTINUED FROM PREVIOUS MEETING** | **ACTION** |
| Funding proposal from SCOA | **See feedback in Event Secretary’s report** |
| Banner design Steve has sent a high def logo and printer is helping her come up with designs.We hope to have something ready by the 1st SS, committee in the process of approving designs. | **Helen Asshenden** |

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| **CHAIRMANS’ REPORT** | **ACTION** |
| Ross is not going to carry on, on the committee as too many commitments. Thank you for your time Ross.LWC-all went ok. Map has now been sent to the school. Land management were happy event had gone well and have indicated that we can use it again at a small cost in the future.A few comments from the event:9 no showsOverall cost around £1000Great photos by Mark-thank youPhoto and article to Compass sport-Paul will writeGoldsworth park letter-all read the original and the reply. BOF have contacted Steve to see if we have replied. Steve would like to respond to the accusations made, such as poor planning. The complainant has yet to provide any details of the property/land he feels we have inadvertently been on.The girls who were filmed/challenged have been asked to send a written report.SN Trophy entry costs £11 juniors/£18 adults. High cost due to landmarcHelpers -SN juniors can enter for £5 if they helpAdults £10? string course if we think its viable-will decide when we see demographic of entrants.Expenses policy-final few amendments to be made and then published on website. | **Steve to tidy up and send** |

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| **SECRETARYS’ REPORT** | **ACTION** |
| 1st aid course | **Sadly adventure lifesigns who we were going to use have gone into administration. HLP to contact directly the leader of a recent course she did, as he has now gone independent.**  |

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| **TREASURERS’ REPORT** | **ACTION** |
| 2024/25 End Of Year Accounts* Net surplus £2252.56
* Paul Fox drafted final version with AGM summary
* Jen Daplyn is now checking
* See attached summary docs

**Notes re surplus:*** a large part was due to Wellington, less likely to repeat at Alice Holt this Xmas (less accessible and less well loved area!).
* We were able to take on a large number of late entries which we may not have flexibility to do other years (Colin's availability to print up to night before, planner and mappers availability over xmas to add extra courses)
* CSC LVN could have been closer to break even if some clubs had gone elsewhere as originally planned and with military land access fees going up even more, makes large surplus on military area events less likely (although they tend to be good areas so attract good turnout)
* We expect some significant future expenditure to reduce reserves eg. Steve said SI dibbers need replacing
* For 25/26 year we will have some large one off costs e.g. 60th anniversary  medals, food etc > £1100
* We are lucky to get much of our mapping for free/low cost, reserves may be needed for some map work in next year or 2?

**Other items for discussion*** Timing of Saturday Series events, could a move to later in the day attract more juniors with existing Saturday morning commitments (weekly participation in other sports on Saturday mornings, Saturday School,...)

Joint SN/GO program to promote and make it easier for children to choose orienteering as an option for Duke Of Edinburgh.**Summary from draft flyer (will send before meeting):**Your local clubs Guildford Orienteers (GO) and Southern Navigators (SN) have teamed up to provide a program of events and support for those choosing orienteering for their DofE physical, skills or volunteering sections:* + A series of Saturday afternoon training sessions conveniently located in/around Guildford & Woking.
	+ A one stop source of info to help you find our regular club activities, open public races, virtual “MapRun” training that can be done anytime.
	+ We are happy to be assessors, monitor and sign off activities.

    Looking at each club providing 1 Saturday afternoon event per month from mid Feb to mid May (maybe finishing at GOs usual May world orienteering event)    So we have an event every 2 weeks (pupils need to do 1hr/week average which can be grouped up to 2hrs at an activity every 2 weeks.  Those 2 hours can include warm up/cool down, post training analysis)    For SN, thinking of training activities/yellow&orange courses on smaller areas to start with Waterers Park, St Johns Lye, Woking Park, Pirbright possible if can get GBC permission for woodland, and bigger area like Horsell toward end as they need more challenge.    This GO&SN DofE series can be topped up with:* Training morning in easter holidays (similar to what Carol did last year)
* GO and SN other training activities
* MLS Wednesday events in easter and half term (have mentioned to Colin, he will try to use venues close as possible to Guildford/Woking e.g. down the A3 / near Aldershot
* Mainstream O events
* Maprun courses they can do independently when they want (might need a bit of effort to review/update current offerings)

Club supportive of Paul K’s DofE idea and will try to help him where possible. Paul to keep the committee updated.Pete Daplyns has muted an idea for relay practice during/after SS events. This idea has been warmly received as long as it doesn’t impact our event volunteers.Prize giving-maybe a good time to have a relay? | **Ways suggested to keep surplus from growing:****More helpers subsidy’s at our own large events****Summer league training could be free****Free runs for newcomers.****We may need around 50 dibbers to replace the type 5 (original dibbers)****Members should be aware that we Self insure our own equipment and hire equipment/hire toilets****Maybe poll schools/participants during the SS events to see if people would like a later start****12-1.30pm starts** |

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| **EVENT SECRETARYS REPORT** | **ACTION** |
| **SS Prizegiving at Hogmoor**73 adults and 40 juniors.Using the parking at Asmodee worked well. I was a bit late sending a thank you to them due to family reasons but it has now been done. We made a donation of £133 to Land Trust. Need to make it specific to Hogmoor next time.  **Next Season SS Events**Permission granted for Southwood, Wellesley, Horsell and Eagle and planners and organisers assigned. Permission from Gordons and Frensham Schools requested. All loaded onto SN and RSU web pages.Southwood: Parking for Southwood may be an issue as Morrisons have only allocated us 20 spaces.Michael K has requested support from the club to put actions in place to encourage new juniors to participate. His idea of a bouncy castle has been vetoed by the committee due to insurance and delivery / pickup problems. He is looking for ways around these issues. He has suggested he buys one and donates. IMHO, this will make insurance and liability an even bigger problem and would be a nightmare for landowner permissions. I do not see this as a viable option for future. For Southwood this year, he is going to run string courses near the cafe on a couple of prior weekends and get participants to sign up to email updates. This will cost the club maps and a bucket of lollies (rewards for the juniors for completing the course). We will track how the pre-event activity translates to event entries and look to do similar for future events in suitable locations if successful.**SN Handicap at Wellesley**The event was well attended (over 30 people) and went smoothly until Adrian Wise fell and broke his collarbone**SN Evening League Events**Gordons: 42 adults and 1 juniorFrimley: 37 adults and 4 juniorsWoking Park: 28 adults and 5 juniors. 3 adults were non-BOF as we caught some passing traffic**Goldsworth Park Urban**178 adults and 22 juniors.Toilets at The Pavilion were £100 for all day and very conveniently located. They weren't in the best condition but 4 ladies toilets plus men's was a bargain compared to portaloo pricesLocal residents on Hallington Close complained about us running between their garages. Complaint also went to BOF. Under investigation but map has already been updated to mark that area as OOB**SN 60th Anniversary Event**72 runnersLong and short double sprint offeredPicnic lunch and drinksAll seemed to go down very well with the club members attending and the controllers invited.**SN Trophy**License for Frith and Windmill granted. (The one from last year expired on 29th Nov). Seems to have gone back to being a single-date license instead of yearly.Cameron has booked Tom's, toilets and first aid.First call for helpers will go out in the next few weeks**Christmas Level C Event**Permission requested from Alice Holt-No response yet.**Christmas Dinner Wed 10th Dec The Ely**Will start advertising this after the CSC final and AGM are over (to try not to "Flood the Zone") 🙂**Notes from SE May 2025 (which I will leave in for future reference)**I have volunteered SN to host the Southern Champs for SE in 20282028 SE sprints should be SN - might RH be an option after JK success?2027 onwards looking for SN to host SE middle distance. More than overdue our turn so some pressure was being applied. SO got 200 people at the last one they hosted but argue that we are more central and would get more people. NT Access Discussion: Woodland Trust have a 2 year agreement covering several areas. SLOW are the only other club who are affected by our NT problem. All other NT regions have no issues. They are charged a small admin fee + £1 pp with a reduction for juniors.... Recommended that we sit quiet for a couple of years and then try again with a small SS event. Give NT chance to get over Thursley Common.**Funding Proposal from SCOA**The reply sent: from SN committee was that we have a funding policy (that we are in the process of updating) but that this is part of our financial management of the club and its funds and we believe that each club should make their own policy that they are happy with. Note that our policy is not updated on the website yet. Not sure if we have full agreement on whether or not competitors for other countries are covered? |  |

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| **MAPPING OFFICERS REPORT** | **ACTION** |
| Pete Jones spoke to Steve Keyes regarding Horsell updateEagle House (Wellington Prep)map needs updating-on Steves McKs listSN Trophy-Frith Hill road crossings may need marshals for the junior courses |  |

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| **TEAM CAPTAINS REPORT** | **ACTION** |
| **British Mixed Sprint Relays:**Six teams entered for the event on Sat 30 August at RAF Honington. We have realistic medal chances in all three classes where SN is represented.**Compass Sport Cup Final weekend:**As at Mon 18 August only 11 names registered for the final on Sunday 14 September. We need at least 25 to be able to field a full scoring team (subject to age/gender distribution and willingness to run up if required). The distance is putting off many, and some of our more likely runners already had prior commitments and constraints. By the time we hold our committee meeting we will know for sure how many are going.**Club Championships 2025:**This is usually held at a Level C event hosted by a neighbouring club, or as part of one of our own Saturday Series events with a dedicated course. Choices this autumn are very limited based on currently registered BO fixtures. SN Saturday events are scheduled for Southwood (Sept), Wellesley (Oct, and already used for club handicap in June), and Horsell (Nov), with a Christmas week Level C event at Alice Holt. Of these, Horsell is probably the best available.Neighbouring clubs have little that's suitable coming up in the next few months. * BKO have a Level D on Sat 22 Nov at Burghfield or Benyons (venue tbc, and only the latter would be a good enough venue for our champs, IMHO) and a Level C at a venue yet to be confirmed on Sun 14 Dec (was going to be Star Posts, but that's now being used for Concorde 2026, so no certainty on this one)
* GO have a Level C registered at Puttenham on Sun 16 Nov, but GO website says there are currently no GO events scheduled and I'd previously heard that Puttenham was now off limits for orienteering due to tighter environmental constraints. They also have a Level D at Newlands Corner in December, but again subject to confirmation.
* MV have a Level C at Buchan Country Park (Crawley) on Sun 14 Dec - possibly a little further away than we would wish.
* BADO have nothing scheduled.
* SO have a number of Saturday Southdowns Galoppen (SOG) events but mostly a little further afield.
* TVOC also have a number of Saturday Level D events, but again mostly further afield than we would wish and not all on suitable areas.

Given the choices currently on offer I would be tempted at this stage to opt for our own Horsell event which would get a good turnout. BKO or GO could provide an alternative on less familiar terrain, subject to confirmations. Alternative opinions welcome. Committee agree this would be a good shout. Steve McK to enquire what state the map is in. | 17 going to CSC-short of a full team |

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| **DEVELOPMENT OFFICERS REPORT** |  |
| For the Gordons Event it was 'sponsored' by west end village society, which meant they publicised it in the village for us, and for that got a logo on the map.Wasn't too successful. 4 extras turned up (I knew them all), but they all enjoyed it, and as the novice/junior course was combined it was no extra workThe Goldsworth event did have some enquiries from the locals. I had a chat when collecting controls to a resident who was keen to know what was going on and wanted more details.Hence looking ahead I was thinking of asking members to consider community events (maze-o, string-o, yellow course) maybe leading to a 'proper' event. Think we would ideally need about 4 folk to arrange.For next year's Urban I think someone should handle 'local publicity' , put some flyers round, contact local scouts, clubs and schools. Also maybe put a 'family score' event on for newcomersOn other itemsThe SN League events, think they should be level D, and we shouldn't call them 'SN training'- think it puts off folk from other clubsFirst Aid and Planning course. Need to get into the diary.Goldsworth event-Just to highlight a few issues for info1. I did get proof copies of the maps a couple of weeks before the event, well worth doing.
2. Final maps turned up with course1 part 1 backed with course 2 part 1 and similarly for part 2. Annoying, final maps arrived Friday lunchtime
3. The issue with start times didn’t become apparent (to me) until Friday night. Luckily there were no issues when controls were put out, first start 10:10 for courses 1-6, 10:20 course 7
4. Private garage issue- not much you can do about that
5. Sounds like some runners cut across a front garden marked as olive green, but not obviously a garden.
 | **Pete to let Iain know to register training events as a level D** |

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| **AOB** | ACTION |
| Age handicap idea for more SS events to allow slower/older runners a chance to be more competitive.**We feel this is already taken into account when points are allocated.** |  |
| 1st Aid-provision NOT be provided at events such as LWC, Wednesday training/league events.**For all our SS events, the 1st aid box is automatically put in the kit pile, but on Wednesdays and other events it is not being taken. Whilst I don’t expect organisers to come to Aldershot to collect the 1st aid bag (and \mike doesn’t want to lose track of it)perhaps the organiser needs to bring along a few plasters/triangular bandage/wipes as a minimum.** | **Mike to purchase a new kit to keep with the training kit/officer** |
| AGM-confirm date/time/location | **HLP to get notice in SNaggers** |

**Date of next meeting: Tuesday …**

**AGM Thursday 2nd October West End Pavillion 7pm for a 7.30 start.**

Helen Le Page

SN Secretary