**Minutes for SN COMMITTEE MEETING on Wednesday 2nd April 2025 at 7.30pm**

1. **Attended by: Steve McKinley, Helen Le Page, Paul Fox, Debbie Robinson, Ross Maclagan, Paul Keeble, Pete Jones**
2. **Apologies:**

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| **TO BE RESOLVED/CONTINUED FROM PREVIOUS MEETING** | **ACTION** |
| Concern over potential characterisation by Natural England. Orienteering has been classed for the Devils punch bowl as “27 Recreational or other activities likely to damage or disturb features of interest” under ORNEC (Operations requiring Natural England’s consent). Under an ORNEC (quote) “It is usually possible to carry out many of these operations in certain ways, or at specific times of year, or on certain parts of the SSSI, without damaging the features of interest. If you wish to carry out any of these activities, please contact your Natural England Area Team who will give you advice and, where appropriate, issue consent”  MOD own ecologist was allowed to make judgement of natural England’s behalf for national trust. We would need this to be granted long term, not event by event.  **DR to speak to Alan regarding an MLS agreement with the new forest.** | **DR, PF and SMcK to chat to other local and SE clubs to see what approach we can take together.**  **No real feed back as yet, just general discussions in passing.** |
| Birthday Plans update  **HLP to look into travel mugs/club memento.**  **On the job list for the Easter holidays!** | **SMcK to ask if LWC to see if available as a finale on Sat 23rd Aug for a club picnic. Save the date!** |

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| **CHAIRMANS’ REPORT** | **ACTION** |
| 1. See notice of an orienteering coaching course – do we need to push this around the club via email ? do we want to nominate/suggest attendance by someone in the club ? cost is £310 2. DBS info is just FYI – not sure if we need to do anything from this 3. JK 2027 is looking for main officials – email sent around club 4. Zero response to me on the club banner idea – next steps ? 5. Great Big Green Week – we have been invited to attend Monday 26th till Friday 30th May by contacts helping us with the POC at Southwood (Emily Moore, Blackwater Valley Countryside Partnership). The idea is to encourage kids to get outside – ideally offering an introduction to a new course. Iain Bell looking to support but would need help – ideally get at least an email out there 6. SLOW reported at SEOA to be against the BO insurance change about not insuring non BOF members – concerned how this will be perceived by landowners – I don’t believe anyone in SN completed the survey ??? **Debbie did.** 7. I apologise, I have not had a chance to do anything about preparing for SN 60th “celebration. | **Iain to clarify what is needed ie-what days/time etc.** |

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| **SECRETARYS’ REPORT** | **ACTION** |
| Has ordered new attendance medals-still proving very popular with the juniors. |  |

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| **TREASURERS’ REPORT** | **ACTION** |
| **Items from last meeting**  Paid £50 donation to PurplePen  **Current balances**  Community £16853.19  Business Premium £12759.74  **Notes:**  Knowl Hill School in Pirbright have expressed an interest in orienteering.  Initial contact came via a Sarum member Lisa Cooke who has links to the school.  I met with Callum Webster at the school.  There several ways they may use orienteering 0 - they have forest school lessons and do Duke of Edinburgh as well as encouraging them to try the Saturday Series.  Waiting for them to get back to me with when/what they would like to do.  Hopefully will put on some activities for them in summer term and will contact the main village school as well - see if they want to participate too.  Something else linked to the schools is possibly doing something in the park after school.  The park is quite busy after school.   Once every few weeks there is a council organised "Play Rangers" activity session which seems well attended.    On a day when they arent there, could try offering some orienteering based activities.  Looking at doing something at the Pirbright Village Fair on Sat 30Aug - probably  similar to Petes maze activity at West End.  Debbie is checking who owns what bits of the Pirbright map in case want to do a more formal event. |  |

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| **EVENT SECRETARYS REPORT** | **ACTION** |
| **SS#5 Frensham Heights**  93 adults. 34 juniors  Hopefully the electric shocks received by many competitors didn't drain the battery on the fence to allow the cows to escape!  **SS#6 Alice Holt**  90 adults. 33 juniors  Several more new competitors, at least some from Parkrun  **Superstars**  Opened up in RSU  **Summer Urban UKUOL**  Permission for Goldsworth Park applied for. There may be a pavilion available for use for £100. Not sure if this is the toilets near the car park. Seems hard to get an answer about what the pavilion actually is.  Mike LeMarie has withdrawn as Organiser. Replacement? Helen? 🙂  Pete Jones planning  Need a Controller. Suggestions?  **SNT 2024**  Caterers asked to pay £65 towards costs. Final accounts due soon  **SNT 2025**  Permissions for Frith and Windmill applied for. MLS agreed to embargo.  Debbie to organise with Cameron acting as assistant organiser to learn the ropes. He is booking First Aid and toilets.  Paul Fox to plan  Need a Controller  **Saturday Series next Season**   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | 27th Sept | SS1 | Southwood | | 18th Oct | SS2 | Wellesley Woods | | 8th Nov | SS3 | Horsell Common | | 17th Jan | SS4 | Eagle House | | 14th Feb | SS5 | Frensham Heights | | 14th Mar | SS6 | Alice Holt | | 25th Apr | SS7 | Farnham Park |   Permissions applied for up to Frensham event. Will go to Alice if we can't think of anywhere else.  **Christmas 2025**  Need an area for Christmas event on Dec 30th. Suggestions?  **General Comments**  SLOW were asking about Hindhead. I have had to park this for the moment. We still need to work out our strategy with NT.  We are going to lose Hogmoor for 2 years if it is going to be used in JK 2027.  Naishes Wood not suitable for SS?  Attendance at SS events generally at about 115ish except for Horsell which always seems to do well. Between 30 and 40 juniors at every SS event this year.  BADO have said we can use Chawton Wood  Hogmoor-times back half an hour. Prize giving 10.15am, Start at 10.30am  Prize giving in Asmodee car park. | **Mike will still do, Helen will take over.**  **£100 to open the pavilion? where is the pavilion? Hockey club building for toilets?** |

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| **MAPPING OFFICERS REPORT** | **ACTION** |
| 1. Quick update and new map of Frimley lodge park done – could be a possible next site for a POC ? 2. Will be updating Gordons school over Easter   Windmill and Frith for SN trophy? Richmond Hill is no go. 1 more update, but nearly ready for Paul.  Pete asked about Horsell Common. Needs an update. Steve Keyes potentially doing it. |  |

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| **TEAM CAPTAINS REPORT** | **ACTION** |
| Compass Sport Cup 2025  The SCOA heat was hosted by SN at Long Valley North on 23 February. SN beat TVOC in the Cup competition and qualified for the final at South Gare, Redcar on Sunday 14 September. Many thanks to the team of over 60 runners, including 44 who helped. We had over 300 entries and 294 finishers. Accounts when finalised should show a surplus of a few hundred pounds.  I will attempt to gauge the level of interest for attending the final during April/May. With the distance involved, a one-day round trip is unlikely to be appealing. Some will wish to make a weekend of it by attending the urban event on Saturday. Several will have other reasons to either extend the weekend, or opt for intermediate overnight stays with friends/relatives in other parts of the country. The prospects of a single organised club travel/accommodation option are therefore slim.  **JK Relays 2025**  Much lower take up than expected. Despite over 40 SN competitors attending over the rest of the weekend, only 23 runners have confirmed relay availability by the entry deadline, so we have only entered 8 teams. Many have other plans for Easter Monday and have confirmed their non-attendance, so it's not because people didn't get the message(s). Proposed subsidised cost to SN team members is £16 seniors, £6 juniors, compared to unsubsidised fees of £26/£13. Assuming juniors who run in senior classes will still be charged only £6, this will equate to a total subsidy of £301 (budget amount was £360 based on a larger number of teams with a smaller average subsidy).  **British Relays 2025**  I've not yet made a final call for runners, but only 15 names so far (from a total of 24 who have entered the individual long championships), so this event is also likely to have less than my budget estimate of 12 SN teams.  **Yvette Baker Trophy**  Awaiting news from Mel re possibility of a SCOA heat (BKO Bloom Wood, 13 April?). SN did not attend the SEOA heat on 23 March (SAX Knole Park).  **Harvester Trophy**  Still scheduled for weekend of 28/29 June. Not intending to do anything about it until after Easter. Date has been flagged in SNaggers for those who want to reserve it. |  |

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| **DEVELOPMENT OFFICERS REPORT** |  |
| SN League events: working with Iain and Jon. Aiming for 15 League events. Also ensuring SN league indicated on website  Is Surrey Heath BC ok to work with (Frimley Lodge), if so should we consider Windlemere SANG or Chobham Place Woods for sprint events?  Community events  14th June: Maze O at West End Fete, will lead up to ‘community event’ at Gordons School 23 Jul, supported by West End Village Society (through publicity). Aim to put on 1 community course (hope start about 5pm) and a double sprint for orienteers (from about 6,). Subject to OK from the school. Will need (separate?) Race Sign up.  Naishes possible community event (Mel)  Pirbright Possible community event (Paul K)  Parkrun coffee and coaching- save for next time when I know what Saturdays are free in the summer.  Southwood POC Official opening sometime 26-30 May Thu 29 or Fri 30 May most likely, probably daytime midweek.  Courses  Want to firm up dates/plan for next Snaggers. Think this  · Organizing (limited interest), suggest those interested look at ‘Basic event workshop’ on BOF and SN organizers brief. This doesn’t address Safety Workshop.  · Planning- I’m happy to do zoom meeting Will need a zoom account (expect to last 2 hours)  · First Aid – Helen any luck with the company we discussed.  · Mapping- Steve are you happy to arrange, two part (meeting room and in woods)  I can book West end sports pavilion (note later this year it will close for refurb. No firm date yet.) | **HLP to enquire**  **SMcK to find a date and maybe look at OCAD sketch. Might need to get extra OCAD licenses** |

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| **AOB** | ACTION |
| Club kit order might be needed at some point soon. | **Gill to advise when we need it.** |
| Christmas raffle money needs paying to Sam Beare hospice | **This has been done** |
| SN to potentially take a lead for the JK 27 day 1 |  |
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**Date of next meeting: Wednesday 18th June after Pirbright training 8.30pm**

Helen Le Page

SN Secretary