**Minutes for SN COMMITTEE MEETING on Wednesday 18th June 2025 at 8.30pm**

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

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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. | **No real feed back as yet, just general discussions in passing.**  **(I have left this in, but see Debbies notes later in the agenda)** |
| 60th Birthday Plans update  **HLP to look into key rings/club memento.**  **LWC has granted permission. Steve has planned 2 sprint races.**  **Circulate and discuss over WhatsApp. Maps/cake/sandwiches. Will cost around £300 before mementos.** | **Helen to design key ring and get quotes.** |

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| **CHAIRMANS’ REPORT** | **ACTION** |
| I have sent an email request  to Lord Wandsworth College to ask for access for Saturday Aug 23rd  **Permission now granted and event publicised.**  My second identical message about the banner has resulted in a couple of ideas from John Kelly and Helen Ashenden – I will try and liaise with Helen to see if we can come to some good idea(s)  JK 27 is coming together – areas are provisionally – SN maybe asked to help with Day1 in a significant manner   * + Day 1 Sprint at Royal Holloway, Epsom   + Day 2 Middle in the Hogmoor/Slab/Bordon area   + Day 3 Long at Cognor/Golden Valley (the area used for BOC22)   + Day 4 Relays at Ambersham * Injury report filled in by Steve McKinley after SN handicap | **Email invite to be sent to all members and event publicised on whatsApp.**  **Helen Asshenden joined the meeting and is going to put several ideas together to come up with a banner design that could be displayed at events. See AOB.** |

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| **SECRETARYS’ REPORT** | **ACTION** |
| 1st aid course  Having just done my own renewal, the course leader from adventure life signs was very keen to lead ours. He does several running clubs etc., and will tailor it to suit our needs. We need to decide a day and venue. We also need to let him know what the minimum BO will accept i.e. 3 hour/1/2 day course etc.  **West End Pavillion as a location?** | **Helen to contact adventure lifesigns and book a date.** |

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| **TREASURERS’ REPORT** | **ACTION** |
| All known invoices paid  Known future payments:  Toilets for SN Trophy, will pay invoice in Sept closer to final due date.  Goldsworth park hire fee, awaiting invoice which will be issued nearer the event date.    Colin Dickson map printing charges.  Will ask him to bill us for everything outstanding up to our 30 June year end  Bank statements have been reconciled up to 30Apr.  Will start end of year accounts process in early July.  At this time I will do the individual event P&L summaries - sorry haven’t had time to do them for this meeting due to development and summer training work.  **Development**  Knowl Hill School   * We planned an Intro To Orienteering session for 37 year 9-11 pupils but due to a communication problem at the school, they failed to turn up on the day. * We are doing a revised session for 12 lower school pupils on 2-July. * I will send them info to support any of the upper school pupils that want to do orienteering as part of their Duke Of Edinburgh, making them aware of our Saturday series events and the BOF Navigation and Racing Challenge Incentive Schemes.   Tormead School   * Starting in Sept, I am going to help the school offer orienteering as an option in sports lessons on Wednesday afternoon 2-4pm to years 11,12 and 13 (GCSE and 6th form years) * Have had kind offers of help from club members.  I plan to do the next coaching course which is expected this autumn and will encourage the school seem keen to train their staff. * Plan is initially to use nearby permanent orienteering courses at Newlands Corner, Norbury Park, Esher Common which are all 30mins from school. Aim to get them to some MLS events in Nov and Dec. * Will look to make sessions open to other schools where possible, notably GHS (Helen's school) with whom Tormead do a lot of other joint sports activities. * I will also make them aware of support for Duke of Edinburgh activities. |  |

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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 also need to make a donation to Land Trust. Has that already been done?  **Next Season SS Events**  Permission granted for Southwood, Wellesley, Horsell and Eagle. Permission from Gordons and Frensham Schools requested. Will put out a call for planners and organisers once I can refer people to the events on the SN website. (which means I need to load them onto the SN website!)  **Goldsworth Park Urban**  Philip Gristwood has agreed to control, with the proviso that he may be on holiday on the day of the event!  Permissions from the council are granted and the £38 invoice has hopefully been paid?  Toilets at The Pavilion are being applied for. Cost will be £82 for 4 hours or £100 for all day. When I find out exactly where The Pavilion is, I will probably book for all day so that the helpers have access. For the sake of £18, 4 hours is a little tight. Views?  **Training**  Wellesley: Originally we were going to have the SN handicap on 11th June after the MLS event that was taking place that afternoon. However Land Trust were not happy with us riding on the back of the MLS permission. Maybe something that we need to note in future. On this occasion, it ended up making no difference as the MLS event had to be moved and we had to apply for separate permission anyway.  Paul K enquiring about permission for Pirbright. GO helped.  **SN Trophy**  Permission for Frith and Windmill and for a new annual license has been requested. (The one from last year expired on 29th Nov). Next year, we will be able to run the SNT under the license we get this year.  Cameron has booked Tom's, toilets and first aid. He is concerned that we self-insure for the toilets and would like to discuss with the committee.  **Christmas Level C Event**  Need to decide a location  **Notes from SE**   * I have volunteered SN to host the Southern Champs for SE in 2028 * 2028 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 SCOA committee have asked for feedback on their proposal of how best to support those athletes representing their country, membership of national squads and taking part in training camps: When athletes request funding contributions towards national training camps, cost of national squad fees and national representation, should this be approved and for actual costs, should be proportioned as follows:    One third each – By the athlete/parent; athlete’s club and SCOA. Grants and awards are discretionary and subject to funds being available.  SCOA are asking for feedback on levels of subsidy suggested and on whether this should cover applications for UK teams only or for other national teams too. | **PK to do this as has not been done.**  **PK to do this**  **Agreed. Will pay £18 extra for the full day**  **DR explained that we usually self-insure, given where they are located as insurance doesn’t cover much.**  **Alice Holt has been suggested. It has café/toilets and a warm room for download/changing.**  **DR to feed back that we have our own policy we would like to stick with. This is part of our own financial management and we believe that each club should make their own policy.** |

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| **MAPPING OFFICERS REPORT** | **ACTION** |
| Nothing particular to report this period   * Some minor updates created for Pirbright Urban to be used by Knowle School and training * Need to get out onto Naises Lane and finish the map – maybe will get help from some locals to start trying it out – worth a training night * New Frimley Lodge park used at training – if we pushed it maybe an option for a permanent course ? Do we want to push this ? * New Gordons school map finished and passed onto Phil Fox – he in return has offered the area for a Saturday event * Next Map to be done is Eagle House and Frith and Old Windmill Hill (plus linkage) | **SMcK to make an enquirery with them.** |

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| **TEAM CAPTAINS REPORT** | **ACTION** |
| British Relays: congratulations to our winning W50 team of Woo Allen, Sue Bett, Mel Slade.  Harvester Trophy: two teams of 5 entered in the B race. Both will qualify for any handicap prizes, but unable to defend ladies title as only three female runners showed an interest.  Compass Sport Cup final: team coach with hired driver is a non-starter as too few showed an interest and no enthusiasm to share from other southern clubs. Total cost would be about £3000.  Self-driven minibus (costing several hundred pounds) may be an option if there are at least two volunteer drivers and enough passengers to make it reasonable cost per person. Otherwise coordinated car shares likely to be preferred by many (and potentially easier for sorting co-located accommodation).  I will re-explore options in the coming weeks.  Mixed Sprint Relays: to be sorted next month (subsidy falling in next financial year).  Finance/budget: living within budget so far this year due to lower numbers at the major relay events. I will chase up any outstanding competitors contributions by end of June. |  |

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| **DEVELOPMENT OFFICERS REPORT** |  |
| Planning course (2hr evening via zoom) went well. Attendees:   |  | | --- | | Ross | |  | | Pete Smith | | Cameron Lamond | | Jon Darley | | Martin Wiles | | Paul Martin |   Need to arrange First Aid and Mapping courses.  Maze O at West End Fete. For info total time to set up 3hrs, plus half hour computing.  Had 33 trying (mainly adults). If doing it to 'advertise orienteering' then you really need 4 people so it can set up in an hour, and one entering names, one downloading and explaining the printout, and a couple showing what's happening/ encouraging them to come to our next event.  Parkrun/coffee/coaching will sort out when next SNaggers comes out. Was going to say Hogmoor, but that’s embargoed now.  Knowle Hill School- put this here as its development. Paul K can update. |  |

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| **AOB** | ACTION |
| Super stars-Have numbers increased to a viable level?  Helen Asshenden- Banner  Budget/timescale  Helen contacted BO to see if they had any art work we could use. Shared this with us.  2 different banners was suggested for slightly different occasions. One for on the day and one for in the future…coming soon etc.  QR code to explain what we are doing and to lead them to a specific page on the website.  We all liked Johns design, just needed a few amendments.  Wording of banner discussed  2x1 meter | **Is now over 30 so all ok.** |
| Horsell common mapping-SMcK to chat to Steve Keyes regarding re-map. |  |

**Date of next meeting: Tuesday Aug 19th 7.30pm**

**Pete to enquire about Westend Hall to see if available on WED 17th Sept for AGM**

Helen Le Page

SN Secretary