**Minutes for SN COMMITTEE MEETING on Wednesday 5th February 2025 at 7.30pm**

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

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| **TO BE RESOLVED/CONTINUED FROM PREVIOUS MEETING** | **ACTION** |
| Feedback regarding 1st aid from Ross  Blue High Viz 1st aid jackets purchased-These are in the kit bag with the other event high viz.  Eight 1st aiders have now registered with BOF(RM to chase the last few)  Debbie will update the helpers page with a list of 1st aiders.  If anything is used from the 1st aid bag it should be reported to Matthew Bradshaw who is keeping check on the stock. |  |
| 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” | **DR, PF and SMcK to chat to other local and SE clubs to see what approach we can take together.** |
| Contributions to purplepen for this year ? Did this happen? | **£50 has been donated** |
| Steve to chat to BOF regarding physical difficulty v length of course. | **Yes, but not in agreement so conversation was ended.** |
| Training-both adult and junior- **Action plan needed to improve quality and get attendance rising and encourage our new members along.** | **Informal chats have been happening, and discussions about adding more league events using Wednesday/Thursday evenings. DR pointed out that if formal events then permissions would need to be applied for and she hasn’t the time to add any more to her work load.** |
| Any Progress/thoughts on a banner/A frames  **The A frames are great, but too heavy to lift about. A poster is the favourite idea at the moment. Paul Fox is going to photograph the A frames so we can get some ideas.** | **SMcK to ask in Snaggers for anyone who might like to design a poster** |
| SN Birthday- **Let’s not let this creep up on us. Let’s get a firm date in the calendar if we are going to hold an event. Could we design a mug/memento?**  **60k in 60 days using map run? SN anniversary event could be fun…**  **LWC could be a good location for a fun forest/sprint event with picnic.**  **HLP to look into travel mugs/club memento.** | **SMcK is working on an idea…won’t spoil the fun yet.**  **LWC (if available) as a finale on Sat 23rd Aug for a club picnic. Save the date!** |

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| **CHAIRMANS’ REPORT** | **ACTION** |
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| **SECRETARYS’ REPORT** | **ACTION** |
| Still cannot access Google drive |  |

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| **TREASURERS’ REPORT** | **ACTION** |
| MOD traders fee-are we going to pay the full amount or ask the traders to pay ½? Debbie to return to Steve Bailey to see what was suggested when they were booked.  £500 donation to Wellington College |  |

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| **EVENT SECRETARYS REPORT** | **ACTION** |
| **SN Trophy Bagshot 2024**  458 adults and 62 juniors  Run times were very long, especially for the older age groups. BOF scaling doesn't work well for older competitors on hilly and tough terrain. Fortunately the missing elderly lady walked in as the search team was being prepped.  SE champs medal presentation was poorly attended (3 collected in person I think) as by the time we could confirm results, it was 14.30 and most had left (it was also a rainy day)    **Wellington College**  318 adults and 80 juniors  Event went very smoothly    **CSC Heat**  DIO Ecology confirmed permissions 2 weeks ago  Alan Wallis Planner  Paul Fox Organiser  Colin Dickson controlling again. Steve Mac assistant controller. Special permission received from SCOA and BOF for a level C controller for a level B event  **General SS:**  I used the SS mailing list just before Newlands event and we had a flurry of entries. I also had a competitor comment on how useful it was. Lots of new addresses from the Wellington and SNT events. More than 500 on the list now.  **SS #4: Newlands Corner:**  61 adults and 36 juniors  With the £60 we paid GO towards their mapping fees, and the approx £200 for use of the area, this event will make about £100 loss. But at least we held an event! Maps were ordered 3 weeks before the event by the Planner. I have asked BML to only take numbers from me, Steve or Paul F for future events so that we can hone the numbers according to entries. We had way too many SB and LG maps and had to print extra Os.  New organiser did an excellent job.  Planners guidelines updated on the web.  **SS #5: Frensham School:**  All proceeding well  **SN #6: Mar**  At Alice Holt on March 8th, a week and a half after the MLS event on 26th Feb.  **SN Prizegiving: Apr**  Permission received to use the Asmodee car park, so we will be at Hogmoor for this event.  **Summer Urban**  Urban accepted for UK Urban league again. Area will be Goldsworth Park / Newburuy / Naishes  Mike LeMarie to Organise    **SN Trophy 2025**  Permission to use FFA in place  Can't find who controls Richmond Hill. FFA and Surrey Heath both deny all knowledge  Will submit request for Frith soon  Thomas Howell may be interested but not finishing Uni until September  Paul W-S agreed to Organise "if still above the turf"! |  |

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| **MAPPING OFFICERS REPORT** | **ACTION** |
| Following a request from Phil Fox I have created a new base map of Gordons school and will complete the update at Easter – they have once again offered the grounds for an evening event in summer    The map of Naishes sangs in progressing well – hope to have completed by Easter    Alan Wallis has completed updates of LVN for the CSC race, I have created the necessary cartography so we can fit to A4    Need to review what is happening with Homewood Park, could we bring this into the Saturday series in the winter |  |

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| **TEAM CAPTAINS REPORT** | **ACTION** |
| Good day to you all. Team Captain's update as follows:  **Roll of Honour:** since Christmas dinner all trophies have reached their recipients except for Tom Bray's Terry Dooris award - paths have not yet crossed. Thank you to Steve for updating all 2024 data on website.  **Compass Sport Cup 2025:**a very good response from the club for both running and helping. We should have over 50 runners on the day and c.40 helpers, and I am coordinating start times with helper shifts (the only advantage of being both Organiser and Captain!). We will do some accounting magic to differentiate between team runner subsidies and helper subsidies so the event accounts look meaningful. The Club will be effectively paying itself for the team entry, and the runner subsidy will come from the Team Captain's budget rather than the event budget. PF will liaise with PK!  **JK and British Relays:**entry fees are now known, and they are very high. The senior/junior fees per person are £26/£13 for JK and £26/£14 for British. As at 30 Jan (with individual race price increases due after 31 Jan) the SN entries in the individual competitions are very low - <25 for JK and <15 for BOC - which suggests we may have lower overall attendance and fewer relay teams than last year. I won't be looking for runners until early March, but I would like advance agreement on potential subsidy (see below).  **For committee attention: JK and BRC relay team subsidies**  My budget for the year estimated £300 for CSC subsidy (60 runners x £5) but likely to underspend by about £40 (slightly lower numbers and only £3 subsidy for juniors). JK assumed a subsidy of £360 (45 runners x £8), and BRC subsidy of £288 (36 runners x £8). Under our club policy we can offer up to 50% subsidy for senior runners which would equate to £13 per runner. Junior subsidy may be higher in percentage terms but not in monetary terms.  **I would like committee to note in principle that the Club can offer a subsidy of more than £8 per runner provided the total subsidy remains at or below 50% for seniors (per policy), and broadly in line with Captain's agreed budget.**I will assess likely team numbers when the call for runners is issued (based on individual entries up to that point in time) and set a subsidy level accordingly. (For example, at JK if we only have 10 teams/30 runners I may propose a subsidy of up to £12 per runner = £360, in line with the original total subsidy budget for the event, but remaining below the 50% limit for seniors). |  |

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| **AOB** | ACTION |
| Schools league rules update needed?  Not allowed to be shadowed on an orange course…most parents are hesitant to let their children go solo until they have run a couple. I don’t think this rule has been adhered to for a while so do we need to keep it? They are already penalised by losing much of their score for being shadowed.  How many children make a team? At this moment a solo child could claim to be in a team of 1 and win- should this be allowed?  Could siblings from different schools form an alliance if less than the official team number? This could help create more competitive teams.  For example 1 from Hale infants and 2 from South Farnham Juniors. | **Helen and Gill to meet after the end of the current season to have a good look at the rules and see what changes need to be made.**  **Committee fine with this.**  **Committee feel all participants should come from one school.** |
| Courses-mapping/planning/1st Aid |  |
| From Pete Jones regarding facebook/publicity   * It looks like it gets updated fairly regularly in the summer, but is very quiet in the winter.  Or is that coincidence - I do not know how seasonal orienteering is.  More is always better. * Maybe change the blue Message button to Email, unless your preferred method is Messenger. * The page has a good number of followers for the size of membership. * When doing the banner image across the top always think about having the important info in the centre so it is also visible when seen on a mobile phone in portrait mode. There are image size guidelines in FB help. * The only thing I would change immediately is the remove or replace the Featured Posts as they are 2024 and out of date. |  |
| Parkrun, coffee and coaching-Pete Jones | **Meet at somewhere like Hogmoor/Alice Holt/Frimley for park run, maybe a bit of training and a social gathering** |
| BOF feedback survey-SMcK | **Committee completed online. SMcK to analyse results.** |

**Date of next meeting: Wednesday 2nd April 2025 7.30pm**

Helen Le Page

SN Secretary