**Minutes for SN COMMITTEE MEETING on Wednesday 4th December 2024 at 7.30pm**

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

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| **TO BE RESOLVED/CONTINUED FROM PREVIOUS MEETING** | **ACTION** |
| Any further feedback regarding 1st aid from Ross?  **13 1st aiders. Now all need to send details into BOF to become registered. Only DR, SMcK and HLP have visibility on BOF website. Organisers need to ask for list of 1st aiders.** | **Ross to ask 1st aiders if they are happy to be listed on SN website. HLP to ask Mike to get 2/3 1st aid highviz jackets-Not yellow.** |
| 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” | **Paul and Steve looking into the situation and composing email.** |
| Contributions to purplepen for this year ? Did this happen? | **Paul K to look into.** |
| Adult sponsorship  Other clubs put more provisos on adults (Seniors not in full time education) getting sponsorship such as organizing a level C event before making the claim, being a member for a certain number of years etc.  We need to tighten the wording so very clear who is eligible. Continue to look at what other clubs offer.  Look at the upper limit to be paid each year per person.  Consider a two tier system  Ask development officer to look around at other clubs to see what they offer.  Need to revisit our sponsorship policy – questions to consider   * 1. Do we support (working) adults  to the same level as juniors?   2. Do we ask those sponsored to plan or organize (or other)?   3. Do we increase the amount? | **Steve McK to re-draft policy so it is very clear as to who is eligible.** |
| We own 80-90 flags. | **SMcK has done a stock take and has sorted. No new ones needed.**  **SMcK also has mini kites for training.** |
| Could we use Bagshot as summer colour coded event on a Weds night whilst we have the license. Might be struggling with MLS happening on the same day. Another evening? | **Any further thoughts? NO** |
| Training-both adult and junior- **Action plan needed to improve quality and get attendance rising and encourage our new members along.** | **Paul Fox to contact Iain Bell to discuss SN training/social aspect.** |
| Poster/selfie frame/banner- **Keeps being suggested, are we going to action any of these ideas?**  **Not at the moment.** | **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.** |
| Social media campaign-**Facebook seems to have picked up again, but do we need to go further?**  **How can we connect our name to other sites to make it more prominent?** | **Any ideas?** |
| 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?** | **LWC could be a good location for a fun forest/sprint event with picnic. HLP to look into travel mugs/club memento.** |

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| **CHAIRMANS’ REPORT** | **ACTION** |
| POC at Southwood making progress. Posts and maps have been sorted. Warden is checking that benches being used won’t be moved.  Black and white hills  No reported issues at 1st aid  Policy for loosing SIACs. We have asked for reimbursement for a lost SIAC but we have no way of enforcing anyone to pay.  Safeguarding email is now working again. Ian Komor now gets emails and is happy to continue in his role. |  |

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| **SECRETARYS’ REPORT** | **ACTION** |
| Nothing to report |  |

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| **TREASURERS’ REPORT** | **ACTION** |
| Paul is meeting with Steve Peacock this week for the official handover.  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. |  |

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| **EVENT SECRETARYS REPORT** | **ACTION** |
| **General SS:**  I have setup a mailing list for our SS events. I have changed the default in RSU to opt in rather than opt out. We currently have 161 on the list. It is available in the shared drive under Events Sec. But people have only opted in for info about SS so we need to be careful how we use it.  **SS #2: Witley and Mare Hill:**  82 Adults and 32 Juniors  Again, more newcomers who seemed to really enjoy it. Hoping the mailing list will help bring them back for more!  **SS #3: Horsell Common:**  110 Adults and 45 Juniors  Car parking for over 100 cars was not a problem, helped by the dry ground. Good job the event wasn't 2 weeks later or the weather 2 weeks earlier!!  **SS #4: Jan**  Alternative area (as we can't have Hindhead) is Newland Corner borrowed from GO. GO members will be given the £1 discount for the event. We will pay them a nominal £50 towards the remapping costs (remapped for their Dec 22nd event) + £10 for a contribution for the Merrow Downs license. They are also using the area for a small NY day social and a training day the week before so it will be well-used but we are out of options as most of our areas are too wet in Jan. Car parking is going to be in the public car park so will again be limited... I have estimated 60 as I don't expect attendance to be high for this event. Would be £175 to open up the overflow car park. Simon Dunkley is planning and so far, I am organising as no-one else has volunteered.  **Debbie thinks entries might be low as area being well used. Thinking less than 100, might need to try and book the car park last minute.**  **SN #6: Mar**  At Alice Holt on March 8th, a mere week and a half after the MLS event on 26th Feb. Mel is talking to Allan about them moving but I think they are out of options too. We figure a different audience, so whilst not ideal, we will still go ahead. Especially as we have already paid the £79 land fee! (This land fee is a very good deal from FE who are quoting nationally a figure of 20% of gross income.)  **SN Trophy Bagshot 2024**  Agreement to change to South entrance was given readily. Key is the same for both gates.  TVOC and SOC club champs.  Also being used as Intercorp Champs (run by RAF this year). We have 44 runners on Brown (men) and Short Brown (women)  559 entries in total  Nearly ended up with only 4 toilets as the request to add 2 extras wasn't paid for and organiser accepted it wouldn't happen rather than paying for them on his credit card. Need to watch out for that in the future!    **Wellington College**  Colin Dickson has agreed to control. Paul Keeble has courses planned already. Need to go to print on Dec 16th    **CSC Heat**  Still no news on the NE ecology permission, despite chasing several times  Alan Wallis Planner  Paul Fox Organiser  Need a Controller. CBG not available. Mark Foxwell asked but unsure if he can.    **Summer Urban**  Urban accepted for UK Urban league again. Area will be Goldsworth Park  Mike LeMarie to Organise    **SN Trophy 2025**  Going to request permission on Frith + Richmond Hill + FFA. Military using for a Harris event in May but will then embargo it for our use. **Will need a map update**  **Requests for Trail O alongside our SN trophy. Committee in agreement, but SANGS area over the road might be more suitable. Suitable trails from Pine Ridge golf course also.**  Asked Pete Bray to plan but he is based in Cheshire so not practical. Something to note for the sponsor category!  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** |
| Add extra part to Horsell map, parking at Fairoaks. SMcK to approach Steve Keys to see if he wants to do it.  Looking into using Newbury for a future SN Urban. This is a BADO area so we might be able to join forces. |  |

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| **TEAM CAPTAINS REPORT** | **ACTION** |
| **Club Championships**took place during October. Junior champion at Witley & Mare Hill on 12 Oct was Heidi Saddleton. Senior champions at Hodgemoor Woods on 20 Oct were Tim and Ruth Beale.  **Club trophies**have been retrieved from previous holders and engraving organised for presentation at Christmas Dinner. For those unable to attend the dinner our Wellington event on 30 Dec could provide an alternative presentation opportunity.  **CompassSport Cup 2025**has been entered (no entry fee involved). SN will be hosting the SCOA regional heat on 23 Feb 2025.  **Possible training/activity options for 2025**have been discussed briefly with Training Officer and Development Officer (see also Development Officer report). We are aiming to compile a series of varied summer evening activities, each with a focus (e.g. competitive, technical, physical, social), and with 2 or 3 contributing towards SN League (e.g. Handicap, Sprint, Urban). |  |

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| **AOB** | ACTION |
| Refund policy **-Several requests were made after the last SS event for refunds. What is our latest policy?** | **Updated policy to be added to the website/racesignup.** |
| Lack of helpers for events and people claiming a helpers discount and not actually helping as late for their shift. | **Organisers need to monitor this and ask people to pay if they do not do their allocated shift.** |
| Steve to chat to BOF regarding technical difficulty v length of course. |  |
| 60k in 60 days map run? SN anniversary event could be fun… |  |

**Date of next meeting: Wednesday 5 Feb 2025 7.30pm**

Helen Le Page

SN Secretary

Please see Pete’s email attached below.

