SOUTHERN NAVIGATORS ORIENTEERING CLUB COMMITTEE MEETING

VENUE: 1, BYRON CLOSE, FLEET GU51 3XD DATE: WEDNESDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2016

#### MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING on 7 December 2016

**1. Attended by**: Alan Wallis (Chair), Tony Painter (Sec), Sue Bett (Events), Sarah Francis (Treasurer), Paul Fox (Team Captain), Ian Komor (Mapping), Mark Howell (Publicity), Mel Slade (Welfare).

# 2. Outstanding Actions from 19th October 2016

- a. Para 4b. Virtual Courses. Action: Alan to contact Jon Magee to check status of Virtual Orienteering Courses.
- b. Para 4b. Junior Reps . Action: Sue to speak with Laurence to identify candidates.
- c. Para 4e. Officials' Safety Training. Sue has compiled a list of officials who have undergone Event Safety training and those who recently acted as officials, but will need the course qualification for future events. She confirmed that Katy Stubbs is happy to run another course. **Action: Sue to canvass members who need to take the course as a preliminary to arranging a date and venue.**

Alan and others queried the logic of the BOF policy of making the qualification mandatory for all officials, when this includes already highly experienced officials. It was also observed that there is inconsistency across the regions. It would be sensible to go back as far as possible in event records to sweep up those who may need the training. A course run every two years seemed a sensible approach.

d. Other outstanding actions were covered by Officers' Reports as below.

## 3. Chairman's Report

- a. Club Officers and vacancies. Action: Alan to pursue the two volunteers for the Development post
- b. <u>Regional Representation</u>. Alan is attending the regional meetings initially to ensure a presence and profile. Paul is able to attend SCOA meetings in Newbury if absolutely necessary. See 3e below.
- c. <u>Landmarc Issues</u>. Alan has informally discussed land access and cost with Army orienteers and other clubs. It is understood that a meeting with DIO is being arranged and that BOF have also voiced concern to DIO. The aim of a meeting would be to clarify policy, conditions of land use and type and scale of activities. There is a need to consult in more detail with other clubs, since access to MoD land is a national issue. **Action: Alan to pursue**
- d. The invoice for Frith has not been received or paid. That for LV has been paid. Action: Alan to consider actions as proposed at October meeting on receipt of invoice.
- e. <u>Regional issues</u>. Alan had attended the recent SCOA meeting. Procedures for coordination with SCOA needed to be tightened up.
- meetings needed to be notified in good time in order for attendance (Action: Sec)
- reports needed to be circulated in good time (Action: Sec)
- the club needed to concentrate on actions and issues and provide appropriate attendees. Alan to sound out possible regular attendees.
- f. Highlight report from SCOA meeting:
- event officials and training discussed

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- levies requested
- Colour coded badges to be reinstated
- National England seem to be adopting a more open and flexible approach to land access
- Status of the Sat series Wisley event was raised is this a SCOA regional event?
- JK 2019. SN areas had been programmed without full consultation. It was agreed that Bagshot and Windmill were acceptable in principle, subject to parking, arena site, status of building development plans for the Deepcut area and map update for Bagshot. Action: Alan to confirm with SCOA. Alan to identify a coordinator for this event.
- g. <u>SEOA issues</u>. Alan agreed to attend the next SEOA meeting. He queried the process for SEOA communication with clubs and members and would raise this.
- h. Club Conference. Alan attended. He undertook to circulate reports.
- i. Other matters.
- A major road interchange development was planned at the M25/A3 junction. Club members were urged to check the Highways England website and contribute to the consultation, since valuable access and amenity land could be lost at Wisley. **Action: all**
- <u>BOF</u> "Explorer" initiative. BOF has been promoting "mini-orienteering" using small open spaces in the SE but using local authorities as the conduit, rather than clubs. **Action:** Alan to monitor, to ensure that clubs are aware and contact details publicised.
- <u>BAOC</u> Alan raised a number of queries relating to BAOC events, map management and involvement by civilians. There was uncertainty about the way SN maps were being used and possibly updated without the electronic updates being fed back. There was also doubt about the possible reprinting of SN maps and whether any payment had been involved. These issues were becoming more pressing due to the ready availability of soft copy maps and the difficulty of managing map states and changes.

Action: Ian to discuss with Colin Dickson, request a formal inventory of map editions and propose a process to be followed.

## 4. Mapping

Action: Ian to review all future planned events, identify maps which need update the maps and publish the latest inventory on the website.

**Action from Oct meeting:** Other possible areas: Gracious Pond, Stanner's Hill. Needs approach to land owner and recce. Sue had raised with Pete Jones. **Action: Ian to pursue** 

- **5. Events** Sue reported.
- due to land issues and the need to replan, no planned events are formally yet confirmed.
- Sat Series: Frensham Heights not available, Alice Holt still have building work. Wisley may be OK for Jan (Organiser urgently needed). [Afternote, event going ahead, Jane has volunteered to organise]
- Final Sat series event, March 2017: poss Horsell, alternative Frimley Fuel Allots.

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- Urban: possible date 20 Aug 2017. Sue is liaising.
- Junior inter regional: Winterfold Sat 23 Sept 2017. Needs an organizer and liaison to identify car park and event centre.

SE Night Champs, winter 2017. Bagshot poss, subject to access – will be affected if Army wish to use this event. Alternative is Alice Holt. **To be discussed at next meeting. Sue to lead.** 

Level B events: 17 Dec 2017. Provisionally Ash.

Dec 2018 – Mytchett (TBC)

Nov 2019.

Southern Champs: 4/2/2018. Hindhead, subject to discussions with English Nature, NT. This would also be the SN Trophy and poss major SN event of year if SN volunteer to organise.

Other issues: Hawley Place school. A meeting has been arranged to consider mapping.

Action: Sue to lead on above

#### 6. Treasurer

Sarah reported BAU.

Junior league income affected by expected heavy Frith costs. Eagle House attendance was down.

Action: Sarah to assess JL finances and advise on possible need to increase entry fees (also affected by BOF decision to increase subs).

#### 7. Club Comms

Held over until next meeting.

## 8. Other officer Reports.

**Team Captain.** Paul proposed SN entering the CSC round at Cold Ash (taking into account distance and likely opposition). This was agreed.

## 9. Christmas Dinner

Tony has all preps in hand.

10. The meeting ended at 1020pm. Date of next meeting: Wed 1st February 2017

AGM date has been set for Wed 20th Sept 2017 at West End Hall.

Tony to copy to Alan the Cttee Standard Agenda.

Tony Painter, Sec

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