

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING

1. Attended by: Sue Bett (Chair), Tony Painter (Sec), Sarah Francis (Treasurer), Paul Fox (Team Captain), Steve Peacock (Events), Ian Komor (Mapping) (not all).

2. Apologies for absence

Dawn, Mark

3. Actions arising from previous meetings.

- a. (2/6/15 Para 9) 50th anniversary article. In hand, draft written. **Action Mark/Steve.**
- b. (2/6/15 Para 10). BOF Insurance and cover of Scout Groups and casual attendees. Actioned. Juniors need to be BO members as School Insurance will not necessarily cover them. Cover needs to be actively encouraged – Junior BO membership is modest at £2. **Action: Sue to discuss with Jill Prowse.**
- c. (2/6/15 Para 11) Pictures of Juniors and parental consent. On-going. **Action: Sue to monitor BO policy**
- d. (AGM). Emails and club comms. See item 4 below.
- e. (AGM). Publicising minutes and meeting dates. Actioned.
- f. (AGM) Cheque signing and petty cash. Actioned as minuted. Internal correspondence continues.
- g. (7/10/15 Para 5a). Wisley JL feedback. Steve has provided a response. It was noted that Wisley need to be kept on-side as the club will wish to use the area in the future. A request to share transport will be placed in all future instructions.
- h. (7/10/15 Para 5b). Request from Royal Signals for area for radio use. Whitmoor was offered; no response noted. Normal Club policy in such cases is to direct military users to military land wherever possible.

4. Email communications and Club communication with members.

- a. Mail Chimp is still under test and review by Gill. It appears that ntl has posed most problems with bounced emails, due to a change of server.
- b. Paul and Gill to submit an article for December 2015 SNaggers, analysing trends, offering guidance and inviting constructive suggestions. This will cover the aspects raised at the AGM, associated issues and experience since the AGM. **Action: Gill/Paul**
- c. Alan Wallis has been in touch with BO to highlight the issues raised at AGM. These are under consideration by BO.
- d. GO are believed to have used a professional email consultant to broaden comms/website capabilities. (**Action. Sue to speak with John Darley**). Sue has raised this option with Steve Mac, who would be happy with any independent initiative to widen access, including interactive communication via hand held devices, Facebook channels etc. It was noted that the club would need to invest more effort in exploiting social media in future. Steve's assessment is that the current website may not support rolling news refinements, so if required, this may need commercial support. In the meantime, Steve is happy to support current website capabilities, but would be unable to commit time to a major project.

5. Events Steve Peacock reported

- a. BOF levies are up-to-date where participation numbers are confirmed.

- Numbers were down on Hindhead. A correspondence and discussion suggested that factors were weather and distance, rather than perceived tech difficulty. For Saturday series, a working assumption is that the car park should accommodate 100 cars

- Because of the necessary long lead-in time for Level B events and a claimed capacity with South Central, there was some doubt as to whether a LB event was now possible in 2016, but this was disputed. It was also pointed out that areas cannot be booked more than one year in advance. It was proposed that the SN Trophy should run as a LB and that this should be registered for Autumn 2016, possibly on LVN. **Action: Steve to attempt to schedule**

- Witley – car park seems OK

b. Future Events and areas

- Junior League options:

- Velmead OK (though CP is small)

- Bagshot – subject to map update

- Pyestock. OK, subject to Mil requirements

- Frith/Windmill/Henley Gate OK, subject to Mil reqts.

- Horsell (though tight car park)

- Elstead – not ideal, wet, poor track network.

- Alice Holt – OK (map needs update)

- Farnham Park – car park limited

- Merrist Wood – expensive and limited tech area.

- Frensham Heights – poss, subject to experience and subject to school events.

- Eagle House – subject to school events and car park availability

- Wisley. OK, subject to liaison

- Whitmoor. Car park limited, wet.

Action. Steve undertook to draft a programme based on the above, taking into account British School and competing events. Afternote – Steve has issued a draft dated 3 Jan 2016 inviting comments.

c. 2017 events. Junior Inter-Regional – poss Mytchett, subject to Mil reqts, but Frith a safer option.

SE Night Champs – poss Bagshot, subject to map.

d. January LVS – does it need a Brown course? Left with Sue to judge.

6. Treasurer

Sarah reported all files up-to-date and invoices from Landmarc in hand.

Jackets are now on sale.

Subsidies: It was agreed that the CSC should qualify for special financial help to ensure a good turnout.

SI Units: Will need substantial funding. This is becoming critical as the “Clear” units are becoming unusable.

7. Mapping Ian reported

a. Lord Wandsworth College – possible area? **Action Sue to discuss possible map with Steve Mac**

- Map database has been updated
- Alice Holt needs extensive revision and extension

b. Sue raised the issue of GPS based mapping equipment and whether the club should be investing in this. **Action: Sue to investigate cost and capabilities.**

8. Development

Sue reported that the club was close to submitting Clubmark data.

9. Team Captain Paul reported

- SN finished 10th in CSC, well done to all who took part. CSC entered for 2016
- Club Champs were to be run at King’s Garn Gutter in Dec.

10. Secretary

- Dinner. Tony has all details in hand. Paul has agreed to run a quiz, Ross a rolling run-through of the year. Raffle organised, record attendance likely.

- Newcomers’ evening. **Action: Gill to pass Tony a list of new members** [afternote: actioned]. Poss date, March 2016

11. AOB

- Jon Magee wishes to simplify the SN League from January. Proposals will be issued and considered.

12. Date of Next meeting

Wed 3rd Feb 2016

AGM – TBA for a date around 16th Sept. Action. Tony

Tony Painter

SN Sec 3 Jan 2016