

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING on 11th October 2017

1. Attended by: Alan Wallis (Chair), Tony Painter (Sec), Sue Bett (Events), Paul Fox (Team Captain), Mel Slade (Welfare), Ian Komor (Mapping), Phil Conway (BO English Development Officer).

2. Apologies

Mark, Sarah

3. Actions from previous meetings:

- a. **AGM.** The clubs should monitor regional affiliations, maintain influence through meetings and recommend changes as seen necessary. **Ongoing. To be reported to next AGM.**
- b. Ross had volunteered to review the constitution for technical details. **Action: Tony to follow up with Ross.**
- c. **6th June meeting:**
 - i. Officials' Safety training - now on BO website. Closed.

Other actions taken under Officers' Reports.

4. Chairman's Report

- a. Club Officers and vacancies. Alan to review the Development post as perceived functions may overlap with other Officers' roles (eg social media/comms, Junior League coordination) **Action: Alan**
- b. Training of club officials. SC are known to run Controllers' courses and the club should monitor these and other club/region courses and encourage experienced club members to gain qualifications. **Action: Alan to pursue.**
- c. Regional reports. Alan summarized activities and discussions at regional level based on his attendance at meetings.
 - Event categories have been rationalised and revised.
 - SN are now in Div 2 of the SE league
 - Publicity for the Junior squad around SCOA. There is a general need to raise the profile at this level. **Action: Alan to liaise with Laurence.**
 - SCOA are anxious to identify safety officials for JK19. Action is with SCOA
 - SN Trophy controller still TBD
 - Reminder to vote at EGM by Fri 13th Oct 2017 to ensure necessary amendments to constitution.
 - SCOA to run CSC heat 2018
 - New OCAD specs published [afternote – further detail in Oct 2017 SNaggers]
 - Orienteering unfortunately no longer figures in the National Schools curriculum

5. Presentation by Phil Conway

Phil was welcomed to the committee meeting. Phil is the English Development Officer, one of 4 reporting to a BO lead. He has a 4 year funding with a wide role to focus on levels of participation, maintain close contacts with clubs, encourage

increased membership and advise on Development by sharing ideas across clubs, consult on best practice and with a specific role to improve junior and youth participation and retention.

He commented that clubs tend to attract juniors through families, club events and peers, but lose juniors from late teens and beyond due to other commitments, changing education circumstances and pressure of time, but the sport needed to foster, retain and develop this group.

He observed that SN has always had a strong junior membership and participation and was a good model. He highlighted a number of challenges:

- Involving and enthusing parents, possibly by holding events where parents and children could compete jointly.
- Retaining the early 20s age group
- Publicising the sport by attending Fresher weeks, possibly through a nominated club focus with local universities and higher education.
- Club twinnings, eg with Scandinavian clubs to attract juniors through visits and travel and learn from other nations.

Action: Alan to consider options and respond with club ideas.

6. Events Sue reported.

a. Scheduled Events:

- 11/11/17 – Saturday series and S Night Champs. Parking at Alice Holt is payable, but future events may be given a concession for the updated map. It was agreed that the night event would go ahead despite a possible clash with a MV event.

- SN Trophy. There was a discussion on the merits of holding the SN Trophy on Ash, bearing in mind the cost, the short time available for planning, planner and organiser availability on the day and uncertain car park location. Parking on Ash was preferred to reduce cost and improve convenience.

After discussion it was decided to go ahead with the event, with the stated intent of negotiating a more realistic cost with Landmarc.

- December Saturday series – Wisley/Ockham, possible venue for Club Champs.

- Jan 27th 2018 – Level C event (SCOA League) - Wellington College. Planner Pete Jones, Organiser Hannah Grey. This map needs update. **Action: Ian to discuss update options with Steve Mac and determine way ahead.**

- Feb Sat Series – Esher Common. **Action – Sue to confirm with MV.**

- March – Frensham Heights

A prize giving event is required as final event in Sat series.

- Urban – provisional date, Saturday 23rd June 2018, before Harvester, at Frimley.

7. Treasurer. Sarah could not attend meeting. Report held over.

8. Mapping

- a. Actions from June meeting: Some queries had been raised on Ian's report to the June meeting relating to the use of SN maps by third parties, ie: *what conditions would apply to other individuals or groups, eg voluntary groups who may not have funds and wished to use maps for formal or informal events. The committee agreed that voluntary organizations need not be charged so long as SN is absolved from any risks, permissions or other issues. "Commercial" requests should incur a cost. There should also be limitations on numbers of copies and time period.* **Action:** Alan to liaise with Ian to resolve.
- b. Other clubs using SN maps- need to confirm that the Army (Colin Dickson) have latest states of maps. There is a suggestion that recent events have not used the latest maps. **Action: Ian**
- c. Horsell. **Ian to maintain contact with MV over mapping of Horsell.** It was agreed that this was acceptable so long as SN had ownership of the final map.
- d. A club policy is needed on conversion to latest OCAD spec. **Action: Ian**
- e. Possible new areas - St Edmund's School. Action: Alan to check with Helen Le Page
- Smithwood Common. **Tony to obtain map of small area now under new ownership.**

9. Other Officer Reports.

- a. Mel has a contact with Scouts and their links with DIO. Will report back if any useful update on land costing policy.
- b. Team Captain.

Paul reported CSC entries were provisionally submitted. There was discussion about the possibility of hiring a coach, but it was felt that issues over costs and timings made this impractical.

- c. Membership. Club returns have been submitted. Tony has checked these against those held on the BO database. Comments on the BO website/search capability and other errors on it have been reported back.

There is a need to ensure that the SN website has correct email addresses and that the website is able to divert emails to personal emails of POCs. Gaggle is still a work in progress. It seems to be working and relatively straightforward as a means of communicating with members but there is a risk that replies may go "to all" and slowing down the system.

10. AOB

- a. Christmas Dinner organisation is in hand. Date is 13th Dec 2017.
- b. Alan will attend the BO Conference and will report back.

11. Date and place of next meeting: TBA

Tony Painter, Sec SN

8 Nov 2017