



MINUTES

Date	Monday 4th March 2024
Time	7.30pm
Location	Via Zoom
Attendees	Dave Cooke (DC), Pauline Olivant (PO), Ant Squire (AS), Andrew Ridgway (AW), Hilary Palmer (HP), Mick Lucking (ML), Vic Knight (VK), David Sissons (DS), Richard Willis (RW; from 8.20pm onwards)

ML chaired the meeting from 7.30pm until RW joined at 8.20pm.

Item	Notes	Action
1	Apologies and last meeting's Minutes: Apology from RW for the first part of the meeting. The Minutes (8th Jan' 2024) were accepted. VK to publish on website.	VK
2	Matters Arising: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Reward for new maps:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> AR preparing his view on the subject to consider in addition to DC's information. AR will send email to all committee members. Committee members are asked to comment by reply as soon as possible so that progress can be made before the next committee meeting in May. 	AR ALL
3	Chair's Report: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Club Secretary:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> With Amy having to stand down as Secretary, the committee endorsed RW's view that Amy has been a massive asset to the committee and club and we extend our thanks to her for her contribution, and wish her well for the future. The vacant role was 'advertised' in the recent newsletter. PO monitoring responses and will update when possible. <p>(Continued on next page)</p>	PO

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>60th anniversary of NOC's use of Sherwood Forest:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Alan Gould has offered to prepare a document for the club's Archive to celebrate NOC's use of the Sherwood Forest area in 2026. The committee agreed. Alan Gould to be informed. 	RW
4	Treasurer's Report: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial summaries not available for this meeting. • Bank balances remain healthy. Expenditure as forecast. • Full reports for Jan' to May inclusive are expected at the next committee meeting in May. • Concern raised over lack of invoice for Jan' '24 Sherwood Forest event access & parking fees. • Issue regarding VAT being charged on the parking element. • VAT issue to be clarified in advance of concluding financial affairs regarding the January Sherwood Forest event. 	DS ML/DS/DC
5	Development Report: Report received prior to meeting. Club development continues around the coaching initiatives of MapActive and various club coaching sessions. These are better explained within the Coaching Report. Other ongoing activities include; newsletter creation & publication, mailings around club events, hosting of Zoom training sessions and some background activity to enhance POC users access to NOC website.	VK
6	EMOA & Membership Report: Report received prior to meeting. Highlights include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volume of new members has off-set the number of lapsed members. • Information circulated about a grade B & C Controllers course. • Stocks of club kit are running low (especially for women's sizes). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ An analysis of stock sales to be provided as soon as possible and circulated to those involved in the procurement process. ◦ Andrew Wallace to be asked for a recommendation of new kit to be ordered, ideally with quote from supplier. To then be discussed/approved at next committee meeting. 	DS PO

7	Coaching Report: Report received prior to meeting. Highlights: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good engagement and feedback from coaching sessions held at Shirebrook (January) and Allestree Park (with DVO/EMJOS in March). Newer club members are finding these opportunities particularly useful. It is hoped to continue to add a further coaching session with LEI in the near future. • The pre CST map geeking session on Zoom was also well received. • Dates being considered for the next MapActive programme in May & June following the same format as used last Autumn. Details and desired access/permissions to be announced shortly. 	HP
8	Welfare Report: Report received prior to meeting. Highlights: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Very Short Green courses:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Trials to date have been well received by the target audience and a VSG is being planned for Byron's Walk. ○ NOC has no current 'policy' as such on this matter. However, it is suggested that a VSG is offered where circumstances allow. ○ EMOA likely to adopt VSG as a regional league in 2025. • <i>Concerns regarding colour blindness:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Some competitors who suffer from the condition have highlighted issues with the white/orange control kites. ○ Colour blindness affects different sufferers in different ways and current orienteering practise reflects past concerns. ○ Consideration being given to other methods of highlighting controls (e.g., streamers). Further update at next meeting. 	HP
9	Team Manager Report: Report received prior to meeting. Highlights: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CST administration complete. NOC came 4th out of 8 teams. • Organising teams for JK, British Relays and British Sprint Relays. • Arranging club championships and considering format to encourage member participation. 	ML
10	Mapping Report: Report received prior to meeting. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • David Olivant working on Boundary Wood/Tippings Wood, Clumber Park POCs, and Burntstump Country Park. • Simon Elliott working on Byron's Walk, Holme Pierrepont Country Park, Cotgrave Country Park. <i>(Continued on next page)</i>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Andrew Ridgway working on Clifton, Redlands Primary School and Nottingham City. The latter is a significant undertaking and will require 'feet-on-the-ground' to help speed things up. Those with appropriate mapping experience to be contacted. • Richard Robinson investigating extensions to Clumber Park map. • AR is actively looking to address maps for Colwick Park (event scheduled for 12 May) and Wellow (new map required). 	<p>AR</p> <p>AR</p>
11	<p>Permissions Report: Report received prior to meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Still no response regarding Woodthorpe Park. Matter now considered closed. • Applications for imminent events submitted/approved. • Still awaiting arrangement between British Orienteering and FE to cascade down to clubs. • Concern regarding VAT being levied in some instances (see <i>Treasurer's Report above</i>) • Clarification being sought for Tippings Wood (event on 7th April). • Dates for Colwick Park and Walesby agreed; forms to be submitted. • Meeting agreed that the marquee should be booked for Walesby. Club to consider increasing fee for this event to cover additional costs. 	<p>DC</p>
12	<p>Fixtures Report: Report received prior to meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Volunteer officials required for:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Colwick Park level D (12th May) ○ University of Nottingham level D (9th June). This may become a training activity. ○ Holme Pierrepont level D (21st July) ○ Nottingham City level C (6th October). The committee agreed to this event becoming part of the British Orienteering post WOC Urban Series (providing an Organiser can be secured at short notice). This event will then be publicised through BO and achieve high visibility (still level C?). On the day volunteers will be vital. ○ Shirebrook level C (17th November) ○ Walesby level C (22nd December) ○ Clumber Park (CompassSport heat), (23 Feb' 2025) ○ Nottingham, Meadows (Euro City League), (12 July '25) <p><i>(Continued on next page)</i></p>	<p>AS</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Provision of Portaloos:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ It was noted that Kniftons are open to agreeing a block booking for events rather than on a one-off basis. To be considered for the balance of events in 2024 and those for 2025. 	AS
13	<p>Any Other Business / Correspondence:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Neighbourhood alliances for junior relay teams:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ This initiative was largely initiated by Ann-Marie Duckworth (DVO) and is already having a positive impact. ○ The trial is now active. One junior NOC member has already been aligned with a couple from DVO for upcoming relay events. ● <i>Orienteering at Belvoir Castle Fun Day:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ LEI are supporting an event being hosted by the Belvoir Cricket & Countryside Trust on 16th June. Target audience will include novice families and local running clubs. ○ The event will be a score course around the castle grounds and so could be of interest to NOC members fairly new to the sport. ○ Meeting agreed that this should be promoted in the next edition of the newsletter. ○ LEI to be informed of committee decision and proposed action. 	VK HP
14	Next Meeting Date: 13th May 2024, 7.30pm	ALL