

## **Committee Meeting Minutes**

Date	Tuesday 4th February 2025 (originally scheduled for 21st Jan' 25)
Time	7.30pm
Location	Via Zoom
Attendees	Richard Willis (RW), David Sissons (DS), Dave Cooke (DC), Ant Squire (AS), Hilary Palmer (HP), Mick Lucking (ML), Vic Knight (VK)

Item	Notes	Action
1	Apologies and last meeting's Minutes: Apologies received from P Olivant & A Ridgway.	
	The Minutes (24/11/26) were accepted. VK to publish on website.	VK
2	Matters arising and key actions from previous meeting:	
	Club savings account: Status remains unchanged. It has not been possible to contact previous Treasurers for access details. With club cash flow being tight at times, access to the savings account is an important facility. It should not be the case that Committee members have to fund club cash flow transactions from their own personal resources. Further update at next meeting where perhaps other committee members can support the Treasurer to resolve this matter.	DS
3	Chair's Report:	
	<ul> <li>The meeting agreed that NOC should have a presence in the Big Green Book hosted by Gedling Borough Council. Entry to be made.</li> <li>Consideration should also be given to being represented in</li> </ul>	VK
	similar schemes operated by Nottingham City & Rushcliffe BC (subject to any related fees). Update at next meeting.	VK

## **Treasurer's Report:** Significant outgoings exceeded significant income by 2.5 times. The Christmas event at Walesby was loss making. The meeting agreed that a budget should be prepared well in advance for the Christmas event in 2025, so that pricing strategies can be agreed and communicated to at least ensure DS break-even. The provision of portable toilets at events represents a significant cost. Discussion considered paying for insurance for multi-day provision versus the cost of same-day delivery & collection. Perhaps Organisers should consider increased event fees for those events that require portable toilets. Also discussed in this section: Contingency parking and possible provision of hiring drivers and coaches for the upcoming CompassSport heat at Clumber Park. This would have a considerable impact on event cost viability and NOC should approach participating clubs to contribute if off-site contingency parking is required. 5 **Development Report:** Highlights: Steps have been taken to improve the email open rate of the club's newsletter and other Mailchimp communications. These appear to be working. The meeting agreed to pay £20 to remain a member of the Newark & Sherwood Sports Club Council (NSSCC) which would include a page on the Active4Today (A4T) website. It is understood that this facility, and the NSSCC itself, will be strongly promoted in local press, radio and community groups, as well as through ongoing social media campaigns. A link from the NOC page of the A4T website would take viewers to a beginners page on the NOC website. To be organised. VK Highlights and some analysis of POC downloads in 2024 were discussed. Consideration to be given to taking better advantage of newcomer interest from those downloading POC ٧K maps.

6	EMOA & Membership Report: Key points:  The share of the profit from the 2024 JK for NOC's volunteer support has been received.  RP booking two toilets for Silverhill.	
	<ul> <li>From the EMOA meeting 27th Jan:</li> <li>DVO make a donation of £100 per year for MapRun; what other clubs do is not clear.</li> <li>Ideas wanted for sessions for the Development conference due to be held later in the year, likely to be held at Rushcliffe CP.</li> <li>EMOA are happy for NOC to drop the Level B event in 2026. The meeting confirmed that NOC would indeed do that. Decision to be communicated to Ursula at EMOA.</li> <li>Our responsibilities for Level B EM event dates will be given out shortly.</li> <li>In conjunction with others, identify possible volunteers for Organisers E Learning course for level D events.</li> </ul>	PO
7	<ul> <li>Coaching Report: Highlights: <ul> <li>The DVO 'Festival' at Hardwick Hall has not progressed; a date of the 9th August has been mooted. Further update at next meeting.</li> <li>Map-Geeking Zoom before the CST fixed 18th February at 7.30pm. Link sent to all paid-up members.</li> <li>The 5th MapActive course finished at the Walesby event. This was a really good group and from the course 2 were already NOC members and 5 more joined afterwards. The two M14/M16s joined in with the EMJS training at Sherwood Forest and 5 adults from the course came to the adult coaching that day.</li> <li>The Sherwood Forest training morning was well received and over-subscribed. 20 NOC members and 7 DVO members took part as well as 20 juniors from EM &amp; WM junior squads. This level of interest was great and shows that members are interested in practising, especially in a good area.</li> <li>Consider using POCs for low-key sociable activities / training – idea suggested by Lucy. Work with LS to set up some dates/venues – maybe for the Spring. Possibility of something to fill-in between LC events too.</li> <li>Currently considering Summer MapActive dates.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	HP AS/HP HP/AS
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8	Team Captain's Report:	
	<ul> <li>2025 CompassSport Trophy competition:         <ul> <li>Some 45 NOC members have entered, including a number in the younger age groups.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Need to arrange the 2025 club championships and their format.</li> <li>Need to put together teams for the JK Relays and the British Relays.</li> </ul>	ML ML
9	Mapping Report: RW endorsed AS comment offering thoughts and support for AR at this point in time.	
	<ul> <li>Main points of Mapping Report:</li> <li>David Olivant has updated the maps for Walesby &amp; Burntstump. David has also worked with Alan Gould to update the Clumber Park map for the CSC. David is also liaising with staff at Clumber to update the POCs.</li> <li>Ollerton Pit Wood (April '25 event ):         <ul> <li>Given the issues associated with parking, the meeting agreed to switch venue to Watchwood &amp; Calverton.</li> <li>However, the map will need updating and a Planner needs to be found.</li> </ul> </li> <li>EuroCity Event - 12th July:         <ul> <li>A map of all of The Meadows estates and the surrounding area has been sent to Richard Robinson; currently awaiting confirmation of the course area.</li> <li>Dave Schorah and Andrew Ridgway have previously edited this map.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Wellow Park (16th November event):         <ul> <li>R Parkin has been instructed to create a new map of the area.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Simon Elliott is preparing a map of Cotgrave Country Park.</li> <li>The first payments for those creating new maps have been made.</li> <li>New map of Newark:         <ul> <li>LOG have asked if NOC would share the cost of updating the Newark area for future urban use. Mike Hampton has provided an estimate of £200-300 to LOG to create the map.</li> <li>LOG would aim to use the map for an event in October.</li> <li>Details regarding copyright (previous and future) and subsequent NOC use, to be clarified.</li> <li>Subject to AR's view, the meeting agreed to LOG's proposal and to pay 50% of Mike Hampton's fee.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	AS/AR

10	<ul> <li>Permissions Report: Highlights: <ul> <li>Final BO/FE 'Agreement' and charging schedule now published. Applications to FE now incur an Administration Fee of £79 which must be paid even if the event does not ultimately take place.</li> <li>Enquiries to Broxtowe DC about extension to Bramcote Hills CP map are ongoing.</li> <li>Dawn House School location agreed for Dec 2025 Strawberry Hill event.</li> <li>Engagement with NT at Clumber Park re: 21/01/25: Exploring backup parking facilities in case of car parking fields closure.</li> <li>Public transport details updated for the next few events.</li> <li>Walesby additional charge resolved for the actual number of competitors.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
11	Fixtures Report:  Verbal update provided. Main points noted:  Planners and Organisers for all the currently planned 2025 events are now known (subject to a Planner for Watchwood & Calverton in April and the proposed level D events in May and June - see below). NOC still needs to confirm Controllers for all events from Silverhill onwards.  EuroCity Race:  HP is leading the dialogue with SI regarding entry systems, classes, and costs. Results will likely affect event pricing.  The event budget needs to be updated to include the 50% funding of accommodation agreed previously.  Proposed level D event for 18th May at Bramcote. Details and event officials to be confirmed.  Proposed level D event for 22nd June at Colwick. Details and officials to be confirmed.  Considering an event in September at Newstead & Annesley CP that could also host the NOC AGM. The provisional date (14th) clashes with the CompassSport Final. Date and venue to be confirmed (after the Clumber event?).	AS AS AS
12	<ul> <li>Any Other Business:</li> <li>Funding support for Ben Squire: The meeting agreed to fund one third of the costs incurred by Ben during 2024. Exact amount to be clarified and payment only likely after the Clumber event when the club's cash position should improve.</li> </ul>	DS
	Next Meeting Date: 6th May 2025, at 7.30pm, via Zoom	ALL
	Version Control:  ■ First draft - 8th February 2025	