

Minutes of CLOK Committee meeting 18th December 2025

Apologies for absence – Mark Davies, Rebecca Simpson, Jeanette Kendall, Peter Archer

Present

C Mackenzie, J Green, R Rigby, A Cranke, J Trigg, R Mayes, C Mayes, D Murphy,

1) Review minutes of November meeting

Actions arising

Role handovers Richard Rigby to organise Charles as a signatory on the Santander account

2a) Previous events - any comments

- Paul Taylor has reviewed recent event maps and has recommended some tweaks to colour values to MDOC printing. He suggested we continue to use them for local events as a cost effective solution but that we should revert to BML for major events including the CSC heat.
- Autumn series going well
- Birkbrow was successful apart from the red course which was not “runner” friendly. It was concluded that the middle distance format is not compatible with a long TD3 course, particularly in a compact area.

2b) Future Events

- Summerhill
- Hardwick Park set to go, Jeanette as organiser
- Wilton Woods – last details now on the flyer
- **Action. Caroline to “chase up” golf course events planner.**
- Silton (March) – needs access permissions and an organiser
- Errington (April)

2027 – update from last meeting on possible Northern Champs area. – permissions will be asked for in March

2029 – Approached to host British Middle Distance Champs – need to reply to BOF by end of December- possible clash over embargo with JHI’s

3) Treasurers Update – nothing to report

4) CDO - Caroline has redrafted an advert for a replacement CDO

5) SDO – Mark sent apologies, **Action. Charles to ask about actions given at the previous meeting. In response Mark provided the following report.**
SDO Update.

Since the last meeting, the SDO has been approached by several potential customers as follows:

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| • St Joseph's Primary School | - | Full mapping package |
| • Capt Cook Primary School | - | Orienteering Training Day |
| • Kirby in Cleveland School | - | Full mapping package |
| • Wensleydale School CCF | - | Orienteering Training Day |

Due to work commitments and military orienteering, any additional tasks will need to be delegated within the club.

Additional Notes:

- In accordance with the discussion on the Nov 25 meeting, the prices on the school offering document have been amended and ratified by the chair.
- SDO will require coaching support with the orienteering training days, circa spring/summer 2026. Volunteers to the SDO.

6) Newcomers retention, after C2G course, what else should we do?

Action from last meeting: All committee members to read the report linked below. Each member to prioritise the suggested strategies and to pick one or two things that CLOK could do going forwards. Link on OF website available here

<https://www.orienteeringfoundation.org.uk/newcomer-retention>

The following were suggested and discussed:

Caroline - a reminder in Tchimes for members to be less negative/cynical when talking to beginners about courses/ areas/ events/ planning etc,

Richard – befriending/mentoring new members/beginners. Offering gentle encouragement to move on from parks/ urban events to “proper” areas and bigger events.

Anne – mentioned that Duncan Archer had already audited the club website, and that the newcomers section needs an editor and that it has not been updated.

Charles – getting beginners signed up to Tchimes so they get regular reminders and information possibly by advertising it at download, **Action. Joe to investigate advertising Tchimes on Racesignup.**

Rebecca Simpson (by email) - following up on newcomers (either from C2G or anywhere) with a simple questionnaire sent from JotForm or similar; adding more news articles and photos to the website - like this: <https://www.suffoc.co.uk/> ; homepage should say "in the Cleveland area and beyond." to include areas such as Richmond, Northallerton and Bedale

There was also discussion about the possibility of other regular club activities such as a regular training run or training sessions before small local events

7) AOB

- A Rebecca Mayes' application for a subsidy to contribute to the cost of the Junior Regional Squads Tour to Stockholm in August was agreed on the agreement that she writes a suitable article.
- B Technical workshop led by Paul T – will be later in the year when Paul is less busy with mapping
- C SI managers course to set up – Marion to advertise in Tchimes
- D Chatbot – various positive comments made- improving
- E Joint Membership!- suggestion from Northeast Ohio Orienteering Club (USA) that both clubs to offer "free" membership/participation in each others events as a fun thing/conversation starter
Action. Dave to check with BOF how we might proceed.
- F Richard planning for the Cleveland Survival on Sat. 28th March – **Joe to add to the events spreadsheet,**

Date of next meeting

Thursday 22nd January