**Minutes of MDOC Committee Meeting 13th May 2019**

**Present:** Marie Roberts (Chair), Sue Birkinshaw, Trevor Hindle, Tony Wagg (Secretary), Kath Speak, Pete Ross, Eddie Speak, Pete Lomas, Rae Lomas, Ian Gilliver, Julie Brook.

**Apologies:** Alan Ogden, Dave McCann, Sam Drinkwater.

**1. Minutes of Last Meeting:**  Accepted.

**2. Matters Arising/Actions:** Eddie has purchased a megaphone, Sue has amended notes for organisers on the website. Dave McCann has not received a reply from BOF on aspects of third party insurance cover. Dan Riley is unable to provide any coaching but John Kewley can. Dave McCann has not reported any progress on a workshop on the promotion of events via social media. Marie has informed Border Liners that they may use Angle Tarn for an event in 2020. John Britton emailed to clarify his position on maprun as reported in 6b of the April minutes. He reported that he had documented problems on the night and proposed solutions which would make the technology usable at NSL (street league) events, and is expecting this to be discussed at a future NSL review meeting. The secretary will be away for the June Committee meeting and Pete Ross agreed to deputise.

**3. Finance:**

(a)The Treasurer submitted a written report showing a healthy profit for the year. The report also adds transaction details as requested at the last meeting.

(b) MDOC/Fallibroome team for the Yvette Baker Trophy final. The committee agreed the Club would pay for entry fees and for a coach of up to 33 seats if 2 quotes were obtained. Refund of entry fees for the previous round was also agreed. Sue to inform Fallibroome. **Action SB.**

**4. Event Operation:**

(a) Birchwood. The event went well. Two SI boxes were stolen despite their gripples. Toilet queues could have been reduced if others available had been signed. Course 7 (-16yrs) had only 1 competitor which did not justify the effort in providing it, but was required under UKOL rules. Trevor agreed to ask UKOL if they would relax this rule.

(b) Lyme Introductory Event 1. This was well attended and attracted a few new families. A group of 25 scouts appeared without prior notice so we were short of maps and they went round in 3’s. A few were late back and we had to retrieve dibbers.

**5. Event Planning:**

(a) Bleathwaite. We are planning a major event there in 2021 but LOC recently ran a small event on part of the area (Boo Tarn) without consulting us. Martin Bagness (the mapper) apologised for failing to notify LOC that this was in effect a shared area so the left hand needs to talk to the right hand.

(b) Macclesfield Forest. The forthcoming evening event has been cancelled. Alan Barker has chased up the United Utilities access officer, who did not seem to appreciate that orienteers occasionally stray from paths. Hence permission was not granted after prolonged efforts, due to the likely disturbance of ground nesting birds.

(c) Goyt Valley 2020. The Forestry commission is almost certain to grant us permission as a result of negotiations with ‘Molly’. Paul Jarvis has offered to organise. A Stockport urban event will complete the weekend. Chris Rostron was proposed as an ideal negotiator and Ian Gilliver offered to plan if no one else volunteers. Co-ordination between the events will be required.

(d) Northern Champs 2020. We may still require an organiser as Trevor Roberts may no longer be a willing victim.

(e) British Sprint and Mixed Relay Champs, Skelmersdale 2020. Norman Hall (DEE) has appealed widely for planners and organisers. He appreciates that MDOC will be heavily committed to (d) above but Sue agreed to advertise this ‘opportunity’ within MDOC. **Action SB.**

(f) Lyme Summer Holidays. Rae Lomas reported that Jack Barker, their OD activities organiser, would like us to help with O activities during the summer holidays. We have done this in the past but public interest was underwhelming. Our current plan is to run a stall encouraging the public to try the permanent course. Rae agreed to act as our contact with Lyme and ask them to suggest dates.

(g) South Park Macclesfield. The park committee has asked us to stage a small event there as in the past but the Club committee decided our manpower was over-committed and we could not oblige. (subsequently a keen volunteer has emerged).

(h) Draft Fixtures Policy. Ian circulated a document. The committee is invited to comment by Monday 20th May. **Action All.**

(i) O-on-an-App (alias maprun). Three events are planned for Saturday afternoons (2-4pm). Volunteers will help people download an app to their smartphone. They may then follow a mini 2/3 control course to familiarise themselves with the system and then begin a 45 minute score event or a ‘path dash’ aimed at 10-18 year olds. The cost will be £2 as it counts as an ‘activity’ with no BOF levy. The first event will be at Chorlton Water Park on June 1st, and the others in mid-June or July.

**6. Mapping:** Trevor invited suggestions for new areas, including small ones suitable for urban sprints.

**7. Marketing:** Sam continues Facebook activity.

**8. Performance:** Trevor received 58 replies to the coaching survey by the end of April. He will discuss with John Kewley how to begin coaching activities. The likely order of priorities will be TD4 and below, TD5 and then technical issues such as OCAD. **Action TH.**

**9. Membership:**

(a) BOF Survey. We agreed to join the BOF survey of event participants. Events at Lyme and Brereton have been selected so far.

(b) Welfare Officer. Cecilia Fenerty has agreed to act as Welfare Officer. Kath will notify BOF. **Action KS.**

(c) Talent Officer. Pete Hayes has agreed to act. Eddy will reply to him. **Action ES.**

**10. AOB:** Rae pointed out that Frank Rose, our President and long servant of the Club, was approaching his 90th birthday. Congrats Frank but some of the rest of us are hot on your heels!

**11. Date of next Meeting:** 10th June2019, at the Ladybrook Hotel.