**Minutes MDOC Committee Meeting 11th November 2019**

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

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

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

**2.** **Actions/Matters Arising:**

(a) Note for organisers re insurance on website. Action continues **SB, JB.**

(b) Mapping Training. 12 have expressed interest, most favouring surveying and cartography in parks and forest. Ian Postlethwaite has offered a course using O mapper but Ian G and Eddie prefer the use of OCAD. Ian P has offered 2 dates in January. Ian G will email club members to determine who is available on which dates. Bramhall Park is suggested as an outdoor venue. **Action IG.**

(c) 35 new stakes and kites have been purchased. Ian will check with Richard Evans as to whether insurance records need to be updated.

(d) A trolley and hooded clip board have been purchased. Trevor Roberts will seek advice from LOC (Roger Smith) concerning the purchase of small flags to mark routes to starts. Gripples, cable, and plastic sleeving will also be purchased.

(e) BOF planning advice. Ian has obtained from Ernie Williams via BOF a CD of many files of data on the subject. This requires much sifting, editing and maybe updating but buried within is useful information.

**3. Event Operation:**

Twin Peaks (Goyt and Stockport). All involved, including external controllers Karen Parker and Pete Owens, were thanked for successful events. Heavy traffic awaiting the start of course 4 in cold conditions on Sunday prompted a brief period of 30 sec start intervals. This created some confusion within the start team. The following observations were made. Do not change start procedures without approval from the organiser. Open start blocks lead to queues with large entries on particular courses. Hence open blocks are inadvisable at very popular events. Fabian may be able to allocate specific start times on one course only for example. Trevor Hindle suggested that cags should have been compulsory at Goyt.

There was an inconclusive debate as to whether a formal ‘on the day’ complaint system should be operated. While at first sight this may be appealing, practical problems arise.

Ian will claim for the cost of plastic tubing and control notices (do not steal this pretty orange basket – it’s no use at Aldi) which will live with the gripples in stores for repeated use.

A SIAC was found by a competitor. It had registered interesting travels. There is a suggested photo competition for the muddiest finisher at Goyt (entries to Sam).

**4. Finance:**

A detailed written account for September and October was emailed to the committee. The secretary agreed to ask Alan to include the new committee members on his circulation list. **Action TW.**

**5. Event Planning:**

(a) Local events are in hand except for some map updates.

(b) John ‘o Goats (Lyme January). Sue is organising and Sam planning. They are debating a possible new format relating your age to the number of controls you visit. With luck this is an inverse relationship? The prize system will be designed to ensure there are some women winners.

(c) Stores will be operated by Chris Rostron and Tony Wagg from 6th December while Pete Lomas commissions the latest bit of new leg.

(d) Autumn local events. Pete H hopes to involve primary schools. Hence we agreed to include White courses.

(e) Entry fees for High Dam 2020 (N Champs). Trevor Roberts submitted cost details and projected income based on different entry levels and fees. After some debate it was agreed that senior fees should be £15 on the basis that the event should attract a high entry and if not the Club can well afford a moderate loss.

**6. Mapping and Printing:**

(a) Knutsford. This needs to be mapped for October 2020.

(b) High Dam (N Champs above). As this is a level B event, Eddie can print the maps without special approval (from Kath?).

(c) British sprint and mixed sprint relays, Skelmersdale, June 22/21 2020. Eddie will run the computing and the Club will offer to staff computing and download.

**7. Coaching:**

(a) John Kewley ran a successful and well attended coaching day at Hurst Wood, aimed at TD levels 4 and 5. He will be invited to run a further session aimed at beginners at a Saturday morning event.

(b) More coaches? BOF has removed the requirement for coaches to keep a coaching log, in an effort to encourage more coaches to come forward. Hamish Willis (PFO and NW head of coaching) will contact former coaches in an attempt to encourage them back. Pete Hayes is interested in a level 2 course (see also 8b below).

**8. Membership:**

(a) January social. Cecilia is organising and will prepare a flyer.

(b) Pete Hayes will attend the next subgroup meeting and may join on a regular basis. He intends to promote orienteering in primary schools, concentrating solely on White courses. The possibility of day insurance via BOF for parent helpers remains unresolved.

**9. GMOA:**

Post maintenance proceeds thanks to John Britton but he wants to retire. We need two replacements; one from SELOC in the north and one from MDOC in the south. This would require of order 1 day per month planting posts. Sue is updating the website telling people how to get maps. This involves contacting 55 courses! A few parks offer maprun as explained on the website. QR codes on posts direct people to the GMOA site.

**10. Date of Next Meeting:** Monday 9th December 2019 at the Ladybrook Hotel Bramhall.