**Minutes MDOC Committee Meeting 9th December 2019**

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

**Apologies:** Alan Ogden, Dave McCann, Sam Drinkwater, Pete Lomas, Rae Lomas.

**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. See item 6.

(c) Richard Evans advises that we do need to update the insurers about new equipment purchases and their cost. Sue will update major event organisers about special insurance requirements such as for kit unattended overnight. This information should also be available on the website. **Action SB.**

**3. Finance**: We have received £885 from British Schools O for the Heaton Park event, though we have to pay £400 for the BOF levy and land access charges. This leads to a net gain of order £500.

**4. Event Operation:** Goyt event. There were no parking problems and the Forestry were happy with the event.

**5. Event Planning:**

(a) Compass Sport Cup (CSC) March 2021. Alan Barker will investigate whether we can use a United Utilities area.

(b) Lyme. John ‘o Goats (Lyme January 2020) is progressing satisfactorily. Sue is negotiating whether the park may be able to accommodate a larger event. It might serve as a fallback CSC venue.

(c) Major event 2021. Bleathwaite and Yewdale could form a weekend though the latter may carry a high land use fee. If the events took place in May, the Manchester event could be deferred till October.

(d) Urban weekend October 24/25 2020. Knutsford/Tatton Park requires confirmation and mapping. We also have to stage the NW sprint championships. Possible venues are Sale West and Macclesfield/Titherington. Ian will discuss options with Macclesfield Town Hall. **Action IG.**

**6. Mapping and Printing:**

(a) Mapping Training. Three levels are proposed: basic OCAD, urban and classic, and Lidar and printing. The first two will include fieldwork and involve 3 hr sessions, in shifts during January and February. Rod Postlethwaite will be invited to assist with the level 2 course with the aim that attendees should be able to edit maps with supervision.

(b) Bruntwood Park. Map revision and extension is on schedule.

(c) Primary School teaching materials. Pete Hayes has produced materials to help pupils become familiar with map symbols, based on his own ideas and some from BOF. Pete and Rae have a vintage laminator which may be useful.

 **7. Coaching/Training:**

(a)Primary Schools. Pete Hayes has visited all Macclesfield primaries, receiving 5 positive responses. One school is already mapped and he intends to map the other 4 to about ‘Explorer’ level. He will introduce age appropriate resources. He may need to borrow kites, and is in the process of applying for a NW grant towards mapping costs. The Orienteering Foundation might be a further source of funding for primary school activities. A group may come to the Riverside event in January.

David Gray has contacted the Club to seek possible assistance with orienteering initiatives at Chorlton Park Primary where his daughter attends. Pete Hayes has been in contact and David will seek more information from the school.

(b) Night event coaching. John Kewley ran a session with about 10 attendees and DEE have asked for a repeat version. PFO have also requested an encore of the daytime Hurst Wood course of last November. Ian suggested we should determine what coaching courses are required and then invite John to arrange something every couple of months or so.

(c) Sprint training. Trevor is investigating options for sprint training using Maprun. At present there are no suitable maps. Watch this space…

(d) Planning courses. Ian has yet to digest the vast amount of unedited data supplied from BOF.

**8. Membership:**

(a)New car stickers are on order.

(b) Club kit. Little stock remains and there are no small sizes. Trevor asked whether we should order more. Sue suggested a newsletter item could advertise stock and seek future requirements. Perhaps a stall at the social?

(c) Club Social January 11th. About 25 have signed up so far. Cecilia would like quizzes. Marie will sound out ideas for club awards.

**9. Marketing:** Sam was unable to attend but sent a note. More people are discussing our events on Facebook but few have turned up to take part. We have spent £100 on adverts but Sam recommends this is discontinued.

He reports that Matthew Snarr is keen to join the marketing group and in particular to operate the Twitter feed. However thus far the password cannot be found. The option remains then to delete the existing account and to create a new one.

**10. GMOA:** Sarah Brown approached GMOA to help with a bid for funding from Sport England. To strengthen the bid she wants to film a program of events including some on permanent courses. GMOA has insufficient resources to help her but passed the request on to the Club. Ensuing publicity could help orienteering in the area. The committee agreed to help in principle but needs a clearer idea as to what is required.

**11. Date of Next Meeting:** Monday 13th January 2020 at the Ladybrook Hotel Bramhall. The April meeting will be deferred to 20th April as the second Monday is Easter Monday.