

Minutes MDOC Virtual Committee Meeting 20th April 2020

Ethereal Contributors: Marie Roberts (Chair), Tony Wagg (Secretary), Trevor Hindle, Ian Gilliver, Julie Brook, Eddie Speak, Kath Speak, Dave Mawdsley, Pete Ross, Sam Drinkwater, Pete Lomas, Rae Lomas, Sue Birkinshaw, Dominic Wathey, Catriona Beynon . We welcomed our 2 new junior reps (Dom and Catriona).

Apologies: Alan Ogden, Dave McCann, Pete Hayes.

1. Minutes of Last Meeting: Accepted.

2. Actions/Matters Arising: None

3. Finance: The treasurer submitted a report for the period up to the end of March 2020. Marie agreed to contact Alan to clarify an amount owing from Street League, thought to be a retained float. **Action MR.**

4. Event Operation:

Peter Hart (BOF) has circulated draft guidelines as to how orienteering might resume when government rules permit. These suggest 4 Phases as lockdown is lifted and he invites comment. The phases are roughly in summary:

(1) Within club – POC's, old maps for parks/urban, MapRun

(2) Within club catchment area/Association – local events, pre-entry, social distancing

(3) As 2 but EOD and non-member entries allowed

(4) National/Regional Events

(5) Inter-galactic – via MapRun – tbc?

Points raised in discussion included: POC's and MapRun for some areas are already in place. Sue could collate results for POC's to form a league table. A MapRun event (as opposed to individual DIY) would involve no physical controls or dibbers, pre-entry and perhaps 2 helpers. Trevor pointed out that urban alleyways conspired against social distancing and SI boxes were a source of contamination. Ian emphasised that risk assessments should take specific account of the latest government pronouncements at the time of any event. It was clear we were well short of phases 2-4. There was some confusion as to whether phase 1 could be operated already, for example as individuals alone following a local MapRun course. Marie took the view that it could not as the Club should not be seen to be promoting an activity. She agreed to pass our comments to Peter Hart and seek clarification on phase 1. **Action MR.**

Catriona thought pupils were allowed to use the Fallibroome school grounds and hence she could train given a copy of the map. Both Eddie and Alain Kyd can supply a map and Marie agreed to contact Alain to check that he was happy with this. **Action MR.** Pete Ross also agreed to send a copy of the South Park MapRun course. **Action PR.**

5. Event Planning:

Northern Champs 2020. Cancellation has led to a loss of £1627. Some items (mainly loo hire deposit) can be rolled forward to a future date, reducing the loss to £1030. We have been offered the option of re-staging on 8/9th May 2021. It was agreed the Club alone should accept this loss rather than inviting contributions from NWOA and other Northern Associations, on the grounds that we could more than recoup the loss and we would not expect to share any profit. We are due to stage an urban weekend in May 2021 and it would be a great strain on our manpower to also run the Northern within the month.

Trevor H was happy to postpone the urban to 2022 as this would ease mapping pressure and perhaps allow inclusion in the UK Urban League. Sue Agreed to contact the NW fixtures Sec to book the new date for the Northern (High Dam 9th May 2021) and postpone the urban weekend. **Action SB.**

6. Mapping: Tom Fellbaum had offered mapping services while he has free time. Ian and Trevor suggested he might like to map Colshaw Farm, just North of Wilmslow but he has not replied.

7. Membership:

(a) Directory. Membership this year is down by 15 units. Kath has data for the new directory but it cannot yet be printed. New members have been given last year's directory for the moment.

(b) Juniors. Dominic suggested a page on the website to maintain junior member interest, to include news, quizzes, directions to on-line sources etc. Julie pointed out that there was a junior page on the website but entries (including quizzes etc) have to conform to the same format as news items. Also it was easier to set up a junior Facebook heading and a section in the club newsletter.

8. GMOA: The AGM is due on May 14th or as soon as possible thereafter. The plan is to wait until people can attend 'in the flesh', however long that takes, and the constitution allows this. The date will be advertised when appropriate.

9. AOB:

Urban Adventures. Sarah Brown has submitted the proposal to Sport England. It was prepared by GMOA but submitted as being from MDOC as GMOA did not have the club status required by Sport England. It has been accepted and we must agree to go ahead by 30th September. The aim is to help families learn about orienteering via events in urban parks (not streets) with courses from yellow to light green, and subsequently via POC's. It is hoped some may then become regularly involved. Sarah and Katherine Bett will make 4 graduated professional standard coaching videos, shot at simulated events in MDOC area parks. The videos will be put on U Tube for the benefit of all, including schools. The Club will then stage the usual series of introductory events during the Autumn and Spring (Boris willing). These will need extra publicity, maps and up to 6 coaches/meeters and greeters from the Club. It is unclear whether any vetting or qualifications are required and Ian agreed to ask Sarah. **Action IG.** Attendance at events and POC map sales will be monitored and reported to Sport England, relative to an existing baseline. Most of the costs are awarded to making the videos but any expenses incurred by MDOC members will have to be borne by the Club. Sue proposed further discussion is required before the offer is accepted.

10. Date of Next Meeting: Virtual committee meetings are proposed for May 11th and June 8th in a cloud somewhere above Manchester.