

## Minutes MDOC Virtual Committee Meeting 11<sup>th</sup> May 2020

**Ethereal Contributors:** Marie Roberts (Chair), Tony Wagg (Secretary), Alan Ogden (Treasurer), Trevor Hindle, Ian Gilliver, Julie Brook, Eddie Speak, Kath Speak, Dave Mawdsley, Pete Ross, Pete Lomas, Rae Lomas, Sue Birkinshaw, Dominic Wathey, Catriona Beynon .

**Apologies:** Dave McCann, Pete Hayes, Sam Drinkwater.

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

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

(a) Alan has clarified that the amount owing from Street League is an agreed retained float.

(b) Marie has contacted Peter Hart (BOF) seeking clarification as to whether stage 1 re-start was in being. The immediate answer was unclear but a subsequent circular has now initiated stage 1 (POC's/ MapRun on an individual basis as detailed in section 4 below).

(c) Marie has contacted Alain Kyd concerning training within Fallibroome grounds. Alain had some concern that others might be encouraged to disregard social distancing and agreed to discuss the issue with Catriona directly.

(d) Re-scheduling High Dam (N Champs 2020). Sue circulated the results of negotiations with Jean Payne (NW fixtures Sec) via email of 28/4/20. The outcome is complex but key points are: High Dam is re-scheduled for May 9<sup>th</sup> 2021, urban listings for October 24/25 2020 (Macc/Knutsford) and May 22/23 2021 (Sale/Manchester) are retained for the moment, though venues may be changed or dates abandoned later. High Dam is currently designated as a local event but will be upgraded later, though this has to be approved at national level.

(e) Urban Adventures. Immediately after the April committee meeting Ian detailed the proposal (email 22/4/20) and the contents were summarised in the committee minutes. John Britten has defined a short list of 4 POC's where filming might take place and is in negotiation with Sarah (Brown). The 6 'meeters and greeters' we are to supply at events require no special approval or training. See also section 7 below.

**3. Finance:** The treasurer submitted a report for the period up to the end of April 2020. Expenditure on High Dam is attributed to 'Cumbria O Champs' just to confuse everyone. It was agreed that the expenditure to date (£1727) will be written off, (£1627 paid out though £100 is still held in the event account) but an amount of about £600 already paid out can probably be credited to the event if held next year (Loos deposit-we mean cash here!).

### **4. Event Operation:**

(a) Phase 1 resumption: Following a government relaxation of rules, allowing individual and household sport participation, Peter Hart (BOF) has circulated a document approving phase 1 resumption of orienteering from May 14<sup>th</sup> (in the Kingdom of Boris - England). This means the Club may advertise the use of POC's and MapRun courses. The latter can be organised as individual fun competitions, subject to rules on social distancing and not inconveniencing the public. GMOA will need discuss and to seek permission from/inform parks. (note that the PH statement came shortly after the committee meeting but it could be anticipated). It was noted that Lyme was shut to all, but Dunham open subject to self-distancing rules. Hence not all POC's are necessarily accessible.

(b) MapRun: 7 parks now have MapRun courses (Chorlton WP, Heaton, Lyme, Reddish, Sale WP, Wythenshawe, Dovestones) plus 5 NSL venues but no countryside score (CSS) venues, though plans are afoot here. Dave Mawdsley offered to plan a MapRun course from a comfy armchair (as befits an M75). There were also ideas for an informal fun MapRun league. In theory the phase 1 guidelines also permit

the individual use of old courses on local areas but ensuring access permission means this is harder to implement. Additionally, urban areas including those for NSL present self-distancing problems and hence will not be promoted for the foreseeable future. A statement regarding the future use of POC's and MapRun will be circulated to the Club via Simplelists.

(c) Preparations for Phase 2- Local events: These need to be pre-entry only. Ian pointed out that currently we are not equipped but he agreed to investigate whether this can be achieved by purchasing a phone and card reader. Tony Wagg raised the issue of PPE for first aiders. Rae agreed to investigate in consultation with Cecilia (Fenerty) in advance of phase 2. **Actions IG and RL.**

**5. Event Planning:** See 2d above. Beyond that no plans can be made. NSL and CSS depend on pubs re-opening.

**6. Mapping:** A draft map of Knutsford has now been made (excluding the business park) but further progress awaits the definition of out of bounds areas by the Town Centre Manager.

**7. Membership:** Juniors. It was agreed that Juniors should in future have a special item early on the agenda so they don't have to listen to old folks rabbiting on for ever and can get back to fun things like homework! (This report is not quite verbatim). Dominic is keen to set up quizzes. There is an app that enables you to set them up including a time limited challenge. Catriona commented that Fallibroome have an on-line science quiz (via Kahoot?) that works well.

**8. GMOA:** Post watchers can now be invited back into service. It was agreed that the Urban Adventure project should proceed in accordance with the Sport England offer. However, the application was submitted in the name of MDOC before the MDOC committee had approved this, which should not have happened. The Club will need to supply additional volunteers but at negligible extra cost. We pay any expenses claims submitted by our members. Sue suggested the major problem was likely to be advertising the events, though Sarah had some ideas here.

**9. Date of Next Meeting:** Virtual committee meeting is proposed for June 8th in a cloud somewhere above Manchester.