

MINUTES OF MDOC AGM 17th OCTOBER 2019

Present: Rae Lomas, Pete Lomas, Julie Brook, Kath Speak, Eddie Speak, Hazel Hindle, Trevor Hindle, Richard Evans, Margaret Gregory, Andrew Gregory, Frank Rose, Peter Hayes, Jan Ellis, Chris Rostron, David McCann, John Britton, Jennifer Britton, David Walker, Peter Ross, Sue Birkinshaw, Dave Mawdsley, Tony Wagg, Marie Roberts, Alan Ogden, Trevor Roberts, Grahame Crawshaw, Irene Crawshaw.

1. Apologies: Doug Edwards, Jillyan Dobby, Sam Drinkwater, Cecilia Fenerty, Dominic Wathey.

2. Minutes of 2018 AGM: Accepted.

3. Matters arising: none.

4. Financial Report 2018-2019: Audited accounts were circulated. Key points were:

(a) We made a net profit of £3888.

(b) Mapping expenditure committed for the coming year amounts to £2780, covering 5 areas.

(c) Net printing income was £4361, including £3506 from the Lakes 5 Day.

(d) Net event income was £7285 but this excludes £4176 spent on stores and computing.

(e) The account presentation has been simplified. Equipment and consumables expected to last for more than a year were shown as assets on the balance sheet. This time the income and expenditure account shows instead all expenditure within a year. The 2017-2018 accounts are re-presented on the same basis for comparison purposes.

The report was accepted.

5. Financial plan for 2019-2020:

We have more money than we need and do not budget to make a profit. However, future mapping commitments amount to about 70% of the current profit and land access fees appear to be rising significantly in some cases. See also 7(f).

6. Membership Fees: These remain unchanged at £10 for seniors but free membership remains for all juniors, and for seniors during their first year (accepted unanimously).

7. Chairman's Report: key points were:

(a) Membership remained stable at 221 individuals (one down on the previous year).

(b) Sam Drinkwater replaced Andrew Gregory as newsletter editor and Cecilia Fenerty replaced Heather Fellbaum as Child Welfare Officer.

(c) Development. There has been a survey of training needs, training in O skills and first aid, and courses on mapping and planning are available. Rewards for key event officials are under consideration.

(d) Events. We staged 3 major events (including 2 urban), regular local Saturday Morning events, Summer Evening and countryside score events. The Night Street League was popular and Pete Ross pioneered a series of MapRun (smartphone) events.

(e) Notable Achievements: Cerys Manning, Vicky Thornton and our W50 relay team excelled at the British Champs. Our juniors (mainly from Fallibroome) gained a place at the Yvette Baker Trophy Final,

and Ben Kyd joined Dominic Wathey in the NW Junior Squad. John Kewley, River Edis-Smith and Dominic achieved national and international (JK) success at Trail-O.

(f) Mapping. Activity included the update and extension of existing maps, a map inventory, and a survey of potential new urban areas. A budget of £10,000 for mapping over the next 3 years has been approved. A four-user OCAD license has been purchased.

(g) Equipment. A stocktake of stores and electronic equipment has been carried out for insurance purposes. New equipment includes signage, lightweight stakes and an A4 printer.

(h) Fixtures. A policy document has been drafted and added to the club website.

8. Election of Officers and Committee

The following were elected:

Position	Name	Proposer	Seconder
President	Frank Rose	Dave Mawdsley	Richard Evans
Chairman	Marie Roberts	"	"
Vice-Chairman	--		
Hon Secretary	Tony Wagg	Rae Lomas	Sue Birkinshaw
Hon Treasurer	Alan Ogden	Pete Ross	Richard Evans
Fixtures Secretary	Sue Birkinshaw	Rae Lomas	"
Junior Representative	--		
Club Captain	Tom Fellbaum	Dave Mawdsley	Richard Evans
Committee (up to 7) Elected	Peter Ross	Tony Wagg	"
	Trevor Hindle	Pete Ross	"
	Ian Gilliver	"	"
	Pete Lomas	"	"
	Julie Brook	"	"
	Eddie Speak	"	"
	Dave Mawdsley	"	"
Committee co-opted	Kath Speak	n/a	n/a
	Sam Drinkwater	"	"
	Pete Hayes	"	"
Welfare Officer	Cecilia Fenerty	"	"
Auditor	Andrew Addis	Marie Roberts	Tony Wagg

8. GMOA: This was set up in 1986 with grant aid following a BOF initiative to increase membership. The original 20 permanent courses have by now risen to 56, with 500 control posts. The organisation became independent but manpower is needed for maintenance. Typically, 1400 maps are sold each year. Sue proposed that GMOA should become a regular item on the committee agenda and in the newsletter.

9. AOB:

Lakeland areas. We often struggle to recruit officials to run events on our high-class areas. The consensus was to retain them but be willing to lend them to more local clubs.

The Street League and Countryside Score events are popular and attract entrants from running clubs. The latter are largely unwilling to attend conventional events, despite attempts to recruit them. This was considered an acceptable outcome.

10. Primary Schools Initiative: Pete Hayes outlined his ideas, prompted in part by the BOF junior and family development strategy. Many Primary (7-10yrs) age children attend one event but lack a future pathway to continue. Proposals are:

(a) Contact Macclesfield Primary headteachers to offer training in school time, including to PE co-ordinators.

(b) Monthly competitions in schools, indoors in winter.

(c) An award scheme and Bee mascot.

(d) Explorer badges for given number of controls, even if course not completed.

(e) Primary League, involving say 3 events within a 20min drive, using White level courses.

(g) Re-vamp junior section of the website to include interviews, quizzes, puzzles and training tips.

(h) Seek a junior rep within the Club.

(i) Map school grounds (some exist). Michelle Riley currently involved.

SYO have been highly successful in involving families in local park events and feeding youngster into higher levels of the sport. This required a large club effort initially but parents eventually became heavily involved. After some discussion the meeting considered the above plan should be tried.