

Minutes MDOC Committee Meeting 14th December 2020

Ethereal Contributors: Marie Roberts (Chair), Trevor Roberts (part time), Tony Wagg (Sec), Sue Birkinshaw, Eddie Speak, Kath Speak, Trevor Hindle, Julie Brook, Dave Mawdsley, Peter Cull (Treasurer), Pete Lomas, Rae Lomas, Simon Freytag, Dom Wathey.

Apologies: Pete Hayes, Catriona Beynon,

1. Minutes of Last meeting: Accepted.

2. Matters Arising and Actions:

(a) Manchester urban October 2022 (provisional). Jean Payne (NW fixtures sec) has reported that DEE are not applying to stage a EuroCity race in 2022 and so there will be no clash with the Manchester event. DEE are considering a 2023 event in Chester instead.

(b) Printer purchase (reserve A4). **Action continues (ES/TH).**

(c) Coaching courses. It has been agreed to pay John Kewley (JK) £20 for running the October coaching course and a similar amount for subsequent courses. Peter Cull awaits invoices and agreed to contact John. **Action PC.**

3. Junior Issues: Dominic reported that junior training is allowed under covid rules but permission for access is the main obstacle. Lakeland training sessions run by Martin Bagness are scheduled for late January and February and should be open to all juniors, and seniors in tier 2 areas in the NW region. Marie awaits confirmation from Carol McNeil and will then circulate details to the club. **Note that this describes the world of 14/12/20!**

4. Finance: Peter distributed a written account to the end of November and Eddie explained that that the major computing expense (£763) covered 5 years use of SI software plus Izettle costs to enable card payments. He has scanned all paperwork into a drop box which can be shared with Marie. She can then also see receipts for example.

5. Reports:

5.1 Event Activity/Operation:

(a) Lyme. Simon reported that Derbyshire was now in tier 3 and the ranger was still happy for the January event to go ahead. Plans are currently suspended and await further government announcements.

(b) Saturday morning events. Chris Rostron reports that Stockport are for the moment unwilling to grant permissions so all plans are on hold.

(c) MapRun courses have been or are about to be set up in Bramhall, Bollington, Sale East and Hadfield, with a fifth contemplated. These are free and maps can be downloaded from the Navvies website. Marie will compose a flyer and details will be on the Club website. BOF has ruled that virtual events subject to an entry fee, will require payment of a levy. Other 'events' may count as 'activities' and incur no levy.

(d) Street league. There is nothing to report in advance of likely changes to the tiers. At present venues are split between tier 2 and 3 areas, presenting out of bounds areas and uncrossable boundaries. Volunteers to run events need to be found from the correct area. Grahame Crawshawe had sought the committee's opinion on how to proceed. The consensus view was that events should ideally go ahead, but entrants should be made aware of government and BOF guidance, including rules on tier boundaries. A link to the BOF advice should be placed on the website and in entry details. The

committee voted 8 to 1 in favour, with 1 abstention. Marie agreed to convey this decision to Grahame, noting that it should be taken as advice rather than instruction. **Action MR.**

(e) Northern Champs 2021 (High Dam). Trevor Roberts (organiser) has been seeking permissions assuming covid guidelines, which lead to a 5-hour span of start times with competitors turning up just before they run and departing swiftly afterwards, with no catering or socialising. Of the two major landowners, one is happy for the event to proceed but the other has concerns for the safety of the villagers. A LOC member lives in the village and will try to allay local concerns. The National Park Authority is unconcerned so far and a number of smaller events have run recently in the Lakes. Land use and car parking charges relate to the number of entrants and so a smaller entry than normal should not lead to a serious deficit. The JK and British Champs for 2021 have been cancelled but not for reasons directly related to covid.

5.2: Marketing: A MapRun flyer will be produced.

5.3 Membership: The Newsletter has just been posted out. The Club has paid the BOF membership fee for Pete and Rae Lomas as hon life members.

5.4 Schools: Pete Hayes wishes to try to give colour coded awards to those juniors who have qualified for but not received awards over the last 2 years. He has spoken to Stella Heap but data is not readily available so he will have to track archived results.

5.5 Performance and Training: John Kewley ran a further on-line course on route choice and a second course is due on December 15th. Lakeland training courses are also planned as explained in section 3.

6. GMOA: Sue reported that map sales are up, vandalism is down and 8 parks now have virtual courses. MapRun at Dovestones has proved a hit. Covid has some up sides, but not many.

7. AOB:

(a) The committee recognised the outstanding achievements of members and especially juniors in the Torus Advent Cup. For example, Ben Kyd was 5th out of 500+, and Dominic and JK were in the top 100. This will also be highlighted on the website.

(b) The committee also thanked John Britton and Ian Gilliver for their part in the production of the urban adventures training videos.

(c) NWOA AGM 15th December. Marie, Sue and Eddie plan to attend on-line.

8. Next Meeting: The next (virtual) committee meeting will take place on Monday January 11th 2021.