

Minutes MDOC Committee Meeting 11th January 2021

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

Apologies: Pete Hayes, Catriona Beynon, Simon Freytag.

1. Minutes of Last meeting: Accepted.

2. Matters Arising and Actions:

(a) Junior training face to face is no longer likely to be possible.

(b) Marie conveyed to Grahame Crawshawe the committee opinion on the continuation of street league events as defined in the December minutes (now overtaken by events!).

(c) Ben Kyd has now opened a You-Tube channel.

(d) Marie has listed MapRun courses in the newsletter, rather than via a flyer.

(e) Purchase of A4 printer. **Action continues TH/ES.**

3. Junior Issues: Dominic reports training is now online only.

4. Finance: Peter reported a deficit of £1144 for the year to date. Further membership income is expected whilst expenditure items included the newsletter, printing and coaching. He is about to send a written account. Our bank account lists Alan Ogden as the primary user and Peter as the secondary, though this can be changed without difficulty. Our intended new account requires two signatures but cannot be opened yet, due to restricted covid-induced banking operations.

5. Reports:

5.1 Event Activity/Operation:

(a) Street League. Grahame reported that he, Ian Gilliver and John Britton had decided on December 21st that events should be cancelled until further notice, a view generally supported by the planners. The committee was informed on December 23rd. Grahame then raised the point that street league events had for 9/10 years been operated largely independently of the committee, and he asked whether we were happy with this situation. Sue required only that, as fixtures secretary, she was kept informed of their plans and results. It was agreed that street league should seek committee backup for major decisions but otherwise it should be free to continue to operate at arms-length.

(b) MapRun. BOF has decreed that all events and activities are suspended, but seems to have drawn a distinction with MapRun. Sue suggested that MapRun courses should remain on the Navvies website without further publicity, so that they remain an option within covid rules (ie individual local exercise). They could be regarded as equivalent to the parkland permanent courses.

(c) Northern Champs 2021 (High Dam). Trevor Roberts (organiser) in collaboration with LOC has drafted a plan for the event to go ahead in May 2021. This document is attached as an appendix to these minutes. A final decision to proceed or not would be taken by early March. The two main landowners are now happy with the safety precautions. Replies are awaited from one landowner and the National Park. The plan proposes a full refund of entry fees in the event of cancellation, and the only facilities provided are toilets. There will be no catering, traders or prizegiving. The committee was invited to

approve the plan before it is sent to BOF on January 1st. In an email vote, 9 were in favour and none against.

BOF suggested the idea of postponing the event by one month but neither Trevor nor the planners were in favour, as undergrowth would have become a problem. Eddie commented that there should be no difficulty in allocation start times to allow car sharing. There will be separate car parks for early and late starters and 3 different starts instead of the original 2. Sue was in favour of prizes (So am I. My relay team once 'won' a bottle of wine and had run off with it before they realised they had made a mistake!). Prizes such as local cheeses could be posted out and trophies given out at later events.

5.2: Mapping and Printing: An invoice for map paper is awaited. The Knutsford map is part complete and part paid. The event is intended for October 2021 but the remaining mapping is currently on hold. Trevor Hindle is co-ordinating.

5.3 Membership: There seems to be a delay in reporting membership renewals from BOF. Kath has received notification of 80 so far. She intends to wait until at least the end of January before reminding people. A social event will be deferred until Summer.

5.4 Schools: Julie has helped Pete Hayes by providing data on who has qualified for colour badges. Stella has a limited number of badges in stock at present.

5.5 Performance and Training: Carol McNeill is arranging a zoom coaching session on January 30th, open to all NW members. Marie has circulated preliminary information. John Kewley is planning to arrange virtual training for prospective coaches.

6. GMOA: Sue reported that map sales are up, and in half a year have reached last year's total. She is working on updating the website.

7. AOB:

(a) it was noted that entries have opened for the Scottish 6-day events. There is a small price increase from January 31st.

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