

## Minutes MDOC Committee Meeting 8<sup>th</sup> February 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, Simon Freytag.

**Apologies:** Pete Hayes, Catriona Beynon, Dom Wathey.

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

**2. Matters Arising and Actions:**

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

(b) John Kewley reported that the training of coaches cannot be entirely on-line and therefore it is temporarily on hold.

**3. Junior Issues:** Nothing reported.

**4. Finance:** Peter reported that a second instalment of membership fees has been received from BOF, bringing the total to £865. Kath said more should be in the pipeline but many people had yet to re-join and she will send out a reminder. **Action KS.**

**5. Reports:**

**5.1 Event Activity/Operation:**

(a) Northern Champs, May 9<sup>th</sup> 2021 (High Dam). It is looking increasingly likely that this can go ahead but a decision will be made in mid-March. Trevor Roberts (organiser) reported that all landowners have given permission but the National Park has insisted on a one-way corridor through part of their land. Some courses are being modified to achieve this. We need to conform to covid rules and so there will be no traders, results display or string courses (to avoid parents waiting for children/partners), late arrival and early departure with no social interaction. We will need lots of helpers, especially car park marshals. Entries should open in late March. There is a month delay in Fabian 4 forwarding income to the event. The event will therefore require a float of about £10k to pay bills in advance of income. This was approved. The club tent can be used to house computing and download so marquee hire is not required. Trevor presented a range of entry fees and predicted profit or loss for various entry numbers. The committee unanimously approved fees of £16/6 (senior/junior) for the championship and £6/3 for colour coded. For 800 entries this would yield a profit of about £700. Last year we had charged an entry of £15, which was refunded on cancellation, with a loss of about £1000.

(b) Lyme. This is ready to go at short notice and could be our next event. It was originally planned for early January.

(c) Summer Series. Cheshire East rangers are happy for our usual events at Teggs Nose and Brereton to go ahead at short notice, covid permitting. Sue suggested the possibility of these events being transferred to the weekend rather than mid-week evenings and agreed to seek views from DEE, as a number of their members are keen attendees. **Action SB.** There may also be car parking congestion at weekends. Sue also suggested that we might re-think our fixtures schedule and Simon was invited to seek the views of younger and newer members.

**5.2: Mapping and Printing:** Nothing to report. There is no urgency to purchase a new printer.

**5.3 Membership:** Kath will remind people via simple lists to renew their membership. A membership list will be completed in March. It remained undecided as to whether a new directory was required. A newsletter is normally issued in March but this may be deferred given the lull in activity.

**5.4 Performance and Training:** Carol McNeill and Martin Bagness ran a much-appreciated zoom coaching session on January 30th, open to all NW members. Further sessions are planned in February and March. Marie will continue to circulate information.

**6. GMOA:** Sue is revising the POC leaflet to give just the postcode, facilities and course details. BOF is planning to produce a new directory of permanent and virtual courses with a corresponding website. They are appealing for a suitable candidate to create this website and are offering payment. Sue will circulate details in case any of our computer whizz kids are interested.

**7. Next Meeting:** The next (virtual) committee meeting will take place on Monday March 8<sup>th</sup> 2021.