

Minutes MDOC Committee Meeting 14th June 2021

Ethereal Contributors: Marie Roberts (Chair), Pete Lomas, Rae Lomas, Chris Kirkham, Peter Cull, Sue Birkinshaw, Dave Mawdsley, Eddie “First he’s Mr Break-It then he’s Mr Fix-it” Speak, Kath Speak, Trevor Hindle, Simon Freytag.

Apologies: Tony Wagg, Julie Brooke. Also absent: Catriona Beynon, Dom Wathey, Peter Hayes.

In Tony’s absence these minutes were taken by Simon Freytag.

1. Minutes of Last Meeting. Accepted. Two notes:

- Re 5.1b MapRun Chorlton was eventually delayed by 3 weeks and opened June 5th.
- Re 8b BorderLiners took 40 green stakes. Plenty left. Sue has some for gardening - would anyone else in the club like some? Goal is for club to retain 40 and PH to retain 40.

2. Matters Arising and Actions:

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

(b) Marie contacted Junior Reps but nothing to report.

(c) Knutsford Map - TH has received updates from Richard Parkin but not looked at it yet. **Action continues TH.**

3. Juniors

Late invitation to Yvette Backer trophy fwded to PH but unsure if anyone went. Juniors were at Teggs Nose.

4. Finance

Accounts for May been circulated. Plenty in bank, just not currently any incoming. Awaiting money from Northerns. Summer Series will also bring income. Insurance all renewed (thanks to Richard Evans, and ES, RL and SB for help). Not insured for:

- Taking map printer to events.
- Toilets. Can insure on a separate premium if needed but eg the Northerns chose not to.

Bank security all seems fine so unfortunately MDOC is no longer a Mexican Drugs Cartel. PC liased with SB to weed out stale/cancelled events from BOF lists and levy is now paid for just those events that happened.

SB asked about MR’s Zoom costs. Rough estimate about £90. Motion to pay this approved. **Action - MR to provide more accurate cost.**

5. Reports

5.1 Event Operation/Planning

(a) Summer Series evening events now well under way. Teggs Nose was SIAC enabled and the remainder will be too.

(b) Autumn Series. SB in touch with Chris Rostron and schedule of events produced for usual places. Cannot finalise because awaiting info from DEE about school league to avoid clashes. Officials yet to be appointed. **Action - Chris Rostron to keep in touch with Jean Payne at DEE to resolve this.**

(c) SB reports Knutsford and Macclesfield are going ahead as planned.

(d) Northern Champs. Trevor Roberts arrived and gave a brief report. Essentially, cannot think how it could have gone better - all concerned seemed happy. The committee recorded a big vote of thanks to Trevor for his work. Trevor in turn thanked Sam Drinkwater, who was an excellent deputy, taking on everything asked of him efficiently and effectively. MR proposed a gift of thanks to the planners Dan and Karen Parker from Border Liners of a framed map with plaque and this was approved. **Action - MR to arrange gift.**

(e) Countryside Score. Now feasible under current Covid guidelines. **Action - TH to follow up with David McCann about whether to resurrect for this year.**

5.2 Mapping and Printing

ES asked about restocking toner. Roughly £700 for big printer (discounted rate via distressed stock). Vote not needed - have voted previously. **Action - ES to restock toner.**

5.3 Marketing

Nothing to report.

5.4 Membership

(a) MR proposed volunteer rewards arising from Northern Champs, of free entry to an MDOC event for helpers who did not run. This was approved. **Action - MR to ask Sam for a list of names.**

(b) Discussion about Greater Manchester travel restrictions. Consensus that events can continue within BO guidelines and it remains people's individual responsibility to decide which events they can travel to.

(c) Chris Kirkham attended to discuss club champs for 2021. 2020 never completed. 2021 potentially feasible, but some points for discussion:

- Include 2020 events from unfinished league?
- Include 2021 event (eg British Middle, Northernns) even though people were

not notified it was in the league?

- What events should we include given the calendar is not yet as regular/full as normal and some entry can be limited?
- Do we need changes to league structure or even new leagues, eg local Park League for people who do not travel to regionals/nationals?

Much discussion, but ultimately: **Action - CK to take feedback from this discussion, liaise with MR/JB and return with proposal**

(d) M60 O-Ringen relay - us and DEE or even other clubs? General enthusiasm but some concerns over mass participation in the event areas with accidental straying into private grounds. **Action - SB to ask Peter Ross and kick off.**

5.5 Schools

Nothing to report.

5.6 - Performance / Training

Ideas discussed for a beginners series, like the Lyme Park beginners series organised by PL/RL. Effort required not just in organisation but in promotion and schools liaison. Needs person to coordinate this effort - some names mentioned. We did not take an action, but it seems a possible action arising is to ask around and see if someone is interested.

5.7 GMOA

SB reports carrying on with orders still higher than normal at 2-3 a day.

6. AOB

Nothing discussed.

7. Next Meeting

The next committee meeting will take place on Monday July 12th. Apologies in advance from SF - I will be on holiday.