

## Minutes MDOC Committee Meeting 12<sup>th</sup> July 2021

**Ethereal Contributors:** Marie Roberts (Chair), Tony Wagg (Sec), Peter Cull (Treasurer), Sue Birkinshaw, Eddie Speak, Kath Speak, Trevor Hindle, Julie Brook, Dave Mawdsley, Pete Lomas, Rae Lomas,

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

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

### **2. Matters Arising and Actions:**

(a) Zoom costs. It was agreed at the last meeting that Marie should receive contributions towards her zoom costs of £2 per committee meeting and £1 per Wednesday evening 'run'. The total to date is £90.

(b) Free runs for those helping but not running at High Dam. Sam Drinkwater has listed those eligible for a free run at an MDOC event.

(c) M60 O-Ringen Relay. Sue contacted Pete Ross. He suggested that teams should be allowed to run at any time during the event window, as the circuit will take about 10 hours and will involve transport to and from each leg. Safety guidance is on the website. Simon Freytag has expressed an interest in organising an MDOC team for a date in October.

**3. Juniors:** Nothing reported.

**4. Finance:** Peter presented accounts for the year to date. Significant recent expenditure covered printing toner, insurance and equipment bought for High Dam, but also useful in the future. Two local events at Tegg's and Brereton yielded net incomes of £538 and £583. We are due to receive £5258 from the Lakes weekend. This includes repayment of a £2700 float so we have made a net gain of about £2500. This means we are likely to end the year in profit.

### **5. Reports:**

#### **5.1 Event Operation/Planning:**

(a) Controllers. It was agreed that we should re-introduce controllers at our local events. At present Eddie has had to pick up course planning issues prior to printing maps. We currently have 9 controllers but need more. Controllers need to have planned and organised an event and to have attended a controller's course. Sue agreed to find a controller's course. **Action SB.**

(b) British Sprint Champs, Skelmersdale. Chris Kirkham has agreed to assist John Kewley as organiser. We have a good number of volunteer helpers. Note that these events are run by NWOA rather than MDOC.

(c) Autumn Saturday Events. Chris Rostron is co-ordinator. There is nothing to report so far. Covid uncertainties may have delayed Local Authorities granting permissions. Once dates are established Chris will seek officials.

(d) Urban Weekend (Macclesfield/Knutsford). Marie has asked Chris O'Donnell to send his section of the Macclesfield map and has held a zoom meeting with Paul Watson (planner). Trevor Hindle has started planning Knutsford. A few map corrections are required. Ian Cooper (SYO) will control Macclesfield but a controller for Knutsford is yet to be found. This could be from within the club if necessary.

(e) Lakes 5-day 2022. In response to an appeal from NWOA, we have offered Bleathwaite as an area for one of the events. However, Martin Bagness considers that high bracken would be a problem in August

and Coniston School is probably the only parking venue. Sue has contacted the school but they have not replied yet.

**5.2. Mapping and Printing:** Eddie reported that more work is required on the Macclesfield map but an acceptable version is available for planning purposes. His immediate priority is printing for the British Sprints and Relays. Manchester 2022 (May) is a major future task.

**5.3. Membership:** Chris Kirkham has suggested various options for reviving a club league, including an option covering a set of events during 2021. Peter Hayes sent a note stating that in fairness to all club members we should not announce this retrospectively, when the majority of events to count have already been held. Peter's proposal was supported by 5 votes to 2, with one abstention. The scheme is likely to be initiated in 2022 if we are not all running round in masks and awaiting our 4<sup>th</sup> jab?

Newsletter. This will appear in the next week or so.

**6. GMOA:** Nothing to report.

**7. Schools:** Peter Hayes sent a written note containing the following key points.

Fallibroome were unable to send a team to the Yvette Baker competition as they are not allowed to mix age groups. Covid rules have prevented visits to schools but he has continued to supply teaching materials and has arranged a number of visits, lessons and mapping of school grounds for next year. A National Ruling by the PE Association has banned schools' competitions. However, SYO has been able to attract many school children to their events because they enter with a previously issued individual code number and it will be possible to collate school results when this is allowed. He aims to introduce a schools competition in 2022.

Matthew Snarr has enquired about the mapping of the grounds of his daughter's school (Withington). He has been directed to Michelle Riley as a potential mapper.

As a result of actions taken by Annette Turner, Programme Manager for Physical Activity at Tameside, in response to the Sport England Coaching Videos, Greenside Primary School in Droylesden are seeking advice/assistance in setting up/extending a duck trail in the adjoining Sunnybank Park, potentially forming a community POC (though not part of GMOA). Ian Gilliver has volunteered to help them and will attend a site visit on 16<sup>th</sup> August to explore what help he might usefully provide.

## **8. Performance and Training:**

(a) International Representation. Peter Bray ran for GB in the WOC middle distance event in the Czech Republic. We have an established precedent for offering financial support to juniors to an agreed formula. There is no equivalent formula for seniors but there was a substantial majority agreement that we should offer some support, with details to be agreed.

(b) Weddings. Tom Fellbaum and Emily are due to marry and it was agreed that the Club should give a present.

Both Pete and Rae Lomas and Margaret and Andrew Gregory have recent or forthcoming 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversaries and the committee sends best wishes and congratulations. (Not sure whether the last two items count as performance or training?).

(c) Coaching Course. Three members, David Wathey, Cecelia Fenerty and Peter Hayes, are due to attend a level 2 coaching course shortly, run by Pat Mee. John Kewley is hoping to run a later course at Lyme in September. For MDOC members attending, we and NWOA each pay half the cost. Members from other clubs are also be invited to attend.

## **9. AOB:**

(a) Wednesday 'runs'. For those who have missed out on walking, eating and chatting during lockdown, it was suggested that Wednesday runs should resume from a date to be agreed. In extreme cases, running is also permitted.

(b) Surplus green stakes. Cecelia Fenerty wants some of these for her garden.

**10. Next Meeting:** The next committee meeting will take place on Monday September 6th 2021. Those present were evenly divided as to whether this should be via zoom or back at Ladybrook. As a number of people were not present, it was agreed that an email vote should be held in mid-August. **Action MR.**