

Minutes MDOC Committee Meeting 11th October 2021

Ethereal Contributors: Marie Roberts (Chair), Tony Wagg (Sec), Peter Cull (Treasurer), Sue Birkinshaw, Julie Brook, Trevor Hindle, Simon Freytag, Eddie Speak, Kath Speak, Dave Mawdsley, Pete Lomas, Rae Lomas. Due to technical issues, Sue chaired the meeting and Marie joined in by phone via TW (tricky!).

Apologies: Pete Hayes, Catriona Beynon, Dom Wathey.

1. Minutes of Last meeting: Accepted.

2. Matters Arising and Actions:

(a) Controllers' course. Ian Watson will arrange same, probably at Wythenshawe Park.

(b) Engraving of a N Champs trophy. It remains unclear as to whether there is a precedent that the event pays such a cost, but in this case, the event has paid the cost for the winner that raised the query.

(c) Publicity for urban weekend (Macc/Knutsford). Marie has supplied information to Matthew Snarr and Nick Taylor for them to broadcast on social media.

(d) M60 MapRun relay. Lengthy discussions have been held amongst a group of interested parties. Pete Ross had doubts about the overall length of time that a conventional relay might take, and the complex logistics involved. Alternatives were considered without a conclusion emerging. **Action continues (SF and associates).**

(e) Condes 10. This has been purchased following consultations between ES and TH.

(f) Urban event within 2022 Lakes 5-day period. Trevor had proposed that Penrith might serve as a venue, subject to Border Liners approval. Karen Parker reports that BL have no plans to use the area in the near future. However, some within that club might oppose the idea, but she would support the proposal if NWOA considered it an important part of the 5 Day program. Trevor has so far been unable to speak to Dave McCann, NWOA chairman. **Action continues TH.**

3. Junior Issues: Nothing reported.

4. Finance: Peter will explain the full year accounts, to August 2021, in section 9. There has been little to report in September. We have bought gripples (£100) and the Condes 10 upgrade (£240), and have received income from printing and the Sale Water Park event.

5. Reports:

5.1 Event Operation/Planning:

(a) Autumn Saturday Events. Two have taken place and 2 are to come.

(b) Night Steet League. 4 events are registered though only one pub is currently assigned. Sue will discuss plans with Grahame Crawshaw later in the week. The events are expected to continue in the New Year.

(c) Fixture co-ordination. SELOC (Peter Brooke) have sent their plans for local events throughout the whole of 2022, and requested our equivalent. Sue saw no merit in planning that far ahead and suggested that occasional clashes did not matter. However, our priority is to fit in with the DEE schools program. The committee supported this view and Sue will discuss further plans with Chris Rostron and will reply to Peter. **Action SB.**

(d) Major Events. In May 2022 (21st and 22nd) we will stage urban events at Sale West and Manchester City. Trevor hopes the latter will be part of the UK Urban League, and possibly part of the Euro City Series.

(e) Lakes 5 Day 2022. Dave McCann has 5 areas but not all have organising clubs attached so we could be asked for help. Sue pointed out that we are assigned to provide computing and will offer central services for all 5 days and this should amount to at least our fair share. Further negotiations with Dave McCann are expected.

5.2. Mapping and Printing: No Reports

5.3. Membership: Membership numbers are similar to the previous year. Kath has sent details to Marie for her annual report.

6. GMOA: Nothing to report.

7. Schools: Nothing to report.

8. Performance and Training: Three have started a coaching course. Nick Taylor has started a new job and is unable to undertake planned training.

9. AGM: Minutes of the 2020 AGM have been sent out on Simplelists. Sue has sent a list of events to Marie. The accounts are being audited. We lost £400 in the year to August 2020 but have gained £1900 in 20/21. Our cash in hand has increased by £1400 over the 2 years. Some costs have reduced, such as NWOA fees, room hire, surveying, the club social and club kit. The Northern Champs required outlay on equipment and computing, but the event yielded a large overall profit, without which we would have made a loss for the year.

The Treasurer, in consultation with the Chairman, recommended that membership fees should remain unchanged. The Committee agreed (subject to vote at the AGM).

Peter presented the annual accounts in advance of the AGM. A number of queries arose as to how items were categorised. A relatively large expenditure on membership included production and distribution of the membership list, but also postage of the newsletter. A further item of 'Newsletter', covered the production but not distribution of the Newsletter. After some debate it was agreed that this arrangement should remain as it is. The term 'broadsheet' was no longer relevant and should be deleted. Peter queried how we should itemise income from the hire of our kit including computers to non MDOC events. Options are event income or separate kit hire income. Opinion seemed to favour the latter, but Peter agreed to discuss further with Eddie and Pete and Rae. **Action PC.** Peter could not easily change aspects of presentation as he lacked some of the software used by Alan Ogden (previous treasurer). Sue suggested the Club should purchase this if it simplified Peter's job significantly. The cost would be about £300 pa and Peter suggested this was a low priority issue and should be deferred for the present.

10. AOB:

(a) M60 MapRun relay. Peter queried whether this incurred a levy. Sue replied that MapRun 'events' countered as activities, were not subject to a levy and were not insured through BOF. NSL is registered and subject to a levy, but is not purely based on MapRun. However, there was a case for registering the M60 'excursion' as an event.

(b) Skelmersdale Helpers. The Club has received £380 from the event as a reward for MDOC helpers. This will be distributed to those who helped, according to a formula to be established by Marie and Peter. **Action PC MR.**

(c) New committee members. A general appeal produced no new members willing to stand for election. Rae therefore contacted about 12 people personally, from which two volunteers emerged – Graham Heap and Alison Fryer. We also lack anyone willing to take over as chair.

(d) Knutsford map. Trevor pointed out that we must pay the mapper before the event is held, which is very soon!

11. Next Meeting: The next (virtual) committee meeting will take place on Monday November 8th 2021 at 7.30pm.