

Minutes MDOC Committee Meeting 14th February 2022

On-line Attendees: Eddie Speak (Chair), Kath Speak, Tony Wagg (Sec), Sue Birkinshaw, Julie Brook, Alison Fryer, Alain Kyd, Trevor Hindle, Paul Watson, Graham Heap.

Apologies: Catriona Beynon, Simon Freytag, Pete Hayes, Pete Lomas, Rae Lomas, Peter Cull (Treasurer), Dom Wathey.

1. Minutes of Last meeting: Accepted.

2. Matters Arising and Actions:

(a) Club co-ordinator for Lakes 5 day. Eddie has informed Dave McCann that he will act as MDOC contact while Tony Wagg will assist with implementation of actions.

(b) NSL entry fees. Eddie spoke to Grahame Crawshaw. He is happy with the current structure where all pay the same.

(c) Purchase of large road signs (non-urgent). **(Action continues ES).**

(d) May urban events. Tytherington is progressing well and Trevor Roberts has supplied useful information. Attempts to obtain permission for Manchester have failed as emails and phone calls are not answered. Margaret Gregory has offered to contact local councillors and Tony Wagg volunteered to approach councillor friends to open communication links. **Action TW.** See also 5.1 below.

(e) Letter of thanks to Sarah Brown re coaching videos. This has been posted. On current form it is now in the lap of the gods.

(f) CompassSport cup. We did not win and only 16 turned out. Almost one third of these were running green vets. We could have had start times allocated by our team captain. This did not happen, resulting in some very early start times.

3. Junior Issues: The Saturday coaching session was well attended and feedback was positive. Pete Hayes has completed 3 coaching sessions with schools but needs to run a further session at TD4/5.

4. Finance: The Treasurer and his family are sharing a strange virus so no report was available. We are due to pay £900 to renew 4 OCAD licences for another 3 years. The software is installed on PC's which are loaned to members when required. Eddie commented that he sometimes had to chase people for their return and an automatic return system may be needed.

5.Reports:

5.1 Event Operation/Planning:

(a) May Urban weekend. The school at Tytherington has given permission for parking and download. Runners cross the road into Riverside Park to the start. We are seeking permission from the Council and planning is in progress. Pete Ross will modify the map. Jillyan Dobby is planning, we have no organiser as yet and Sue is seeking a controller.

We are having trouble contacting M/c City council as explained in 2(d) above. The event forms part of the UK Urban League and should attract an entry of 300-400. Trevor Hindle is delaying planning until permission is confirmed. We are unlikely to go West of Deansgate and will thus not need permission to place controls on private land. Sue expressed concern about the permission problem and proposed that we might have to cancel if the issue was unresolved by late March. The map is 80% complete. An organiser and controller remain to be found.

(b) Summer evening events. The first event is at Teggs Nose on 21st April. Graham Heap offered to plan, Kath to organise and Clare Griffin will control under Eddie's watchful eye, as she is still an apprentice. These events are currently designated level D. They could be upgraded to level C if this helps trainee controllers to fulfil their qualification requirements.

(c) Nine are due to attend the controllers' course but many are from other clubs and we expect to gain 3 controllers at most.

(d) Future fixtures and officials. Sue argued that we need to assemble a fixtures team as soon as possible and to agree fixtures one year ahead, identify people involved, and publish on the website. This follows the policy of DEE for example. The committee supported the idea in principle, though full implementation might be difficult. The first stage is to set up a table on the website listing event, date, official(s), initially with many blanks. Paul agreed to become 'more involved' in fixtures. Trevor commented that he had laid out a programme of urban fixtures (see 'Urban and sprint events proposal' submitted to committee) at least a year ahead, but overall fixtures planning required more than one person. He was willing to supply input for urban fixtures planning.

Paul agreed to draft an appeal to be sent to club members via simple lists (and snail mail to a few unlisted). This will initially go to the committee for comment. Key points are:

- an appeal for members to join a fixtures group (upon which club survival depends)
- notice of a fixtures list with dates and officials on the website
- the need for volunteer officials to complete gaps in the above
- notice of guidance for officials on the website and a QA session for the inexperienced/un-confident

Action PW.

5.2. Mapping and Printing: On going. Nothing specific to report.

5.3. Membership: Membership has approximately reached previous levels. Kath will look into arranging a First Aid course. **Action KS.**

5.4. Marketing: Paul pointed out that Nick Taylor and Mathew Snarr will publish items on social media but depend upon others, particularly organisers, feeding them material. Organisers need to be aware of this and supply information a few weeks prior to an event.

6. Schools: No report.

7. GMOA: Nothing to report. New post-watchers are required.

8. Performance and Training: The website needs updating to indicate that Wednesday runs are currently suspended. **Action JB.**

9. Next Meeting: The next committee meeting will take place on Monday march 14th 2022 at 7.30pm, provisionally 'in the flesh' in Cheadle.