Minutes MDOC Committee Meeting 14th March 2022

Attendees: Eddie Speak (Chair), Kath Speak, Julie Brook, Trevor Hindle, Graham Heap, Pete Hayes, Peter Cull (Treasurer).

Apologies: Tony Wagg, Sue Birkinshaw, Alison Fryer, Paul Watson, Simon Freytag, Pete Lomas, Rae Lomas, Alain Kyd.

1. Minutes of Last meeting: Accepted with 1 amendment. Pete Hayes has completed 4 coaching sessions.

2. Matters Arising and Actions:

- (a) Purchase of large road signs (non-urgent). (Action continues ES).
- (b) May urban events. Tony Wagg made the moves and contact was made. See also 5.1(a) below.
- (c) Paul Watson provided a draft document. Also see 5.1(c) below.
- (d) Kath has contacted the First Aid providers and will now proceed to sort out a date and venue.
- (e) Julie has updated the website.
- 3. Junior Issues: Nil.
- **4. Finance:** The Treasurer has been busy joining the ranks of the retired so full accounts were not available but provided evidence that, although ample for the club, the main account was insufficient to make a material difference to his retirement fund.

5.Reports:

5.1 Event Operation/Planning:

- (a) May Urban weekend. Awaiting formal approval from Macc council. Dave Rose (SELOC) has agreed to control. Contact has been made with the city council. Apart from expressing a concern about it being the anniversary of the arena bombing, which we agreed to avoid the arena and cathedral areas in case, they seemed positive. Trevor (+ Hazel) then started to wear out their trainers walking the area to check for control sites. Then, after a delay, the city pointed out that the Great Manchester Run was the same day. Trevor can plan (the longer courses) to avoid. A response has been sent to the council but there has been no reply yet. The map is undergoing final updates (as much as you can in a city!). Eddie Speak has agreed to be the organiser and Peter Gorvett (SYO) the controller. Council to be chased as we wish to open entries. **Action: ES**
- (b) Summer evening events. Teggs Nose OK. Brereton Heath Organiser yes, Planner probably, Controller no. Alderley Edge Organiser & Planner yes, Controller no
- (c) The draft from PW was discussed. The first part was well received but the bullet points were considered to be overly 'wordy' and a bit like Lord Kitchener. A lighter/friendlier approach was thought would be better received. Eddie to talk to Paul. **Action: ES**
- **5.2. Mapping and Printing**: Nothing specific to report.
- **5.3. Membership:** Nothing to report
- **5.4. Marketing:** A comment about could our media personnel be more pro-active instead of pushing what is given then.

- **6. Schools:** Pete Hayes has been going into a primary school in Wigan to teach Orienteering to two groups of Year 4 and Year 5 students between early March and the Easter Holidays. The school is being mapped by an external company. He has had a request from a Wythenshawe Primary School to teach Orienteering, this has yet to be confirmed by the Headteacher. Orienteering sessions in Macclesfield Primary Schools are re starting, and coaching work continues with Fallibroome Academy.
- **7. GMOA:** Nothing to report.
- **8. Performance and Training:** Nothing to report.
- **9. AOB:** Pete Hayes had suggested buying some new laptops, but the present Chairman is too mean to spend any of his gold reserves!
- **10. Next Meeting:** The next committee meeting will take place on Monday April 11th 2022 at 7.30pm, venue to be advised by Eddie in his normal timely manner.