

Minutes MDOC Committee Meeting 11th April 2022

Attendees: Eddie Speak (Chair), Tony Wagg (Sec), Sue Birkinshaw, Julie Brook, Trevor Hindle, Paul Watson, Graham Heap, Simon Freytag, Pete Hayes.

Apologies: Catriona Beynon, Pete Lomas, Rae Lomas, Peter Cull (Treasurer), Dom Wathey, Alison Fryer, Alain Kyd, Kath Speak.

1. Minutes of Last meeting: Accepted, subject to clarification of 5.1(a) as to which is day 1 and which day 2.

2. Matters Arising and Actions:

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

(b) May urban events. Day2, Manchester. Contact with the City Council is established and permission granted. They require completion of a temporary event notice but otherwise seem relaxed, especially as we require nothing from them. The University land has public access so no extra permission is required. Day 1, Tytherington is OK but Macclesfield/Cheshire East will only issue permits with two weeks to go.

(c) Draft letter to Club members, appealing for more participation in helping to arrange fixtures and fulfil key tasks in running events. Paul wrote and circulated a draft for comment and he and Eddie have agreed minor changes. Eddie will now circulate this version via simple lists, **Action ES**.

3. Junior Issues: See section 4 below.

4. Finance: The Treasurer was unable to attend. The following issues have arisen.

Junior Squad tour. Dominic is due to attend a NW junior squad training session in Norway. The NW treasurer has asked each squad member to raise £590 (we believe the total cost may be £750, with the difference funded from elsewhere). The committee approved payment of 40% of Dominic's costs (£590, but £750 if need be), in line with established policy. There has been a separate appeal to NW clubs to help fund the costs of coaches accompanying the squad. In the past these costs have been lumped in with squad members fees but this is currently considered unreasonable. The committee approved a one-off donation of £500, without setting a precedent.

Relay fees. The committee agreed to pay relay entry fees, subject to senior runners each contributing £10 per event. Eddie will inform Liz Hamer-Davies (club captain) **Action ES**. The Club will also pay the whole fee for junior Club members running in the Yvette Baker Trophy. This will apply to Fallibroome and possibly Cheadle Hulme School. Eddie will inform Alain and Simon at the respective schools. **Action ES**.

5. Reports:

5.1 Event Operation/Planning:

(a) May Urban weekend. See 2(b) above. The assembly for Manchester will be at Halle St Peter's in Ancoats. Parking may be problematic as the GM run is the same day and will involve a few more people than our event. However, Piccadilly station and the New Islington tram stops are within 15 mins walk and some of us have bicycles. Most of the run action heads West from the centre and there should be no interference with our courses.

(b) Summer evening events. The Cheshire East rangers issue newsletters detailing forthcoming events several months ahead. These describe our events and provoke a few queries and entries. Hence, we need to ensure our entry systems are open in time and the info the rangers have is up to date. This has

now been achieved for Brereton. Alderley is National Trust. We have not had permission confirmed but there is little reason for concern and Pete Hayes agreed to remind the key contact (Chris Green) as they are due to meet in April.

(c) Lyme. Disley scout group have asked about events in the park. We have discontinued our summer evening events, partly due to the need to be out by 8.00pm. Their alternative is to base a session on the permanent course. Julie and Tony offered to help if available. Simon will reply to the scouts. **Action SF.**

(d) M60 O ringen (MapRun). The current suggestion is that this should be a fun DIY activity with 12 runners over a 12 hour period, each leg boxed to a 1 hour interval.

(e) Night street league. After some debate Grahame Crawshaw has decided that events shall remain on the weekdays as in the past, rather than changing to Wednesdays for example.

(f) Countryside score events. Thus far no one has been willing to co-ordinate these but Simon said he might be able to help.

5.2. Mapping and Printing: On going. Nothing specific to report. Manchester map essentially complete.

5.3. Membership: A first aid course is arranged for June 25th in Stockport. 8 MDOC members will attend and a further 3 places will be offered to DEE. Ollie Williams has joined MDOC so we expect to win all elite relays (Welcome Ollie - no pressure)!

5.4. Marketing. The urban weekend requires publicity and the recruitment of helpers.

6. Schools: Pete Hayes has regularly coached at a school in Wigan and a number of schools in Macclesfield. A primary school in Wythenshawe may want their school grounds mapped.

7. GMOA: The AGM takes place on-line on April 26th. All Stockport courses have been revamped.

8. Performance and Training: Pete Hayes has completed his 4 linked sessions and his physical training session as part of his coaching qualification. His final assessment will follow.

9. AOB: Urban events. Trevor Hindle proposed that:

(a) We hold a Manchester City race each year using different parts of the city. We could go East and South of the existing maps. Ideally the events should be May +/- a month. The organising and planning team would need to be expanded. Paul Watson expressed willingness to help. The committee approved the plan in principle.

(b) In 2023 we should hold an event at Birchwood, extending the area to include Locking Stumps immediately West. May or October are preferred dates. The proposal was accepted.

(c) Pete Hayes raised the issue of MDOC hosting a Yvette Baker heat in 2023, as it has been ten years since we hosted. A discussion followed about suitable venues.

10. Next Meeting: The next committee meeting will take place on Monday May 9th 2022 at 7.30pm, at the Griffin in Cheadle.