

Minutes MDOC Committee Meeting 9th May 2022

Attendees: Eddie Speak (Chair), Tony Wagg (Sec), Peter Cull (Treasurer), Alison Fryer, Kath Speak, Julie Brook, Trevor Hindle, Paul Watson, Graham Heap, Simon Freytag, Pete Hayes, Liz Hamer-Davies.

Apologies: Catriona Beynon, Pete Lomas, Rae Lomas, Dom Wathey, Alain Kyd, Sue Birkinshaw.

1. Minutes of Last meeting: Accepted, subject to the following amendment to 5.1(e), which should be replaced as follows: Night street league. Grahame Crawshaw has emailed MDOC and other NSL runners requesting their views on the preferred night(s) of the week to hold NSL events. A decision will be made shortly after Easter.

2. Matters Arising and Actions:

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

(b) A letter to Club members, appealing for more participation in helping to arrange fixtures and fulfil key tasks in running events, has now been circulated.

(c) Relays. Liz (Club Captain) has been notified of our policy on entry fees. The Club has paid all entry fees so far this year and entries are in hand.

3. Junior Issues: No report

4. Finance: The Treasurer has circulated written accounts for this financial year up to the end of April. We have a deficit so far of £407. Major expenses have been for map paper, OCAD licences and Condes 10 upgrades. A £500 grant has been paid to the NW Junior Squad, as a contribution to tour expenses for coaches. This is a special one-off payment as approved at the previous (April) committee meeting. These items are more than covered by surplus income from events and in most cases could be regarded as part of the cost of running events. The urban weekend involves modest outlay to Tytherington school and hire of the Halle hall in Ancoats. We also plan to upgrade our laptops but chips have vanished in transit. (dredge the Suez Canal?). A payment of 40 % of tour costs is to be made to David Wathey, towards Dominic's squad tour to Norway, in line with standard policy.

5. Reports:

5.1 Event Operation/Planning:

(a) May Urban weekend. We are oversubscribed with volunteer helpers so most need only help on one of the days. Liz suggested a photo trail. This was considered a good idea for the future but too late to arrange this time. Final details have been issued. Manchester parking and road access will be difficult due to the Great M/c Run on the Sunday.

(b) Summer evening events. All officials are in place but Jim Trueman needs to be formally approved as a qualified controller.

(c) Disley scout activities in Lyme. Simon, Julie and Tony have agreed to assist the scout leaders in running an informal 'event' based on permanent course controls. Simon is acting as contact and overall responsibility lies with the scout leaders.

(d) Countryside score events. Simon has acted as co-ordinator and has arranged 4 events as follows: 25th May, New Mills, 15th June, Marple Hawk Green, 29th June, Adlington and 20th July, Bollington. The planner of the last event only agreed to do this via MapRun. As this might not suit everyone, it was agreed that there should be no entry fee for this event.

5.2. Mapping and Printing: Minor tweaks to the M/c map remain to be applied. Printing will take place nearer the event.

5.3. Membership: First Aid course. 12 are due to attend, including 4 from DEE. The church where it is due to take place is not responding to communications. Macclesfield and Adlington are alternatives if necessary. One or two people who are expected to renew their membership have failed to do so despite reminders.

5.4. Marketing. Nick Taylor may be moving to the Lake District and is resigning as our Facebook co-ordinator. A replacement is needed. The urban weekend is currently advertised on Facebook and our website. Eddie will send out an email recruiting a new Facebook publicist. **Action ES.**

6. Schools:

(a) Yvette Baker heat. We have entered more than nine runners who count from a range of schools. All Juniors will be reimbursed their entry fees by the Club. Pete Hayes and Peter Cull will liaise. Pete H has also given information about the venue (Tockholes).

(b) Training school staff in Wigan. Pete has spent 2 days training teaching assistants. Michelle Riley has trained teachers.

(c) Pete Hayes has held a whole school afternoon of Jubilee Orienteering.

7. GMOA: Peter Cull attended the AGM and reports healthy assets, including stocks of maps and control posts. Posts in situ last about 10 years. Mr Google informs us of a rival organisation. See 'GMOA battles intensify as AGM looms', Sunday Times, June 2021. Seems to cover warfare within medical establishment in Sri Lanka. (Thought you'd like to know. They don't supply O maps).

8. Performance and Training: Trainee coaches. The Watheys have completed their 4th coaching session and now have to do a physical training session. Then they and Pete Hayes have to be assessed. John Kewley or Pat Mee are possible assessors.

9. AOB

(a) Urban events. Chris Rostron emailed a comment about the April minutes. He is concerned that our aim to stage an annual Manchester event should not exclude Stockport as a venue. The council have been supportive and in June 2022 are staging a runners' day (StockSport 2022). If repeated in 2023 it could provide an opportunity to showcase orienteering. The committee were in favour of continuing with Stockport events but will need to identify the most appropriate area. Paul Watson agreed to research a possible date. **Action PW.** A suggestion was made to alternate each year between Manchester and Stockport urban events.

(b) Yvette Baker Trophy heat 2023. We could offer to stage this. We discussed various venues and suitable areas for courses up to TD5 (Green).

(c) Training and mentoring officials (planners, organisers). Liz suggested that there was a need for more than a single session. Paul agreed to find out who is interested and set a date. He will then arrange mentors and lead an on-line session ahead of the Autumn series. **Action PW.**

10. Next Meeting: The next committee meeting will take place on Monday June 13th 2022 at 7.30pm, at the Griffin in Cheadle.