

Minutes MDOC Committee Meeting 13th June 2022

Attendees: Eddie Speak (Chair), Tony Wagg (Sec), Peter Cull (Treasurer), Alison Fryer, Kath Speak, Trevor Hindle, Paul Watson, Graham Heap, Pete Hayes, Liz Hamer-Davies, Pete Lomas, Rae Lomas, Sue Birkinshaw.

Apologies: Catriona Beynon, Julie Brook, Simon Freytag, Dom Wathey, Alain Kyd.

1. Minutes of Last meeting: Accepted.

2. Matters Arising and Actions:

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

(b) Training course for planners and organisers. This will take place online on June 30th. Paul will recruit attendees.

(c) Yvette Baker Trophy heat 2023 – see section 5.1(e) below.

3. Junior Issues: Grants - see section 4 below. Newsletter - see section 5.3.

4. Finance: The Treasurer reported a deficit of about £2400 for the year to date, but £1900 income is expected in June from the urban weekend. Major recent expenses have been £1600 for printer toner, £700 for grants to juniors and £500 for insurance and the newsletter. Trevor Hindle (planner) and Pete Gorvett (controller) praised the Manchester map. Payment of £900 for the cost of the survey was approved. The surveyor was a Mr Speak, whoever he may be. The net profit on the weekend will be about £1000, though there are other costs not easily attributed to specific events.

Dom Wathey, Ben Kyd and John Kewley (JK) have been chosen to represent Britain in the World Trail O Championships in Poland. The juniors are likely to receive support from the Region (Pete Hayes will suggest to Alain Kyd that he contacts the NW treasurer asap) but in addition qualify for support from the Club in accordance with the established formula. We have no established support policy for seniors but it was agreed that John should be invited to contact us after the event when full costs are known when in principle, we are willing to help. **Action TW** to relay this information to JK.

5. Reports:

5.1 Event Operation/Planning:

(a) May Urban weekend. This was highly successful. Maps and courses were well-received and St Michaels proved an excellent assembly venue. Courses for juniors were included but entries were disappointingly low.

(b) Summer evening events. The Teggs Nose event has taken place and Brereton and Alderley remain. Dave McCann has been given documentation to submit to BOF so that Jim Trueman can become a fully-fledged controller.

(c) Countryside score events. One has taken place and 3 more are to come. These demand less work overall than the above and there is no controller.

(d) Lakes 5 Day Events. We are supplying central services (EOD, download, computing and results) each day. Derek Alison (overall co-ordinator) will agree precise requirements in consultation with Eddie. Tony Wagg agreed to forewarn club members who have entered that a rota of volunteers will evolve **Action TW**.

(e) Fixtures plan. A draft plan for fixtures up to July 2023 was circulated. In early Autumn two Saturday morning events include score events to offer practise before the British Schools Score Champs. Two later events include 2-part sprints, along with yellow and white courses. In April 2023 the Yvette Baker Trophy heat is proposed for Phillips Park. At Lyme a Saturday morning event in May contains a full range of colour-coded courses and there will be 3 evening beginners' (CATI) events based on the POC. The programme was approved.

Ian Gilliver has established contacts within United Utilities, covering Macclesfield Forest. Recently they have only offered dates in January and February. Negotiations could then yield access to Goyt, Watergrove or Longendale.

(e) Urban event plans. Stockport will need a re-map and the Birchwood extension needs to be mapped. Trevor and Sue will discuss and seek a date, probably in September 2023. Paul will use the contacts recently established with Manchester and seek an event in 2024. The Ancoats area could be extended towards the Etihad Stadium.

5.2. Mapping and Printing: LOC wish us to donate the NW corner of the High Dam area which they will then re-map and add to their adjacent area. We are happy with this, provided we retain the right of use. We are printing maps for two of the areas for the Lakes 5 Day.

5.3. Membership: The First Aid course is going ahead. Few pupils at Fallibroome are reported to read the Newsletter. A junior page was suggested with juniors generating their own material. The inclusion of photos is problematic and requires parental permission. Pete Hayes will ask Alain to see whether pupils will write about recent relays and will discuss options with Sam Drinkwater.

5.4. Marketing: Hanno Rostron has contacted Nick Taylor with a view to taking over our Facebook activities.

6. Schools: Harrytown Catholic High School in Romiley requested orienteering training and Pete Hayes has delivered four sessions over a two week period. They might request mapping of the school grounds. A company approached GMOA to suggest activities for a team building exercise. Pete arranged a few activities in Macclesfield Forest.

7. GMOA: No report.

8. Performance and Training: Nothing to report.

9. AOB. Street league dates are now fixed.

10. Next Meeting: The next committee meeting will take place on Monday July 11th 2022 at 7.30pm, at the Griffin in Cheadle.