

Minutes MDOC Committee Meeting 12th September 2022

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

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

1. Minutes of Last meeting: Accepted.

2. Matters Arising and Actions:

Eddie has contacted Ben Kyd regarding his grant application for the World Trail O Champs.

3. Junior Issues: Nothing to report.

4. Finance: The treasurer reported that there could be tax advantages in the Club registering with CASC (Committee of Amateur Sports Clubs). This was considered in the past but not pursued. To achieve this the Club would need to register as a trust. Peter agreed to investigate further. **Action PC.**

5. Reports:

5.1 Event Operation/Planning:

(a) Countryside Score Series. Two alternative views have been presented as to how this should proceed in the future. Simon, the current co-ordinator, asked the committee for a collective opinion. John Britton has proposed a more formalised structure, similar to the night street league. This could offer spread start times, precise timing, a clue sheet (as opposed to just MapRun control verification) and perhaps a league competition. Andy Thornton (the originator of CSS when we were all in our youth??) attended this part of the meeting to explain a less formalised version, akin to its origins. This involves a mass start and more approximate timing. The choice between a clue sheet or MapRun or both should be left to each organiser. This would mean only one or two people are needed to run a given event and MapRun involves much less work for the planner, and thus potentially more volunteer planners. The series could continue at weekends through the Winter, when no other local events are available. Pubs can usually handle mass start events, but some control locations do not offer a MapRun signal (need some checks).

The committee approved the plan for the summer 2023 series as outlined by Andy, in that the precise format should be according to the planner's choice, in particular offering either MapRun or MapRun plus clue sheet. A paper map is always provided. Andy and Pete Ross are also willing to run a complete series from October to March based on OS maps. I-zettle payment will be needed along with minor map over prints (eg controls and path mods). Provisional dates could be 16th Oct, 13th Nov, 27th Dec 2022.

(b) Lyme Events 2023. The chief ranger at Lyme, Chris Dunkerley, is supportive of orienteering. We plan to hold 3 midweek CATI's (come and try it), covering White, Yellow, Orange and/or a score course. These will be based on permanent course controls. A further possibility is a Saturday morning event, coupled with a Sunday event in Stockport. Entry to Lyme between 9.00am and 4.00pm costs non-NT members £8 each, but start times from 9.30 – 11.30am would allow early birds to escape the charge. The New Year John O Goats event will be staged on Saturday January 7th, or possibly the following day.

5.2. Marketing: Facebook publicity is required for the Manchester urban event in 2024. We need to use simple terms rather than listing colour coded courses. The suggestion is to get Chris Rostron to advise Hanno (Rostron) as to what is required.

5.3 Membership: Two new members have joined recently. There is no news about a planned DEE first aid course. Some of our members may wish to attend. Kath will chase them. **Action KS.** The Newsletter is about to be printed. This always appears on the website and Alain Kyd has requested that printed copies are only supplied to Fallibroome if junior issues are featured.

5.4 Mapping and Printing: Birchwood map extension. A mapping contract has been agreed. The event will take place provisionally in October 2023. Trevor will seek an organiser and is willing to help someone else plan. The club will receive income from printing some of the Lakes 5 maps and we will print for the Ainsdale event (DEE) in October.

5.5. Schools: Pete Hayes reported as follows;

Dee have confirmed that the Cheshire and Merseyside Schools League is over, and not just this winter. Pete has agreed the following competition for Year 7 students. A three way challenge between Fallibroome, Kings School Macclesfield and Cheadle Hulme School. Each school to host a double sprint. So far he has visited Fallibroome and Kings to discuss the plan and he is visiting Cheadle Hulme School next week, where he is offering coaching and resources. Dates will be set by each school and he hopes the first will be this half term.

For other schools, perhaps ones who did the Dee schools competition, he proposes to offer a league table of participation at events offered by other clubs.

Dates are to be confirmed and students should register an interest with Pete before entering the first event. He can supply further competition details. Medals and spot prizes will be available at the end of the school year.

Harrytown School (Romiley) has not pursued its initial interest in orienteering.

5.6. Performance and training: Derek Allison is running a training day at Graythwaite on September 24th. Pete Hayes is going back into the school in Wigan.

6. GMOA: Nothing to report.

7. AGM: This will be held on Thursday 20th October, at the Griffin in Cheadle, subject to confirmation – Eddie to arrange and publicise. **Action ES.** We need a new Chair person and Fixtures Sec. Sue is willing to continue to deal with the paperwork that the fixtures job requires. Volunteers to Eddie.

8. AOB:

(a) JK2023 in the North West. We are providing key officials. Trevor Hindle is planning day 1, and on day2, Eddie is planning and Sam Drinkwater organising.

(b) Sam and Anna are about to marry. The Club sends congratulations.

9. Next Meeting: The next committee meeting will be held on Monday 10th October2022 at 7.30pm at the Griffin in Cheadle.