**Minutes of MDOC Committee Meeting 15th May 2023**

**Attendees**

At 221 Hale Road, Hale: Sue Birkinshaw (acting secretary), Paul Watson, Julie Brook, Peter Hayes.

Via Zoom: Liz Hamer Davies (Chairman), Andy Thornton, Trevor Hindle, Alain Kyd

**Apologies**: Tony Wagg, Peter Cull

**1. Minutes of last meeting (March 13th)**

After corrections the Minutes were approved.

Peter Hayes should have been listed only as giving apologies.

Item 3. Andy Thornton’s responsibility is to “exploit the use of MapRun”

Item 11. John Kewley to be added as a qualified coach

All other actions had been completed, or held over.

5.6 Pre-YBT coaching had not happened

**2. Matters arising and Actions**

Liz to appeal to the club for a newsletter editor

Paul to mail the club to find out who would be interested in the Condes Course to be held at Peter Ross’s house for up to 6 people.

9. Sue to report permission problems to BOF

9. Sue to ask NW for the report on suggestions for spending NW money.

**3. Juniors**

3.1 A Junior member of the committee should be elected at the 2023 AGM, offering the opportunity to all junior members of the club.

3.2 MDOC juniors have qualified for the final of the Yvette Baker Trophy to be held in Sheffield on July 9th. Alain Kyd agreed to contact all the juniors in the club to encourage them to attend the event.

It was agreed that we would give them free entry, including coach transport. Alain to find out the cost of this.

**4. Finance**

Liz agreed to keep the Treasurer informed of all financial matters arising at this meeting.

It was agreed that the Treasurer would only use bank transfers in future, no cash or cheque transactions.

**5. Events**

5.1 We thanked Julie Brook, Jim Trueman and John Britton for the successful event at Philips Park which included the Yvette Baker Trophy Heat.

5.2 We note that no thanks have been received from BOF for the enormous amount of work done by those who helped make the JK such a success.

Major roles had been taken by MDOC members: Dave McCann, Trevor and Marie Roberts, Trevor and Hazel Hindle, Eddie and Kath Speak, John Kewley, Sam Drinkwater. We thanked them on behalf of the rest of the MDOC membership.

5.3 Spunch events put on by Andy Thornton and a very small team are proving very popular. More than 100 people have taken part each time, with about 200 at the Coronation event.

**6. Mapping and printing**

Alderley Park is to be used for an Spunch event. It is possibly a suitable area for a major event. BOF Sprint Champs, British Schools or NW Sprint Champs were suggested.

Sue to ask NW Fixtures secretary about gaps in the BOF Fixture Schedule and to ask Mike Greenwood about the mapping .

**7. Membership**

7.1 Kath Speak is working on the 2023 Directory

7.2 Pete Hayes has turned membership numbers for the last 5 years into a graph. (Copy attached). It shows that total membership had dropped between 2019 and 2022, but has gone up a bit in 2023

**8. Schools**

Pete Hayes had distributed a mail string from Josh Jenner about an App for teachers which might be useful .

It would have a basic price of £1000 and we agreed that it was not for us.

The Merseyside Schools League will go ahead next winter with the first of five events on September 30th at Arrow Park. Chris Rostron to be informed.

**9. GMOA**

Reminder that the GMOA AGM will be held on Thursday May 25th at 221 Hale Road, or on-line.

**10. Stores.**

10.1 Pete Hayes thought Burnage Rugby Club could be a suitable site for a Stores container as we have a POC there. BRC could be a site for coaching.

10.2 Andy proposed the purchase of a gazebo-style tent, mainly for use at Spunch events. It must be possible for one person to put up, take down and carry short distances.

It was agreed to support the purchase, subject to the agreement of the Treasurer and Andy getting alternative quotes.

**Sub-committee Reports**

**Fixtures**

Report attached and accepted.

It was regretted that our scheduled event at Lyme in May was cancelled by the National Trust because of ground-nesting birds.

The idea of a club picnic and presentation at that event was therefore also cancelled.

It was suggested (and agreed) that a designated “social area” could be provided at any or all of our events.

**Marketing**

No meeting had been held.

Congratulations were offered to Andy for his success in getting newcomers to Spunch events. Asked how to replicate his success he said it was done by networking, using social media and on-line contact with local communities, running clubs, etc. Plain hard work!

It was queried whether we needed a website upgrade, in particular to use it for a members’ section for things like car sharing. Julie said the present site could not handle this. Our club member’s group on Facebook could be used.

Event details should contain help with public transport.

**Training**

No meeting or report

John Kewley and Ben Kyd have been selected for the GB TrailO squad for the World Champs in Czechia in July.

**AOB**

Andy had sent the committee a mail with 10 proposals to be considered.

A lengthy discussion of many of the proposals concluded that we should explore the possibility of having a part-time paid Development Officer in the club. Andy agreed to take on the exploration.

It was also agreed to look into the question of a form of Local Membership

A snappy Mission Statement is needed. All ideas would be considered.

**Next Meeting** to be held on Monday July 10th probably in the same mixed format as before