

## Minutes MDOC Committee Meeting 18<sup>th</sup> September 2023

**Attendees: In person:** Julie Brook, Pete Hayes. **Via Zoom:** Trevor Hindle, Liz Hamer Davies, Peter Cull (Treasurer), Andy Thornton (Chair), Tony Wagg (sec).

**Apologies:** Catriona Beynon, Dom Wathey, Paul Watson, Sue Birkinshaw, Alain Kyd.

**1. Minutes of Last meeting:** Accepted.

**2. Matters Arising and Actions:**

(a) Appeal for newsletter editor. **Action remains, incoming Chair.**

(b) Condes Course. Paul has appealed for those interested in a course to contact him. Action completed PW.

(c) Policy agreement on support for juniors – copy to treasurer. Action completed SB.

**3. Finance:** Peter submitted draft accounts for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> August 2023. A domestic crisis had delayed his attention to MDOC tasks. He needed more information on certain issues (such as details of 4 levies and relay fees to be refunded) but would make estimates if need be. Key points are:

Our bank balance has increased from about £40,000 to £52,000, due to a large increase in income from local events and income from our share of profits from the Lakes 5 day and JK23. However, some of this money is likely to be set aside for distributed to helpers, key officials and the Orienteering Foundation.

Our total profit for the year will be substantial but significantly less than £12,000. Peter suggested that £10-20,000 should be transferred to a deposit account on the basis that we have more than enough cash for immediate needs and interest rates are no longer minimal.

Andy proposed that the Club should pay entry fees for major relays (British, British Sprints and the JK) from January 2024. CompassSport Cup entries are already funded by the Club. This proposal was accepted. He also was working on a development plan for 2024/25 which would require funds. Details awaited.

It is planned to use Race Signup for entries to our sprint weekend on 23/24<sup>th</sup> September, on a trial basis and supported by the organising team (Marie and Trevor Roberts and Alison Doyle).

**4. AGM:** Andy agreed to seek a venue in south Manchester, ideally around Monday October 16<sup>th</sup>. He also agreed to chair that meeting in the absence of a current chair and any other volunteers. Liz stated that she would be willing to act as a vice chair in the future but considered she lacked the experience to chair meetings for the present. It was considered essential that the Club found a chair person at the AGM and hence found at least one person willing to stand. Andy was unwilling to stand as he wished to give time to other issues. It was agreed that Andy, Sue and Tony should confer by October 7<sup>th</sup> and approach people who might be persuaded to stand.

Trevor Hindle suggested that a job spec might be useful.

**5. Projects to be Funded by NWOA:**

Eddie gave a summary of the NWOA project proposals sent to the region by the clubs and how these were received at the CDM in July. The discussion there was inconclusive and reviews were often negative. Each committee member was invited to send their rankings to the secretary by September 20<sup>th</sup> so that they can be collated and a club view sent to the Region as has been requested.

## **6. AOB:**

(a) A tender of £400 was accepted to extend the Manchester map to include Miles Platting. This will be used during a series of events in May 2024.

(b) Peter Hayes highlighted the need to update the website. For example, John Kewley no longer wishes to be designated as club coach. Blanks can be left provided there is a means to contact the club about particular issues. Julie agreed to check the website and to identify what needs updating. **Action JB.**

**7. Next Meeting:** The next committee meeting will be held on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2023 at 7.30pm. Location to be agreed.