

Minutes MDOC Committee Meeting 11th December 2023

Attendees: David Wathey (Chair), Julie Brook, Pete Hayes, Tony Wagg (sec), Paul Watson, Marie Roberts, Rae Lomas.

Apologies: Dom Wathey, Alain Kyd, Liz Hamer Davies, Peter Cull (Treasurer), Andy Thornton, Sue Birkinshaw, David Isherwood, Wang Ki Yuen.

1. Minutes of Last meeting: Accepted.

2. Matters Arising and Actions:

(a) Condes Course. Pete Ross was thanked for running the course, attended by 5 people over 2 sessions.

(b) Junior representatives. Dominic is happy to continue. Catriona wishes to step down and was thanked. Rhys Beynon suggested that he, Alain Kyd and other interested parents might meet informally to discuss how to increase the involvement of our juniors and increase the attractions the Club can offer.

(c) The website has been updated to list current officers and committee members. Catriona and Trevor Hindle will be deleted from the committee mailing list.

3. Finance: No report.

4. Membership: We have gained 18 new members by December 4th. We have 3 friends paying a subscription (typically former members that have moved away but wish to retain contact). Our system will be reviewed in the future given that most of our communication is now electronic. Kath (Speak) was invited to report again briefly to our next meeting.

5. New Year Social: It was agreed to accept up to 120 guests (max hall capacity). External catering costs are £10 per head and the extra cost to the club (approved) would be of order £200, on top of the £1600 already approved on the assumption of 100 people. David Isherwood will set up a database of attendees via Google Forms. **(Action DI)**. Entries are required by December 31st. First come first served. Club members will be notified by December 18th. **(Action Wathey family)**. Family members are allowed, including club non-members. The social sub-committee will decide whether there will be a charge for non-members. Awards in the form of medals are required for 6 seniors and 24 juniors. These are quoted to cost £3.5 each and a sum of £105 was approved. In addition, the Chairman's award is a trophy which just requires engraving.

6. Communication: Marie was thanked for producing the first news bulletin in December. David Wathey agreed to lead editing for the January newsletter and will seek to recruit more people to the editorial team to support further publications in 2024.

7. Fixtures Subcommittee report: Sue submitted a detailed update of fixtures activity in advance of the meeting. It was not discussed in any detail but key points are as follows. The Lyme Park event is in hand and the NT have agreed to waive park entry fees for participants! For the urban MapRun series in April/May 2024, 3 mapping contracts have been awarded covering areas adjoining the existing Manchester map. A fourth quote covers an area to include Birchfields Park and Platt Fields. The committee agreed to fund this at an extra cost of £450.

A further report was submitted in advance. Seven key people involved in the Bramhall Mini O Fest met to review how the event went and what lessons could be learnt. The event was judged successful with a good attendance, especially by non-members. There was an encouraging number of helpers and systems worked despite some glitches and teething troubles. The volume of newcomers and the multi-

course day-ticket approach created a number of on-the-day difficulties. Most can be corrected in the future. The fixtures sub-committee suggested that a Mini O Fest might be repeated in the Autumn of 2024.

8. Website: Further website updates are required to include the new membership deal, Wednesday runs (unlikely to continue), missing committee photos **Action Committee Members**). Provide photo or opt out. Watheys are to provide information on coaching and the social **(Action DW,CF)**.

The current website uses out-of-date software. Julie will obtain an upgrade quote from Paul Frost for our next meeting. **(Action JB)**.

9. Stores: The church housing our stores is for sale and there have been a number of offers, including from other religious organisations. The latter might be willing to continue our tenancy in the basement.

10. Club Kit: We agreed to source a new supplier, to refresh kit design for 2024 and to establish a small design team to submit designs and costs to the committee. A 50% discount 'fire sale' of existing kit stock was agreed.

11. Distribution of profit share from JK23: The following was agreed. Payments from the event shall be treated as general club income and added to our cash reserve. A sum not exceeding £1000 shall be used to fund some sort of award to those club members who made a significant contribution (ie organisers, planners and those with major key tasks). The favoured awards might take the form of a gift voucher (eg for Decathlon) and a bottle of wine.

12. Development Funding: A new model is now proposed for distribution of NWOA funding. £3.3K is earmarked for MDOC. A new submission is required as explained in a document to be circulated. **(Action TW)**.

13, AOB:

- (a) Schools. Alain Kyd has provided a written report on orienteering successes at Fallibroome. David W agreed to circulate Alain's report to the committee for information. **(Action DW)**.
- (b) Coaching took place at Teggs Nose and Bruntwood. David W will invite members to join the coaching sub-committee.
- (c) Our favoured CompassSport Cup heat is at Cannock Chase. We may provide a coach if logistics permit (eg suitable parking).
- (d) The Yvette Baker trophy heat was to be staged by SELOC in April or May, but this is now at the DEE event in January.

14. Next Meeting: The next committee meetings will be held on Mondays 8th January and 12th February 2024 at the Railway in Handforth. The format for the meeting on March 11th will be decided later.