

## Minutes MDOC Committee Meeting 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024

**Attendees:** David Wathey (Chair), Julie Brook, Pete Hayes, Tony Wagg (sec), Paul Watson, Marie Roberts, Rae Lomas, Peter Cull (Treasurer), Andy Thornton, Sue Birkinshaw, David Isherwood, Wang Ki Yuen, Kath Speak.

**Apologies:** Dom Wathey, Liz Hamer Davies,

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

### **2. Matters Arising and Actions:**

(a) The committee mailing list has been revised.

(b) Committee portraits now added to the website. Peter Cull remains outstanding.

(c) The website upgrade. See section 8 below.

(d) NWOA development funding. Details of the new NWOA model have been circulated.

(e) A report from Alain Kyd, detailing recent Fallibroome activities, has been circulated to the committee.

(f) Distribution of JK profit share. David W, in consultation with Dave McCann, has identified 10 MDOC members who played a key role in JK 2023 (organisers, planners etc). About £700 has been allocated to them, in accordance with section 11 of the December minutes.

**3. Membership:** A note was circulated by David Wathey, based on data provided by Kath Speak. 14 people have joined as new members up to January 4<sup>th</sup>, in addition to the 18 reported up to December 4<sup>th</sup>. Membership numbers are to be reported monthly. 34 are yet to rejoin and their status will be reviewed in March. The membership structure, including the possibility of local membership, will be reviewed at the next AGM. Meanwhile Kath will collect information on local membership structures in other clubs and come back to the committee with options for local membership. **Action KS.** Friends membership is suspended but existing members will remain on simple lists and receive the electronic newsletter.

**4. Team Events:** The Yvette Baker Trophy is scheduled for January 20<sup>th</sup>. David Wathey and Liz Hamer-Davies will review MDOC entries on January 15<sup>th</sup>. Trophy entry is open to junior club members and affiliated schools. We hope to run a block entry and payment. Paul Watson can advise entrants at Woodbank on 13<sup>th</sup> January.

The CompassSport Cup heat will be held at Cannock Chase on February 18<sup>th</sup>. Liz will check whether coaches can be accommodated (update -they cannot). An entry sheet will be sent out on January 14<sup>th</sup> and Liz, assisted by others if need be, will encourage any missing 'star performers' to enter.

**5. Social:** 95 entries have been received. It was agreed that the caterers should be told to cater for 110. Expenditure on awards has totalled £107.85. Rae will remind people to bring a cake for the cake competition.

**6. Finance:** Peter C will transfer £20k to a deposit account, currently paying 3.5% interest. He will also proceed (sometime after 31<sup>st</sup> January) to update signatories for the HSBC current account. The Lloyds account, originally set up for the Northern Champs, will be retained and in the short term will be used by Trevor Roberts for the Manchester weekend (May 2024).

Distribution of Lakes 5 funds. Of the 34 people contacted, thirteen have not replied as to what they wish to happen to their share of the funds. Peter will contact them again and give them three options: receive to their account, donate to the O Foundation, or if no reply, donate to club funds. A remaining £500 was allocated to the O Foundation by a previous committee decision. This decision was upheld by a majority of 6-4.

MDOC level D events. The AGM in 2023 decided that members should receive a £1 discount on entry fees, from January 2024. Non members will pay the same (standard) entry fees as members of other clubs.

**7. Manchester May Weekend (2024):** Major officials met in early January and Sue distributed a summary of plans. Urban events will be held in Manchester on the Saturday and Sunday (including a UK Urban League event), with a Metro event on the Friday evening and a warm-down in Wythenshawe Park on the holiday Monday. Most aspects are well in hand. Trevor Hindle was thanked for his work and Trevor Roberts will submit a budget to the committee for approval.

**8. Website:** A quote of £2.6K has been received for upgrading the website. It was agreed that we should review examples of other club websites and seek additional quotes.

**9. The remainder of the agenda:** development funding, branding and club kit were deferred to a further meeting via Zoom on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January.