**Minutes of MDOC Committee Meeting 9th March 2015**

**Present:** Dave McCann (Chairman), Tony Wagg (Secretary), John Britton, Trevor Hindle, Carolyn Hindle, Eddie Speak, Andrew Gregory, Steve Dempsey, Sue Birkinshaw, Julie brook, Margaret Gregory, Pete Lomas.

**Apologies:** Kath Speak.

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

**2. Matters Arising/Actions:**

(a) Minibus. Plans are afoot to sell the minibus on Ebay.

(b) Proposed staging of DEE Challenge at Alderley Park. Permission is likely to be granted but not confirmed. Mike Greenwood would map. A challenge has been issued to DEE.

(c) Proposed Anniversary dinner at Lyme Park. None of the options on offer seem ideal. These are an evening ale cellar holding 50-60 people which is expensive. They will also have a marquee in the garden, available Wed 17th June, at a cost of around £12 per person. This may be repeatable on other dates but with extra tent erection charges. Sue will investigate further.

(d) New permanent course (LP). Ian Gilliver has offered to plan new courses. A new head ranger is familiar with orienteering. He would wish to approve post locations and would like a teaching aid map between a standard O map and an Xplorer map. MDOC/GMOA would supply labour to insert posts. A professional remap was suggested.

**3. Treasurer’s Report:** The Treasurer presented written accounts for the last 2 months. Finances remain healthy. At the half distance there is a net annual loss of £191 but sale of the minibus may provide a boost??!!

**4. Website:** The new website is close to ‘go’, and is currently accessible via a link from the existing one. The beginners, joining/membership and results pages are not fully updated. It is proposed to go live after the last spring series event (28/3/15) and before the summer evening series begins. More photos are requested. Dominic and River may help from our juniors. Carolyn has A levels looming .

**5. NWOA:** Dave McCann was unable to attend the recent Club Delegate Meeting (7/3/15) but key points were as follows. Preparations for the JK are going well with nearly 3000 entries received so far. Each NW club would have 2 banners on the run in and logos are requested. It was proposed that ours should feature our logo plus the words ‘MANCHESTER and district OC’ and the website. Margaret Gregory offered a file used for the Club feather which may contain a suitable logo. The junior squad appealed for soup and cake makers.

**6. Future Events**:

(a) South Park Macclesfield. Dan Riley has an OCAD version of the map and Vicky has identified corrections required. The area is only suitable for Xplorer, training or fun events and is thus not worth significant Club resources for further mapping .It is proposed to ask Dan to add Vicky’s corrections and to make the map available to the park.

(b) Watergrove. Ian Gilliver reports that the windfarm should be complete around September/ October. There will be an access road and hard standing around the turbines, providing possible car parking (other than for very tall vehicles?) so there is a good chance of future use for orienteering.

(c) Countryside Score. Dave McCann agreed to co-ordinate and Ian Gilliver, Simon Proud and Trevor Hindle will each plan an event. A fourth planner is required. Jim Trueman was suggested. The Street League can provide contact details for possible runners beyond the Club. John Britton proposed that flexible start times would help some runners. Format details will be clarified later. The committee thanked Andy Thornton and Dave McCann as retiring and future co-ordinators, and the NSL team (Grahame and Irene Crawshaw, John and Jen Britton, and the individual planners and controllers).

(d) City of Manchester 2016. The situation in the city centre remains unclear. The Castlefield Hotel reports a large concert is due to take place. We could change dates but this is problematic.

(e) Twin Peaks 2015. Entries are open. Activities will re-commence following the JK.

(f) JK Relays. Steve Fellbaum reports a plentiful supply of helpers. Vicky and Tom Fellbaum are organising junior teams. Dave McCann will check that this is taken care of.

(g) Summer Evening Series. We have 3 organisers and one planner. Steve Dempsey volunteered to plan, leaving 2 to be found. John Britton reported ideas on phone dibbing which could be trialled at the summer events. A virtual control can be found by compass and pacing. The system could be useful to schools and for training.

(h) Trevor Hindle raised the issue of producing more urban maps, including those combining urban and non-urban areas such as Bramhall Park and its surroundings. Wilmslow, Romily, Tytherington and New Mills were suggested. We could aim to add one new map each year. The treasurer commented that mapping funds were available.

**7. AOB:**

(a) Schools. 50 Fallibroome pupils are now enrolled as BOF (and MDOC) members. The PE teacher has consents and contact details. We will deliver newsletters to the school for distribution. Simon Fletcher requires coaching assistance at Cheadle Hulme.

(b) Safety Issues. Mike Hamilton (BOF) raised two points arising from discussions with the insurers. Backup lighting is required for night events and organisers must arrange checks. This requirement is thought to include the Street League. Secondly, some clubs failed to make risk assessments available to BOF on request within a reasonable time. It is proposed that ours are placed in a drop box, available to BOF and within the Club. Trevor Hindle agreed to write a note explaining how to do this.

(c) New O Tops. 3 designs were presented containing map segments. The full on map was favoured but a more suitable section of the (Macc Forest) map was suggested. Trevor will confirm what we want and define a suitable map section. Long and short sleeve versions will be available. Someone (I can’t imagine who) also suggested that a slit up the side would assist those with extensive hips.

(d) Club Directory 2015. Eddie agreed to progress this asap.

**7. Date of next Meeting:** 13th April2015, Ladybrook Hotel .