**Minutes of MDOC Committee Meeting 13th April 2015**

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

**Apologies:** Kath Speak, Steve Dempsey.

**1. Minutes of Last Meeting:**  Accepted subject to amendment: AOB 7(a) to read ‘50 Fallibroome pupils willbe enrolled’.

**2. Matters Arising/Actions:**

(a) Minibus. This remains unsold.

(b) Proposed staging of DEE Challenge at Alderley Park. Mike Greenwood will continue with preparations. Dave McCann has not yet visited the area.

(c) Proposed Anniversary dinner. Sue reported that Lyme Park could not offer a suitable venue on a Sunday evening so we needed to seek an alternative. It was reported that the Club was formed via an informal meeting in 1965 and the first AGM took place in 1966 (see AOB for further details).

(d) Lyme Park re-mapping. It is preferable to re-map before a new permanent course is planned. However Grahame Gristwood is unavailable as a mapper in the short term. It was suggested that SYO (eg Pete Gorvett) might be able to recommend a professional mapper.

(e) Website. Comments have been generally positive. Links to other websites are under ‘resources’. Julie arranged a training session for 20thApril to enable a few other people to add information to the site.

**3. Treasurer’s Report:** The Treasurer was unable to be present but sent a written account for the previous month. Finances are healthy with a net loss for the year to date of £145.

**4. NWOA:** Little to report. We now have 2 Club banners made for the run in at the JK. Sponsors names are being removed. Grahame Crawshaw has proposed a seminar to ensure planning consistency for night street league (NSL) events.

**5. Franchising of Major Events:** BOF has proposed for discussion the invitation of tenders to run major events. Clubs, regions or third parties would pay a fee to BOF and then acquire any subsequent profit or loss. Hence BOF gains a risk free income, which might be of order £10k for the JK for example. John Britton commented that a number of commercial bodies already ran similar events with apparent success, paying helpers modest sums. However at present we rely on large numbers of volunteers, many with local knowledge. They may be less willing to work under a tender system. Major events would also be restricted to a limited number of ‘profitable’ regions. A further alternative would be for BOF to operate a levy system. At £1 per person (due to be increased) this would have yielded ~£10k from JK 2015. The committee (and probably the NWOA) was not in favour of the BOF proposal.

**6. Feedback from JK Relays:** Steve Fellbaum (relay organiser) submitted notes to the committee. Key points were: thanks to all helpers and especially admin teams on Sat/Sun. PFO were expected to help but did not. They do not run relays so were not there (planning/ communication failure?). Relays need more loos to cope with concentration of start times. Kit was not passed on from previous days as expected (loo paper, sufficient car park tracking). Parking was a problem (no surprise!). Two or more CP entrances are highly desirable. The committee agreed to send letters of congratulation to Steve and Sue.

**7. Future Events**:

(a) Summer Evening Series. Officials are in place but for 1 controller. At level D controllers are desirable but not mandatory. The Lyme Park introductory events are short of helpers as yet and they will be publicised via an article in a local newspaper.

(b) Twin Peaks 2015 (Lakes). Yellow flyers have been sent out. John Britton will prepare further flyers and Sue will take 200 to the British Champs. Julie will modify the website if notified of any changes.

(c) Countryside Score. Four dates have been agreed. We have 4 planners, with Dave McCann organising all events. Links to and from the summer evening series above will be established via flyers at all events (Dave McCann will prepare). These can be given out at download with the aid of an extra person. Events can also be publicised to non-members using entry details from previous CSS and NSL events.

(d).Twin Peaks 2016 (Manchester/Stockport). Castlefield has been ruled out as a venue. Tom Fellbaum has suggested that the UMIST end of the area might be used. The Offerton Centre can provide an ideal base for one day and is available any Saturday at £10/hour. Parking is limited but additional street parking should be possible. Permission from Stockport will be required.

(e) WOC 2015. Tony Wagg reported on informal discussions with the arena and helpers co-ordinators (Peter Guillaume and Linda Cairns). At the time there were about 70 helpers for day 4 (Tues 4th), including 28 from MDOC. In addition to some setting up, a variety of tasks are required including TV spotters and minders, drug test chaperones, bouncers (pass/accreditation checks for restricted areas),and information providers. The arena must be prepared by 9.00am so some help is required the previous evening (the major erection tasks are down to specialist teams – we make things pretty).

In addition there is a parallel ‘O Fest’ to entertain resting orienteers and the public, co-ordinated by Anne Hickling of Grampian, for which some help is also required on Monday and (mainly) Tuesday. Activities include MTBO, a trail run, a maze and children’s activities. Details will emerge but the plan is to raid the WOC pool for some help.

**8. AOB:**

(a) South Park Macclesfield. Ian Gilliver is planning an informal event there.

(b) Sue supplied further details of the founding of the Club. The first AGM in 1966 was held at the Wellington Inn, Back Piccadilly with 10 attendees and the second at the Five Ways Hotel, Hazel Grove. Assets were listed as 5 self-inking stamps! The Five Ways was then suggested as a possible venue for the anniversary dinner. It has been refurbished since 1967 we believe (up to Ladybrook standards??).

(c) New Club kit. Our fashion correspondent reports that this is on order and delivery is awaited.

**9. Date of next Meeting:** 11th May 2015, Friends Meeting House, Northenden (revamp in progress at Ladybrook!)