**Minutes of MDOC Committee Meeting 14th November 2016**

**Present:** Eddie Speak (Chairman), Pete Ross, Steve Dempsey (part time), Dave McCann, Tony Wagg (Secretary), Kath Speak, Julie Brook, Trevor Hindle, Pete Lomas, Andrew Gregory, David Wathey.

**Apologies:** Alan Ogden, Sue Birkinshaw, Clare Griffin.

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

**2. Matters Arising/Actions:**

(a) DEE Challenge. Extensive building work is in progress at Alderley Park so another venue will be necessary. **Action ongoing (Dave McCann).**

(b) A possible insurance claim for lost SI boxes will be investigated by the treasurer **(Action ongoing SD).**

(c) OCAD. The BOF website claims that OCAD 6 will not work with Windows 7 upwards but Eddie claims that it seems to work with Windows 10 except for a few gremlins. All POC files are planning files on OCAD 8 and you cannot translate them into an earlier version. OCAD 9-12 licences cost £600 and are thus prohibitively expensive. ‘Mapper’ is an open access package which can save maps to OCAD 8 and will read up to OCAD 11. Note that there is a need to accept maps from professional mappers in a version of OCAD. Trevor has used mapper with ease for street league maps. Pete Ross agreed to further investigate the capability of mapper. **Action PR.**

(d) Club Championship. See AOB.

(e) Heather Fellbaum has agreed to remain as Welfare Officer.

(f) BOF proposes that planners for level B and C events should have attended a planning course, to be arranged by individual clubs. We agreed to take no action until the position becomes well-considered and clearer.

**3. Treasurer’s Report:** The treasurer submitted a written report. We await significant income for Twin Peaks from Fabian 4. The BOF website still does not allow new members to join with a zero introductory club membership fee, despite them claiming elsewhere to recognise this option! It is expected that the purchase of waterproof paper is likely to be raised at a future NWOA meeting. MDOC has a large stock and would support a joint purchase only if it achieves significant cost saving.

**4. Past and Future Events:**

(a) Birchwood Urban. The event was a great success. Trevors Hindle and Roberts were congratulated (planner and organiser). Labels on some SI boxes obscured the light that confirms a satisfactory punch.

(b) Watergrove. Ian Gilliver reports that the windfarm operator has now withdrawn permission for parking on their site. He will investigate alternatives in the New Year. If we use the sailing club we would have to limit entry numbers such that it could not be offered for the Compass Sport Cup.

(c) Twin Peaks 2017. Progressing to plan. Flyers have been sent out.

**5. Safety and First Aid:** A safety workshop has been held and another is planned for November 29th. DEE courses will be available thereafter. A First Aid course is arranged for December 17th with 6 MDOC and 6 DEE members currently due to attend.

**6. BOF EGM/CDM:** Dave McCann reported on these recent BOF meetings (there is nothing to report from NWOA). A proposal to increase membership fees and event levies was easily accepted. SYO and MORAVIAN reported success in involving newcomers to orienteering. SYO run 3 events in a row in a given location rotating around local parks with cafes on Saturday afternoons. These are aimed at young people and their parents but not school groups. They have had 120 on a white course. In the afternoon there are more people around and there is less competition from other activities. However the whole scheme seems to depend on one keen individual.

**7. New Year Social:** Andrew Gregory highlighted the need for a flyer to accompany the newsletter at the beginning of December. Julie may not be available and Pete agreed to ask Rae if she would organise the event. A ceilidh is likely to be expensive. Further discussion was deferred to the next Wednesday run.

**8. AOB:**

(a) O Safe. The constitution has been updated to contain a reference to the BOF policy. The MDOC Code of Conduct will need to be amended accordingly. O safe policy will also be included in future safety courses. The Secretary agreed to draw the attention of Club members to the latest edition of O Safe and their need to abide by it. **Action TW.**

(b) Club Championship. There was a lengthy discussion of new options for the Club Championship. Suggestions were many but decisions were few. It was agreed to keep the existing arrangements for a further year. The committee should nominate all the events to be included at the start of the year. More local events could be included such as the summer evening series. The whole scheme should be reviewed a year hence.

(c) BOF has organised a coaching conference in January. The committee agreed that the Club will pay the fees for any member wishing to attend provided that they agree to play some role in coaching in the future.

(d) Urban event 2018. Trevor reported that we have a date to run an event in 2018 and a venue in mind.

**9. Date of next Meeting:** 12th December 2016, at the Ladybrook Hotel.