**Minutes of MDOC Committee Meeting 8th May 2017**

**Present:** Eddie Speak(Chairman), Dave McCann, Julie Brook, Sue Birkinshaw, Tony Wagg (Secretary), David Wathey, Ian Gilliver, Trevor Hindle, Andrew Gregory, Pete Ross, Pete Lomas, Kath Speak.

**Apologies:** Alan Ogden, Clare Griffin, Steve Dempsey.

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

**2. Matters Arising/Actions:**

(a) Booking system for laptop housing OCAD 11. Deferred to next meeting.

(b) Countryside Score at Alderley. The National Trust has agreed to provide overspill parking.

(c) Ian Smith Ward has now requested that clubs submit their map paper requirements. We need to send him our estimate.

**3. Treasurer’s Report:** The Treasurer was unable to attend but submitted a report. A query concerning which entry related to which month would be clarified with the Treasurer. Finances remain sound.

**4. Review of British Champs at High Dam:** Individual day courses received praise and the committee congratulated John Britten and Ian Gilliver as planners. Eddie reported ‘some technical issues’ with the computing, all of which were eventually resolved at the expense of a few grey hairs.

The planners had to borrow control stakes from DEE, AIRE and CLARO, for which we thank them. They were much easier to carry in large numbers than our current variety, which are primarily designed to prevent cattle eating unauthorized grass (via an electric fence). The DEE stakes were supplied by SI and have a fixed control code. The others were similar but less cumbersome as codes can be attached separately making them even easier to carry. Pin punches were attached with nylon loops rather than a rigid system. Ian Gilliver agreed to write to CLARO to find out how much their stakes cost. **Action IG.**

**5 Future Events:**

(a)The fixtures sub-group is due to meet shortly to sort fixtures for the next 6-12 months.

(b) British Middle Distance Champs 2020.The majority view now is that High Dam and its extensions could be used to provide both long and middle distance events on consecutive days. Rusland to the West can accommodate the middle event while some long distance courses would partly overlap the same area. The majority view was that this could be acceptable given judicious planning. A final decision was deferred.

(c) South Park Macclesfield. We have been asked to stage an informal event on June 24th. Mike Greenwood will update the map.

(d) Lyme Park Festival. Again we have been invited to stage an event as part of the festival. Details are unclear as yet. Sue and Alison Doyle will organise, with modest assistance.

(e) Possible introductory events on Saturday afternoons. Pete Lomas reported that SYO attracted large numbers to such events and suggested we might try this. SELOC has also run afternoon events, though the turnout is unknown. Sue agreed to contact Fallibroome School and SELOC to seek their opinions. **Action SB.**

(f) The Birchwood sprint event in July will allow both SIAC and conventional SI ‘punching’.

(g) Alan Ogden is now a qualified Grade 3 Controller.

**6. NWOA:** There have been no recent meetings. Richard Tiley thanked all those who helped at the British. Someone suggested they preferred a silent start.

**7. AOB:**

(a) Helpers at events. Dave McCann suggested that income from the future Lakes 5 Day Event should be used to benefit those who had helped at the event rather than the Club as a whole. Pete Ross supported this idea in principle but how best to achieve it was unclear. There followed a wider discussion as to how to involve more members as helpers. A personal approach rather than a simple lists blanket appeal might be more effective.

(b) Club courses. Options include course planning, including related software, and operation of the SI system.

**8. Date of next Meeting:** 12th June 2017, at the Ladybrook Hotel.