**Minutes of MDOC Committee Meeting 8th January 2018**

**Present:**, Sue Birkinshaw, David Wathey, Trevor Hindle, Dave McCann, Tony Wagg (Secretary), Pete Lomas, Rae Lomas, Julie Brook, Ian Gilliver, Andrew Gregory, Pete Ross, Marie Roberts (acting Chair).

**Apologies:** Eddie Speak, Kath Speak, Alan Ogden, Clare Griffin.

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

**2. Matters Arising/Actions:**

(a) Disposal of redundant stores equipment. Continuing.

(b) Eurocity Race, Manchester. This and an associated event will take place over the weekend of 3/4th November 2018.

**3. Treasurer’s Report:** The treasurer sent a written report, listing payments to be made and that are delayed by the account handover. A current account mandate has been sent to the bank. Cheques require 2 signatures from a list of 3, namely the current treasurer, ex-treasurer and chairman. Steve Dempsey (former treasurer) has moved clubs so a replacement signatory is required. To achieve swift on-line payments the treasurer proposed opening a second on-line account to be administered by the treasurer but with others monitoring with view-only access. This account would contain funds only to last about a month and could be topped up monthly from the main current account (with 2 signatures).

The committee considered that GMOA managed to achieve much the same result via a simpler means (an on-line account controlled by 2 electronic signatures). Dave McCann agreed to discuss this option with the treasurer, who was not present at the meeting. The secretary volunteered to be a signatory if required for any account. **Action D McC.**

**4. Review of Recent John o’ Goats Event:** The event was a success and raised £1480 for the chosen charity. However lessons can be learnt. One competitor complained about the parking fee charged by the park. New National Trust policy prevented the negotiation of a block fee paid by the Club. We ran out of maps, forcing some to change their course. The problem was exacerbated by a change relative to last year as to which age group was assigned to which course. Sue agreed to produce a note covering these and other issues which should make next year’s event run more smoothly.

**5. Future Events:**

(a) The Saturday morning and Macclesfield urban (March 25th)) events are organised according to plan. Entry fees for the latter were agreed as £8 seniors and £3 juniors. Pete Lomas (storeman) pointed out that we have events on consecutive days in Glossop (24/3) and Macclesfield (25/3) which will place a strain on equipment distribution. (Pete will be in Australia and his stand in (TW) en-route from Scotland!)

(b) Euro City Race (2018). This will take place on November 4th 2018 in central Manchester. The assembly and start locations are yet to be agreed. An accompanying event will be held the previous day at Offerton.

(c) David Wathey proposed that we should hold a fun sprint event at Torkington on a Summer Sunday, suitable for families.

(d) There will be 4 or 5 evening countryside score events as in previous years.

(e) British Schools Score Championship 2019. We have requested permission from Lyme (park).

**6. NWOA:**

(a) Lakes 5 Day (2018). Entries are now open. Dave McCann is organising publicity and entrants from the previous such event have been contacted. For the areas involved, Silver Howe, Graythwaite and Askham Fell present no problems. Dalemain Estate has agreed permission for Angle Tarn, but drew attentiom to the presence of a SSSI in the Northern part.Derek Alison is arranging for competitors to be bussed to Harrop Tarn.

(b) Future Events. Several venues are under consideration for the British Sprints in 2019, including Skelmersdale and Horwich. MDOC and LOC need to liaise over SSSI access at High Dam, for the 2020 Northern Championship. The Welsh OA has bid to stage the World Masters in 2022, combined with Croeso. If this is accepted we would need to move the next Lakes 5 to 2024 (a swop with Croeso). This swop has been agreed if necessary and L5D could be combined with JWOC 2024. There is debate as to how the latter combination might happen. There could be a six year gap between consecutive L5’s with less revenue pa over this period.

(c) Isle of Man. They have achieved BOF affiliation but have yet to apply to join NWOA so we are still short of a tax haven.

(d) Website. Following a complaint, the addition of fixture list is being investigated.

(e) Data protection rules will change in May, requiring people to opt in to the retention of their data, and needing NWOA action. MDOC has already covered this issue but there remain a zillion Indian call centres out in the cold/heat?

**7. AOB:**

(a) NW Colour Standard Awards. Stella Heap has agreed to administer the system on behalf of the Club. NWOA are running short of badges and need to re-order. Hence clubs need to submit their requirements. Pete Hayes will distribute awards to Fallibroome pupils after the sprint event.

(b) New Stakes (episode 6). Mark Roberts has produced a prototype new stake and removed obstructions from the sides of a large batch of existing green stakes, making them easier to stack and carry. The committee agreed to pay him £70 for his labour, which he will donate to his theatre group.

(c) Social. 33 people are expected and food is arranged. The problem of projecting U-Tube videos is unresolved. Hence awards and quizzes may be the main focus.

**8. Date of next Meeting:** 12th February 2018, at the Ladybrook Hotel.