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

**Present:** Marie Roberts, Eddie Speak (Chair), Sue Birkinshaw, Trevor Hindle, Tony Wagg (Secretary), Andrew Gregory, Pete Lomas, Pete Ross, Julie Brook, Dave Mawdsley.

**Apologies:** Alan Ogden, Clare Griffin, Dave McCann, David Wathey, Kath Speak, Ian Gilliver.

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

**2. Matters Arising/Actions:**

(i) Insurance issues. Tony Wagg has reported to the police the theft of 4 SI boxes at Alderley and a crime number has been forwarded to the treasurer. It was agreed that we should proceed with an insurance claim. Richard Evans has agreed to review our insurance arrangements and the treasurer will send him current details.

**(ii)** Grant to Matt Fellbaum towards JWOC costs. The Chairman agreed to email the Treasurer to request him to pay 40% of his expenses as agreed at the September meeting and in line with established Club policy. **Action ES.**

(iii) Entry fees for students. This issue is now being pursued by NWOA.

(iv) Coaching. Trevor Hindle reported that Chris Smithard is too busy at present to accept coaching engagements.

(v) AGM. Pete Lomas has arranged the supply of food. Sue has information from BOF as to who in the Club has permission to access particular parts of their IT system. This will be updated post AGM.

**3. Treasurer’s Report:** The treasurer submitted an end of year report (up to 31/8/18), and a further report for September. The end of year account has been audited and will be submitted to the AGM. Certain entries may require further explanation but we have more resources than we need. The Treasurer was requested to seek a suitable instant access savings account for funds not required in the short term.

The committee agreed that we should fund any projects of general benefit to the club in a wide sense, provided there is a clear objective. We have money but lack people to manage projects. We could for example spend of order £5k on mapping a new area but a suitable place cannot for the moment be identified. General ideas on finance and development could be discussed at the AGM.

**4. Future Events:**

(a) Safety Workshop. A new one is required. Ian Gilliver will be invited to perform.

(b) Street League. Sue has to declare 2 officials. Grahame Crawshaw will be nominated as ‘organiser’ for all events.

(c) First Aid. We are seriously short of qualified staff. A new course is required, possibly shared with DEE. A 50% grant is available from NWOA. The Club pays the remainder.

(d) Peter Palmer Relays 2020. Phil Conway is trying to arrange same and is appealing for an area. Indoor sleeping accommodation for 200 is also required. We are running the Schools Score in 2019 and Northern Champs in 2020 and are not planning to volunteer.

(e) Northern Champs 2020 High Dam. We need officials, recruiting outside the Club if necessary. Roger Smith will seek permission for any area or facility that will be used on both days of the event. Dick Towler will have an arena finish for Saturday and suggests that we should have one for Sunday. This is problematic as it would have to be west of the road.

(f) Place Fell. Border Liners have asked to use this area from the east side. Sue responded that we are willing in principle to loan any of our areas.

(g) Night Event Tytherington Golf Course. Dave Mawdsley presented a proposal following discussion with the club manager. Tom Fellbaum and Dave have inspected the area. Both consider it suitable for a night event, Tom is willing to map and the club is supportive. The NW Night league is fully organised for this winter but an extra mid-week event can probably be inserted. The Committee approved the plan with enthusiasm.

(h) CRET 3/4 November. Entry levels are encouraging and EOD is available. We should have enough kites for the two events to run independently. The pre-entry date has been extended to October 28th.

(i) Lyme New Year. A satisfactory meeting has been held with Lyme staff. They have offered free use of the boiler room and 2 gazebos.

**5. AGM:** Eddie is on flight standby so there is some risk he may be absent. There has been no reply from BOF to our invitation to send a speaker. Otherwise all is in hand.

**6. Committee Structure:** The committee agreed that committee re-election should take place as before and that the proposed new subcommittees should evolve gradually. Pete Ross will circulate the proposed structure via simple lists with a covering letter. **Action PR.**

**7. AOB:**

(a) British Schools Champs. PFO are organising in November and are likely to need help from other NW clubs.

(b) Gripples. Trevor Hindle proposed that we should spend £100-150 on new gripples specifically for urban events, as the current versions can cause damage to objects that they are attached to. This was agreed.

(c) A4 Printer. Trevor continued his effort to reduce our cash mountain (slightly) by proposing the purchase of a further printer which he could then use to print street league and possibly countryside score maps. This was agreed in principle and he will identify a suitable model.

(d) Major Events Conference. The committee agreed that the Club should pay John Britton’s expenses to attend on the basis that this was of wider benefit to the Club. Eddie agreed to talk to John.

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