**Minutes of the MDOC Committee Meeting 12th November 2018**

Present: Marie Roberts(Chair), Trevor Hindle, Ian Gilliver, Eddie Speak, Pete Lomas, Rae Lomas, Julie Brook, Peter Ross

Apologies: Kath Speak, Sue Birkinshaw, Tony Wagg, Alan Ogden

1. Minutes of the last Meeting: Accepted

2. Matters Arising/ Actions

Ian Gilliver confirmed that he will be holding a Safety Workshop in January

3. Sub-committees

Peter Ross tabled a document (attached) that identifies the scope of each of the proposed sub-committees.

4. Finance

Marie tabled the proposals that emerged from a meeting of the Finance sub-committee held on the 6th November. (see attached document). The proposals were accepted by the Committee although there was some puzzlement over the necessity for “emergency payments up to £100’

It was felt that the appropriate amount to remain in the MDOC current account should be £5k, the remainder to be placed in an account that pays interest.

The committee decided to delete the last three words of the suggestion that Organisers’ ‘expenses should be part of a costed in plan for an event *to break even*.’

There was concern that many club members are unaware that the club have policy of paying up to 30p per mile expenses to planners and organisers.

Action: Peter Ross to check with Sue and Chris Rostron as to how best to make planners/organisers aware.

The Accounts were tabled showing the figures for the period to date and as a comparison the figure for the whole of 2078/18. The Committee were unsure as to the exact time scale for the period to date.

Action Marie to contact Alan to clarify

Trevor Hindle provided details of the contribution of £25 to be made to the UK Urban League prize fund in respect of the forthcoming Birchwood event.

There is a need to create an asset register for insurance purposes.

Action: Pete and Rae Lomas are to produce an asset register covering the items in the Stores.

5. Review of recent Events.

The Committee expressed its thanks to the Planners and Organisers of the previous weekend’s events. Well done to Paul Watson, Trevor Roberts, Eddie Speak and Andrew Gregory.

Eddie Speak tabled financial figures showing that the surplus generated at prime cost level was a about £3,000

6. Future Events

The Northern Championships, a Level A event, will be held at High Dam 10th May 2020. Dan and Karen Parker will plan, Trevor Roberts will be the Organiser. The Committee aired that the event will be a joint enterprise between MDOC and LOC.

The New Year Charity Event will be Planned by Marie and Organised by Margaret Gregory.

There will be an event at Phillips Park (more properly Irwell Valley) on the 10th February with Ian Gilliver as Planner and Chris Kirkham as Organiser.

There will be a Regional urban event at Birchwood on the 28th April 2019. Jillyan Dobby will plan and Marie Roberts will Organise. This Event will be part of the UK Urban League series.

There will be local events at Chorlton on Nov 24 and Bramhall Dec 8th

If Twin Peaks next year is an Urban held at Stockport the Stockport map requires an update

The event could be at Errwood.

Action Trevor Hindle to approach the Peak Park Ranger at Errwood to sound out the opportunity for putting on an event if required.

7. Marketing

Dave Mawdsley has suggested that we pay someone to do some external marketing directed at juniors. SYO have had success doing this and have produced a Webinar available in a software package called ‘Microsoft Teams’. None of the committee has the package.

Action: Trevor to try and find a way to make the Webinar visible to those without Microsoft Teams.

Now available at

<http://www.youtube.com/channel/UCbyxnX-HXIfQJGycFJ8vEsg>

Actions pending: Alternatively the Committee could ask Peter Tryner of SYO to come and talk to us in person or Mike Shires of TVOC.

8 Membership

The Committee decided that the New Year Social is to take place on the 12th January. The usual High Lane venue is not available on this date so it will be held at the Offerton Community Centre - if it is available and as suitable as it seems.

Action: Cecilia Fenerty is to arrange with the Offerton venue.

Ian Gilliver described what took place at the finish at the Manchester Event: a competitor collapsed and was attended to by a doctor/competitor. This has raised the question as to whether the club should include a defibrillator in the First Aid box. Ian has discovered that BOF are likely to issue guidelines in the near future.

Student discounts. Trevor Hindle, supported by the club, is an advocate for students obtaining discounts for Orienteering Events. The matter was passed to the NWOA who anticipate a pushback from BOF due to a potential loss of subscription and levy earnings. As a consequence the NWOA have asked MDOC/Trevor to provide details the likely impact.

Action: Trevor to email Peter Hart directly about student membership and fees.

Training. The Committee are in favour of the club providing training to all members. However they feel that it could be expensive and of little value unless carefully planned and organised.

9 Next Meeting

7.30pm Monday 10th December, The Ladybrook Hotel, Fir Road, Bramhall