**Minutes of MDOC Committee Meeting 8th April 2019**

**Present:** Marie Roberts (Chair), Sue Birkinshaw, Trevor Hindle, Tony Wagg (Secretary), Kath Speak, Pete Ross, Julie Brook.

**Apologies:** Alan Ogden, Dave McCann, Sam Drinkwater, Eddie Speak, Pete Lomas, Ian Gilliver.

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

**2. Matters Arising/Actions:** Actions continuing - megaphone purchase **(ES)**, addition to organisers notes **(SB).** Marie agreed to contact Dave McCann to discover the latest BOF response to the NWOA query on insurance cover for third party claims. **Action MR.** Sam has added publicity for Birchwod to Facebook. Marie has reported to Dave McCann replies to the questionnaire on the future of the lakes 5 day and alternative options. Alderley map update – see section 6.

**3. Finance:** The Treasurer submitted a written report showing a healthy profit for the year. The committee requested that Alan added a further column to the table of transactions indicating the purpose of the payment eg E Speak, **printer consumables**, £2M. **Action AO.**

**4. Event Operation:**  Event signs. Old wooden signs are being replaced and Pete Ross submitted a list of new plastic ones. The committee was invited to suggest any additions **(Action Committee).** Flags to the start were suggested and Marie emphasised to need to consider what the signs might be attached to. Each sign with ready- made eyelets costs £8-10. A budget of £250 was agreed.

**5. Event Planning:**

(a) United Utilities have given no decision on permissions for Macclesfield Forest and Goyt. Sue will chase them.

(b) East Cheshire Schools event, Fallibroome, May 23rd. Julie has been asked to help and Tony Wagg also volunteered.

(c) Angle Tarn. Karen Parker has asked whether Border Liners may run an event there in autumn 2020. The committee agreed. Marie will reply to Karen. **Action MR.**

**6. Mapping**

(a) Alderley. Ian Gilliver has completed a review of desirable map updates but Eddie is in the process of incorporating LIDAR data, after which he will notify Ian .

(b) Map Run (virtual course run via mobile phones). This enables events to be run easily in open areas with good signals. Physical maps and controls are not required so the events are easy to set up if you are an IT geek and easy to run if you charge your phone and don’t drop it in a puddle! Mr Ross chairs the geek working group. SYO have some experience with such events and we ran a recent event at Urmston which was generally well received. However John Britton has apparently reported some problems and Marie agreed to seek further information from him. **Action MR.**

**7. Marketing:** Sam has appealed for photos that can be used in publicity. Several NW clubs use Facebook and are sharing their experience. Marie agreed to contact Dave McCann to seek further information. **Action MR.** Birchwood is rated as an excellent technical urban area. Pete Ross agreed to compose and send to Sue and Marie suitably glowing words to publicise our forthcoming event. **Action PR.**

**8. Performance:** Trevor has received 53 replies to the coaching survey, most expressing interest in technical training. Kath agreed to check how many members were not on simple lists and hence would not have received the survey. **Action KS.** The survey will remain open until the end of April and Trevor will send out a further reminder. Marie will contact John Kewley and Dan Riley as potential coaches. **Action MR.**

**9. Membership:** We agreed to join the BOF development survey. Participants at 3 or 4 of our events will be sent an online post-event survey. We will need to nominate these events and collect email addresses. Birchwood could be the first such event.

As Heather Fellbaum is leaving the area we need a new Welfare Officer. Thanks again Heather.

Alan Kyd reports that some of the Fallibroome pupils have joined the Club and he is trying to raise a team for the Yvette Baker Trophy.

The July committee meeting will be moved to 22nd July as many people are away on July 8th, trying to become World Champions. Marie will book the usual room. **Action MR.**

**10. GMOA:** The AGM will be held on June 3rd at Sue Birkinshaw’s house. All club members are welcome. (GMOA runs all the permanent courses and is a joint enterprise with SELOC).

**11. Date of next Meeting:** 13th May2019, at the Ladybrook Hotel.