

## Minutes MDOC Committee Meeting 9<sup>th</sup> March 2020

**Present:** Marie Roberts (Chair), Tony Wagg (Secretary), Trevor Hindle, Ian Gilliver, Julie Brook, Eddie Speak, Kath Speak, Dave Mawdsley, Pete Ross, Grahame Crawshaw.

**Apologies:** Alan Ogden, Dave McCann, Sam Drinkwater, Pete Lomas, Rae Lomas, Sue Birkinshaw, Pete Hayes.

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

### **2. Actions/Matters Arising:**

(a) Burner phone. Trevor Roberts will assess usefulness for High Dam event. Currently low priority.

(b) External appeals for helpers. Marie has circulated the notices and Jim Trueman has offered to plan day 3 of the Welsh 6 Day 2020. MDOC will provide helpers for this day.

(c) Level 2 Mapping Course. Rod Postlethwaite has offered 3 dates in March and April and we will accept either 1 or 2 of them. Ian has made a provisional room booking at Bramhall Park and will send a reminder to prospective attendees.

(d) Coaching. Marie has spoken to John Kewley. No sessions are currently planned but there is a possibility of a summer evening session.

(e) Qualified Club first aiders. An updated list has been sent to BOF.

(g) Junior Representative. Pete Hayes has sent out an appeal for those interested. There could be a junior Facebook group rather than a section on the club website. Marie will discuss further progress with Pete.

(h) Reward for event officials. Marie has circulated a draft proposal. See section 7c below.

(i) Urban Adventures (bid to Sport England to promote sport participation via POCs). Sarah Brown (SLOW) has drafted a proposal. Following input from Ian and John Britton this will be submitted to Sport England.

**3. Finance:** The treasurer submitted a report for the period up to the end of February 2020. There was a request for more information on the sum for coaching and courses.

### **4. Event Operation:**

(a) South Park Macclesfield. We will stage a two-part sprint plus White in June. The park committee are keen to support and will submit the proposal to Cheshire East. Alain and Ben Kyd will plan.

(b) Lyme Introductory Events. Scheduled for May 19<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>, with courses White to Light Green.

(c) Countryside Score Events are proposed for May 13<sup>th</sup>, June 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>, and July 8<sup>th</sup>.

(d) Urban weekend 2021. This will take place on May 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>. The intent is to extend the Manchester map to include the Northern Quarter and Ancoats, and use Sale on the Sunday.

**5. Event Planning:** Ian is hoping to arrange a planning course after Easter.

### **6. Mapping and Printing:**

(a) Urban extension to Bruntwood map. A further £100 cost was approved.

(b) Printing for major events. BOF rules demand level A events need a professional printer. However, this rule can be relaxed and is likely to change in the future. Eddie will print the N champs maps, with

the possible exception of the elite courses. The event could also be down-graded to level B if necessary. Eddie has also put in a bid to print for the British Sprint weekend.

## **7. Membership:**

(a) Junior 'members'. Pete Hayes pointed out that some juniors may not technically be club members if only their parents are members (family membership is long abolished). This is only of note in the context of the Club Championship and was judged to be of little practical importance.

(b) One or two new members have declined to allow publication of their email address in the club directory. Kath will explain to individuals why there can be a need to communicate with individuals or small groups, rather than the whole Club via simple lists, and this need can extend beyond the committee to such as event organisers.

(c) Reward for Event officials. Marie has circulated a proposal for rewarding event official who are not able to compete themselves. The plan is based on a LOC scheme. Dave Mawdsley and Pete Ross took the view that no such reward was necessary and thanks were sufficient. Grahame Crawshaw suggested such schemes (for example involving credit vouchers) were cumbersome and hard to keep track of and the secretary considered that carrots might appeal to donkeys but would not encourage more planners to volunteer. In a rare vote, only 1 supported such a scheme while 4 grumpy old men favoured the status quo. The majority abstained so we remain as we are.

**8. Date of Next Meeting:** Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2020 at the Ladybrook Hotel Bramhall. This is a week later than usual, to avoid Easter Monday and the JK.