

Minutes MDOC Committee Meeting 8th June 2020

Ethereal Contributors: Present: Marie Roberts (Chair), Tony Wagg (Sec), Julie Brook, Pete Lomas, Rae Lomas, Dave Mawdsley, Ian Gilliver, Sue Birkinshaw, Alan Ogden (Treasurer), Dominic Wathey, Pete Ross, Trevor Hindle, Eddie Speak, Kath Speak.

Apologies: Sam Drinkwater, Catriona Beynon, Pete Hayes.

1. Minutes of Last meeting: Accepted.

2. Junior issues: Marie will contact the two junior reps and their parents to determine how contact links might be included on the website. **Action MR.** Dominic is still working on their section of the website. One idea is interviews similar to those in CompassSport. A quiz is planned.

3. Finance: Only 2 payments have been made in the last month (£103 to NWOA and £347 for kit insurance). Alan pointed out that we might need to set up a separate account to receive online entry fees to avoid swamping the main account with many small transactions.

4. Matters Arising and Actions:

(a) Rae reported a discussion with Cecilia (Fenerty) about Covid 19 protection issues. Helpers will need gloves, masks and first aiders will in addition need an eye shield. Hand sanitiser is required along with the cleaning of dibbers, keyboards, tables, and tape. Post event transport and storage of kit is a further concern, though items in store should cease to carry virus after 3 days or more, depending on the type of surface.

(b) First aid Covid 19 outdoor training courses. Marie has received details of level 2 courses which also contain advice on the latest protection policies. She will forward details to the committee. **Action MR.**

(c) Card reader. See section 5 below.

5.Event Operation: Contactless payments. Ian reported that iZettle can supply an app and card reader for £19 (possibly£29) plus a transaction fee. The committee agreed to go ahead and purchase one. We would then need to buy a tablet and teach people how to use the system.

6. Event Planning:

(a) Autumn Saturday Series. Chris Rostron has drawn up a list of suitable dates. One option is to use current virtual courses, subject to government rules. Little kit would be required – just maps, a payment system and meet and greeters. Could be a world beating system if we add track and trace?

(b) Countryside Score/Copyrights. A Poynton Course has been constructed (online) and 5 have attempted it. However, this prompted an extensive and complex debate in committee, and involving GMOA and BOF, concerning OS copyright issues. (Skip the next para if you don't want a sore head.)

The OS will not allow you to place parts of OS maps online for free download unless they are below a certain size (of order 20 x 10cm and as defined on the BOF website). In addition, most O maps are based on OS maps. BOF has an agreement with the OS under which the latter receive a fee. The GMOA POC maps have been covered under this agreement but the situation with other maps is less clear. Ian Watson has raised the issue with Natalie Weir at BOF and she will pursue the matter but may have other short-term priorities in resurrecting O. One possibility is that certain maps in the short term have to be downloaded from the BOF website. This is not an outcome we would welcome. The whole issue remains to be clarified by BOF.

7. Marketing:

(a) BOF has produced promotional material on POC's.

(b) Introduction to POC's. Sarah Brown has produced a short video. This could be placed on our Facebook page.

(c) A newsletter is planned for early July with an input deadline of 29th June. This will contain impressive virtual orienteering results for our members. Special congratulations are due for Ben Kyd.

8. GMOA: There has been a free map offer. POC maintenance continues, including fixing QR plaques.

9. AOB:

(a) Junior Development. Pete Hayes has circulated via simplelists a report on his development activities in primary schools. He has appealed to members to give their views on how we might encourage juniors to progress and join the Club. Replies are requested by June 22nd. Rae commented that we should chat more to newcomers at events and involve parents. SYO have often been cited as a role model but they have a higher concentration of urban parks and were able to recruit a paid development officer.

(b) New Treasurer. Alan has served his time and intends to retire. He agreed to draft via job description and we will seek applicants in the next Newsletter.

(c) Urban maps. Trevor reported the receipt of a draft map of Knutsford which looks good. The committee agreed immediate payment of 50% of the cost. **Action TH/AO.** He will seek tenders for extension of the Manchester map.

10. Next Meetings: The next (virtual) committee meeting will take place on 13th July, followed by a further meeting on 17th August, given that most people will be available and re-start plans might need action.