

## Minutes MDOC Committee Meeting 13<sup>th</sup> July 2020

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

**Apologies:** Sam Drinkwater, Catriona Beynon, Dominic Wathey, Pete Hayes.

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

**2. Junior Issues:** Dominic has applied for a Kahoot account as approved by the committee. Liz Hamer-Davies has offered the use of her account on a temporary basis.

### **3. Matters Arising and Actions:**

(a) Contact details for junior members. Marie has not contacted junior members or their families regarding any publication of their details as contacts will now only happen via the chair or secretary.

(b) First aid training courses. Marie has forwarded to the committee details of level 2 courses which also contain advice on the latest protection policies.

(c) The initial instalment of the Knutsford mapping costs has been paid.

**4. Finance:** A written report for the year to the end of June showed a net loss of £1330, which roughly equals the amount written off for the abandoned N Champs. On-line entries for local events, prompted by Covid constraints, will generate a large number of in payments, perhaps relating to 2 or more events. To keep track of these, it was agreed that a separate account was required and Alan agreed to seek options. **Action AO.**

### **5.Reports:**

#### **5.1 Event/Activity Planning:**

(a) Knutsford. The organising team agreed that lots of runners on narrow local streets would be unwelcome on the current date (October 2020) and that potentially reduced numbers of runners (as a result of Covid) would make the effort required to prepare for the event seem not worthwhile. Hence the event should be postponed until next year.

(b) The Macclesfield sprints will be postponed because of Covid, probably to October 2021. The new King's Macc school site is being mapped by Chris O'Donnell of King's/DVO. Paul Watson thought it would be suitable for a Park Sprint event, but not an Urban Sprint. Marie offered to contact Chris to determine his views on potentially using the new area for one part of the NW Sprints.

(c) M60 Ring. This could be run via MapRun this October and take the form of 12 roughly 5k courses, distributed in a ring close to the motorway. Alternatively there could be 10-15 control score events. Pete Ross suggested that running clubs might be interested.

(d) MapRun. Marie is planning a linear event at Edgeley, using Eddie's new urban map. This will be the first of a series.

(e) Registration of events. MapRun 'activities' can be registered as events, free of BOF levies till the end of September. Sue will register as/when instructed. A recent BOF circular describes how to get events onto the BOF portal. Additionally, they can be linked to the Navvies site. All events require a Covid-friendly risk assessment. BOF has provided an example.

**5.2 Mapping and Printing:** Congleton. Tom Fellbaum will produce a street league map.

**5.3 Marketing:** Sam has resigned from the Marketing Group but will continue to edit the newsletter. Nick Taylor will take over the Facebook page and Matthew Snarr is Mr Tweet.

**5.4 Membership:** Kath is about to issue a new membership directory. This could go out with the newsletter in September but could be posted independently if the newsletter is postponed.

**5.5 Performance:** Several members have achieved great success in lockdown events, Ben Kyd gaining particular stardom.

#### **5.6 GMOA:**

(a) Map sales have increased recently, with a further distribution of free maps to club members.

(b) John Britton is trying to catch up with course maintenance and welcomes volunteer post planters etc.

(c) Urban Adventures. Katherine Bett has drafted 2½ out of 4 introductory videos, and mock events will be filmed during August at Queens Park Bolton, Boggart Hole and Heaton Park, with Longford and Bramhall Parks in reserve. Sport England are flexible as to the timing of the whole project. We need to submit a plan. The public events could be chosen in the Autumn but will more likely be deferred until Spring 2021, as start-up guidelines discourage novices. Marketing effort is required and we need to monitor participation growth.

**6. Event Operation:** Chris Rostron reported plans for Autumn events, using Ian Watson's on-line pre-entry system. **The committee formally approved Ian's system.** Events are cashless with allocated start times. Starts will be at 1minute intervals with a single start lane but there may need to be two separate starts. Course options are score and yellow. It was noted that Pete Hayes wanted a white course suitable for primary schools but virus rules need this to be deferred until the Spring. Each map is pulled out by a start official, sanitising hands each time. We need to order face visors and sanitiser.

Kit. Much decontamination will be required immediately on completion of the event, before return to stores. This includes stakes, kites, banners, SI boxes and dibbers. Any remaining virus should not remain active on most materials in stores after 48hours. Pete and Rae are happy to prepare kit in stores in advance of an event but wish to avoid transporting it, especially on the return trip.

Chris will circulate a re-draft of the plan to Marie and thence the committee. **Action CR.** The first event is scheduled for 19<sup>th</sup> September at Chorlton Water Park, subject to permission. There needs to be a shopping list for stores.

**7.AGM:** Present rules forbid gatherings of more than 6. It was agreed that the AGM should be held via Zoom. Those unable to zoom in have the option of appointing a proxy voter.

**8.AOB:** Ian Gilliver announced that he wishes to leave the committee. He was thanked for his very active service.

**9. Next Meetings:** The next (virtual) committee meeting will take place on 17<sup>th</sup> August.