

Minutes MDOC Committee Meeting 7th September 2020

Ethereal Contributors: Marie Roberts (Chair), Tony Wagg (Sec), Pete Lomas, Rae Lomas, Dave Mawdsley, Sue Birkinshaw, Pete Ross, Eddie Speak, Kath Speak, Catriona Beynon, Trevor Hindle.

Apologies: Alan Ogden (Treasurer), Sam Drinkwater, Pete Hayes. Ian Gilliver, Julie Brook.

1. Minutes of Last meeting: Accepted.

2. Matters Arising and Actions:

(a) Macclesfield sprints. Marie has tried and as yet failed to contact Chris O'Donnell about the use of the Kings Macc campus. Pete Hayes has suggested the map has yet to be finished. **Action continues MR.**

(b) Kahoot. Alain and Ben Kyd will try to stimulate Kahoot orienteering related activities at Fallibroome.

(c) Replacement of committee members. We need to elect a new treasurer. Following Marie's appeal, two people offered to stand as treasurer but one happily withdrew when we had another option. Hence Peter Cull, an accountant and our long-standing photographer, remains a willing volunteer. Rae agreed to contact others who might be persuaded to stand as ordinary committee members

3. Junior Issues: Catriona reported that she and Dominic had discussed future activities and proposed a juniors' barbecue next summer.

4. Finance: No Report. The Wythenshawe Maprun event yielded £41 via Izettle – its first use 'in anger'.

5. Reports:

5.1 Event/Activity Operation:

Autumn Events. Chris still awaits confirmation of permission for the Saturday morning series but has 7 out of 8 officials in place. The Wythenshawe park Maprun event went well and the last of the DIY Maprun series at Dove Stone is about to go live. Lyme has not replied to our query on the prospects for a New Year event. Various obstacles including parking limits suggest prospects are not encouraging. Pete Ross is still working on the M60 series and will need to seek additional planners.

We are due to host the Compass Sport Cup at Phillips Park in February 2021 but the Forestry Commission are not responding and the event is in doubt. Subsequently they have deferred any decision on access for several months. No NSL news was reported but planning of early events is in progress and registration is likely to be in car parks rather than in pubs.

5.2: Mapping and Printing:

Maps of Teggs Nose and Worsley Woods are being updated. New paper supplies are due. Ian reported that a new 'mapping champion' is needed to list our maps and to highlight those which need updating. Trevor said he was happy to co-ordinate mapping by external mappers and was very happy with the new Knutsford map. He was about to send out tender documents to 8-12 people for the extension to the Manchester map.

Map geo-referencing is essential for Maprun but less so for conventional events. Pete Ross reported work had been required for Wythenshawe and was needed for Dove Stone, while Teggs Nose is seriously out of sync. Eddie commented that most of our maps are OK other than for Maprun and our map updates must concentrate on upcoming events of whatever type.

5.3 Marketing: Maprun events have been publicised and the Wythenshawe event prompted a tweet from a radio station requesting an interview. Ben Kyd has agreed to be our spokesperson and the

interview is due to be broadcast on September 17th on WFM the Buzz Show. They will send an audio clip via twitter. Pete Ross agreed to contact Ben with suggestions as to what to focus on to give us maximum benefit. Sue pointed out that current BOF policy was not to encourage newcomers to conventional events and POCs should be the present focus. **Action PR.**

Urban Adventures. We need to establish local organisations to whom copies of the new films might be sent. The plan is to set up an MDOC Youtube channel so we can send out a link to the films. Sarah Brown will also draft a press release.

5.4 Membership: The next newsletter will be issued after the AGM.

5.5 GMOA: The AGM is due on September 10th (on-line). Map sales for POCs are strong and all control sites have been inspected within the last 4 months.

5.6 Schools: Pete Hayes reported that he had gratefully received teaching materials from Alan and Jenny Shaw. More primary schools had requested his services and he pointed out that parents were allowed under BOF rules to help with training under the supervision of a qualified coach. Nick Taylor has expressed an interest in qualifying as a coach. Marie has filled in a grant application to the Orienteering Foundation to support the costs. If this is rejected the committee agreed that the Club should pay the costs.

Marie discussed with Pete Hayes the idea of a schools league and the suggestion that the schools might have their own set of equipment (controls, SI boxes and download system). Trevor commented that this would be expensive but offered to find out precise costs. **Action TH.** An alternative is for the Club to lend some existing kit.

Pete has provided inset for Fallibroome on teaching orienteering. Ben Kyd attended this afterschool session. Further inset will be provided as a result of requests from a number of primary schools. Pete will deliver these sessions.

Appreciation certificates using photography from Dom (Wathey) will arrive in people's in boxes. Please watch out for the first wave.

5.7 Performance: Marie contacted John Kewley to discuss future coaching options. He commented that he was already coaching trail O via zoom and they agreed that this was the way forward in the immediate future. Pete Ross agreed to be a guinea pig (if we can find a big enough cage?).

6. MDOC AGM: This will take place via zoom on October 15th. Marie has circulated an appeal for would-be committee members. Rae will follow this up by contacting individuals as required. Frank Rose (our President) is not equipped for zoom but a consortium of daughters may be able to set this up for him.

7. Next Meetings: The next (virtual) committee meeting will take place on Monday October 12th.