

Minutes MDOC Committee Meeting 8th March 2021

Ethereal Contributors: Marie Roberts (Chair), Tony Wagg (Sec), Sue Birkinshaw, Eddie Speak, Trevor Hindle, Julie Brook, Dave Mawdsley, Peter Cull (Treasurer), Pete Lomas, Rae Lomas, Simon Freytag.

Apologies: Pete Hayes, Catriona Beynon, Dom Wathey, Kath Speak.

1. Minutes of Last meeting: Accepted.

2. Matters Arising and Actions:

(a) Purchase of A4 printer. Deferred until events re-commence. **Action continues TH/ES.**

(b) A membership renewal reminder led to 3 renewals. Kath will repeat the appeal. **Action KS.**

(c) DEE have not responded to our attempts to co-ordinate our summer events but their short-term intention is to stage events only open to their members.

3. Junior Issues: Nothing reported.

4. Finance: Peter reported that a further £100 in membership fees has been received from BOF. He can now access their membership data. Only one other minor transaction has taken place so he has not distributed an up-dated account for the month. HSBC is conducting a security review and we need to take urgent action if our account is not to be frozen. This involves form filling and Peter is about to become the account principal member in place of Alan Ogden.

5. Reports:

5.1 Event Activity/Operation:

(a) Northern Champs (High Dam). Under current covid rules people cannot stay away overnight for a short stay, or eat indoors, before May 17th. High Dam is preceded by the British Middle Distance event and many would wish to come for the weekend and stay overnight. Therefore, the intention is to postpone the events to the weekend of June 4/5th. Four of the five landowners are happy with this arrangement but the fifth has an existing booking which could exclude our event. Three options become (a) cancel the events (b) request movement of the Scottish Championships to allow us to use 29/30th May, noting that this is a busy bank holiday weekend, or (c) stay with the June dates and try to negotiate further for access. The last one is the preferred option. If covid rules partial relaxation due on April 12th has to be delayed, the May 17th date will be deferred by the same amount, to maintain a five-week gap. The June 5/6th date allows a covid plan slippage of three weeks before the event would need to be cancelled. A decision to proceed with the event will be deferred until April 12th.

(b) Lyme. This event will take place on April 10th and will be pre-entry, for MDOC members only. Parking will be in Disley and people will then walk to enter the park in the NE corner. It is hoped to arrange to provide toilets at the Disley scout hut, close to the station car park. In the past the BOF levy has been taken from the raffle proceeds. This will no longer be an option (no raffle) so it was agreed (with 2 abstentions and none against) that the Club would pay the levy and any expenses. Entrants will then be invited to make a charity donation via the 'just giving' website.

(c) Summer Series. We propose to stage events at Tegg's Nose, Brereton and Alderley, in May, June and July, similar to previous years but with covid restrictions. This will involve pre-registration, extended start times (5.30-7.00pm), and payment and download at a tent rather than in a building. It was agreed that entry should be unrestricted but with a limit of 150, though it is unlikely that this number will be

achieved. Cheshire East have given permission in principle. National Trust Alderley has proven hard to contact so far.

(d) MapRun. The MapRun series, which was paused for the current lockdown, is to be relaunched soon after 29th March 2021

(e) M60 Series. Pete Ross has arranged a series of 12 Maprun courses linked around the vicinity of the M60, forming 12 score events. Each course begins where the previous one ends. There is car parking and information on public transport. Maps can be downloaded from the Navvies website. The committee agreed to fund publicity leaflets. SELOC have been involved in the project and will be invited to contribute towards the cost of the leaflets. The aim is to mail copies to MDOC members with the directory by the end of March. The newsletter is likely to be deferred.

(f) Countryside Score Events. These events have been based on pubs and have formed a social activity with a bit of running and sight-seeing thrown in. As pub opening is not due anytime soon, the prospects for these events are uncertain.

5.2. Mapping and Printing: Nothing to report. There is no urgency to purchase a new printer.

5.3. Membership: A membership list will be completed in March. A newsletter is normally issued in March but this may be deferred given the lull in activity. A final renewal notice will be issued with a note that registration is required to enter MDOC events. **Action KS.**

5.4. Performance and Training: Hamish Willis wishes to update the list of registered club coaches. John Britton and Pete Lomas wish to discontinue, leaving Pat Mee, Steve Berry, Dan Riley, Paul Stepto and John Kewley. Four more candidates are awaiting L2 coach training, which John Kewley is willing to provide when circumstances allow. MDOC attendance at the LOC zoom coaching sessions has been low in quantity (2) but high in quality?? Overall attendance has been 45-50. We risk being 'under-coached' relative to our rivals? One session remains.

6. GMOA: A new leaflet about the POC's is going to print. The Clowbridge course was previously run by United Utilities and has now been adopted by GMOA. When restrictions are lifted at Lyme, Trevor Hindle will plan a new yellow course. Currently there are too many out- of-bounds areas. Eddy will tidy up the map. Recent course usage has been huge.

7. AOB: Changes to the BOF constitution. Peter Hart asked for comments on the proposed changes. This prompted Peter Cull (treasurer) to read the BOF company articles. They are detailed and complex. BOF is a limited company and if it goes bust all members would have to cough up a maximum of 50p! Start saving now. Further information about the proposed changes is awaited. One of the issues to be altered is that individual members but not clubs or regions can speak at general meetings.

8. Next Meeting: The next (virtual) committee meeting will take place on Monday April 12th 2021.