

Minutes MDOC Committee Meeting 12th April 2021

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

Apologies: Pete Hayes, Catriona Beynon, Dom Wathey.

1. Minutes of Last meeting: Accepted.

2. Matters Arising and Actions:

(a) Purchase of A4 printer. Deferred. **Action continues TH/ES.**

(b) A membership renewal reminder has produced a good response but membership is down by about 15 from last year. Those who have not renewed will now be removed from simplelists.

(c) Lyme Event. Simon and Jim Trueman were thanked for organising and planning a successful event.

3. Junior Issues: Nothing reported. Schools are back in operation. Marie will contact Catriona and Dom to find out whether there is anything to report. **Action MR.**

4. Finance: Peter reported just two transactions in the last month - £220 membership income and £235 expenditure for printing flyers for the M60 MapRun series. Forms have been submitted to HSBC to make Peter the primary account user. The bank is conducting a security review and we need supply copious information by 27th May. We have to declare who is 'in control'. At present, the Treasurer, Eddie and Alan Ogden are declared. We will now add the Chair and Secretary. We still intend to open a Lloyds account when this becomes possible. Peter queried whether we might take over the existing account set up for the Northern Champs but this would be complex as it is shared with LOC.

5. Reports:

5.1 Event Operation/Planning:

(a) Summer Evening Events. Disley scout hut loos at the Lyme event turned out to be an excellent place for recruiting officials for the summer events and we now have planners and organisers for Tegg's Nose, Brereton and Alderley. Tony Wagg agreed to email the club giving the event dates **Action TW.** Start times will run from 5.30 – 7.00pm

(b) Safety Courses. All event officials (planners, organisers and controllers) must have completed a safety course and we have a small list of people on the waiting list, including some involved in (a) above. Covid rules currently exclude groups meeting for the courses previously run by Ian Gilliver but BOF has set up an on-line course. Simon attended such a course prior to the Lyme event and found it useful and successful. It takes about an hour, can be completed in stages and ends with an assessment where multiple attempts are allowed. The course costs individuals £10, which the Club will refund. Ian has suggested that participants could have an on-line session with him before completing the assessment.

(c) Urban Adventures coaching videos and resulting activities. Sarah Brown is keen that we should circulate a flyer or note to potentially interested parties (we have about 100 contacts), listing permanent courses for newcomers to venture forth.

(d) MapRun Events. These are registered individually as activities. Sale East will be available very soon, followed by Bollington. Phone queries will be directed to each organiser.

(e) High Dam. Entries are now open for club members who intend to help. They can be allocated start times outside the declared range of 10.00am - 2.00pm. General entries open a week later. It is anticipated that BOF will relax covid rules from May 17th to allow 6 rather than 2 people to start at once. The current intention is to allow 3 simultaneous starters. There might be a need for further advance funding from the Club and this has been agreed already.

(f) Macclesfield/Knutsford urban weekend in October 2021. Parts of the Macclesfield map have yet to be drawn and the offer still stands from Eddie to do this. Action is required by the organiser (Marie Roberts) regarding the bounds of said map and the readiness of the Kings School campus map being drawn by Chris O'Donnell (DVO). **Action MR.** Trevor Hindle intends to contact Richard Parkin to finalise the Knutsford map. **Action TH.** The Roberts family will organise and Trevor Hindle will plan Knutsford. The Macclesfield planner will be Paul Watson.

5.2. Mapping and Printing: Teggs - there is a new map. Eddie will visit the area and contact Clare. He is expecting to print for High Dam and for the British Middle Distance Champs. Higher Poynton map printers will be busy as usual!

5.3. Membership: The directory has been sent out.

5.4 Marketing: The subgroup has met. The Facebook entry has been re-vitalised, recent events have prompted tweets and a flyer has been printed to publicise the M60 MapRun series. Pete Ross will distribute some to sports venues and the remainder will be passed to SELOC.

5.4. Performance and Training: Marie will contact John Kewley about the training of coaches and discuss the prospects for club coaching sessions. **Action MR.**

6. GMOA: The AGM is due via zoom on May 6th. All are invited. Provide your own refreshments. Dress optional. The enterprise is solvent and we have a complete set of post watchers.

7. AOB: Pete and Rae asked what we should do with the 150 or so green stakes that we no longer need. We have further white stakes without number plates that can be used to attach signs etc. Julie noted that about 40 were used by the Cheshire schools, so it was agreed that we should retain 50 and advertise the rest to other clubs.

8. Next Meeting: The next (virtual) committee meeting will take place on Monday May 10th 2021.