

Minutes MDOC Committee Meeting 10th May 2021

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

Apologies: Pete Hayes, Catriona Beynon, Dom Wathey. Simon Freytag, Peter Cull (Treasurer).

1. Minutes of Last meeting: Accepted.

2. Matters Arising and Actions:

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

(b) Contact Junior reps to ascertain anything to report. **Action continues MR.**

(c) Summer Evening events. TW has emailed dates via simplelists.

(d) Knutsford map. We now have a draft map from Richard Parkin. It awaits our comments. **Action TH.** A controller has yet to be appointed.

(e) Yvette Baker Trophy. George Crawford-Smith (PFO) emailed to enquire who co-ordinates our junior entries. Marie will pass this to Alain Kyd who might be able to organise a junior team, though notice is short and covid raises complications.

3. Junior Issues: Nothing reported.

4. Finance: Peter was unable to attend but reported that our safeguarding review has been completed and submitted to the bank (HSBC), with no response so far. They requested information to assure them that MDOC is not a front organisation for a Mexican drugs cartel, and is managed by upright citizens like Marie, Peter and myself.

5.Reports:

5.1 Event Operation/Planning:

(a) Summer Evening Events. Tegg's Nose has attracted a good entry and entries will be closed on the Sunday night, preceding the event on the following Tuesday (18th May). Brereton entries will open after this date. Eddie agreed to check whether updates were needed for the Alderley map.

(b) MapRun. The Sale East and Bollington courses are open. The Chorlton course is delayed by a week and will open on May 22nd.

(c) Lakes Weekend (High Dam, British Middle Distance). The LOC organiser for the latter has withdrawn. Derek Alison has taken over. For High Dam, Trevor Roberts wants experienced teams to run particular activities eg. starts, as they think fit, rather than him deciding the operational details. Competitor bibs displaying course number and start time will allow silent distanced call up and starts. We need a fire extinguisher in case of a generator fire. It was agreed that one will be purchased by the Club, for the event and for future club use. It was noted that we also possess two fire blankets.

(d) Emergency Communication. Sue suggested that MapRun organisers should put their phone numbers on the map so that they could be called in an emergency. Dave Mawdsley and David Gray were happy with this but Trevor Hindle suggested this was a dangerous precedent and instead we could buy a club mobile. It was agreed that we should consider this later in the summer, for use at one day events. Marie also raised the need to check that signal response at evening events will allow Izettle payments to operate.

5.2. Mapping and Printing: Eddie expects a £1300 bill for mapping paper stocks.

5.3. Membership: We have gained 1 new member. Those who have still not renewed will be deleted from simplelists. It appears the company has been sold to a US company. The interface has changed. Thus far we receive the service for free. The newsletter input deadline is today (10/5/21). Trevor reported issues from the SOA development conference (see a link on their website). They report difficulty finding planners and controllers and were unsure how to solve the problem. Otherwise, much is happening, including within schools.

6. GMOA: The AGM has taken place and details have been sent to Sam for the newsletter. Another SELOC member has joined the committee.

7. Schools: Ben Kyd was nominated for the Junior Orienteer of the Year Award, mainly for his coaching activities at Fallibroome. He did not win but is to be congratulated non the less. John Kewley has circulated an invitation to juniors (U14?) to apply to join Summer camps.

8. AOB:

(a) Check boxes radio linked to download. Start and download are sometimes too far apart for cable linkage. A radio link enables a rapid assessment of who is still out on a course – important for safety. The committee approved purchase of suitable kit, estimated to cost £135.

(b) Surplus green stakes. Pete Hayes will hold 40 stakes for schools use, the Club will retain a further 20 and the rest (about 80) disposed of or given away. Border Liners may want some of them.

Approved purchases: fire extinguisher (5.1c) and radio linked boxes (8a).

9. Next Meeting: The next (virtual) committee meeting will take place on Monday June 14th 2021.