

## Minutes MDOC Committee Meeting 6<sup>th</sup> September 2021

**Ethereal Contributors:** Marie Roberts (Chair), Tony Wagg (Sec), Peter Cull (Treasurer), Sue Birkinshaw, Julie Brook, Trevor Hindle.

**Apologies:** Pete Hayes, Catriona Beynon, Dom Wathey. Simon Freytag, Eddie Speak, Kath Speak, Dave Mawdsley, Pete Lomas, Rae Lomas.

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

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

(a) A card and present were presented to Tom Fellbaum and wife.

(b) Ian Watson will run a controllers' course, which Sue will set up **Action SB**.

**3. Junior Issues:** Nothing reported.

**4. Finance:** Peter reported that the HSBC review of our account (to verify we are not in the laundry business) has been completed and we are judged whiter than white. The mandate is out of date, as the other signatories are Alan Ogden and Eddie. The aim is to transfer our account to a Lloyds Treasurers a/c. Lloyds are currently not opening new accounts of this type but we may be able to take over the existing empty a/c set up jointly with LOC, for the recent lakes weekend and run by Trevor Roberts. LOC have no objection. We would then have 2 accounts and the committee agreed that we should initially transfer up to £5k to the Lloyds account and ultimately close the HSBC account if all runs well. New signatories will be set up (Peter, the Chairman and typically the Secretary).

In preparing the end of year accounts Peter has spoken to Andrew Addis (our auditor) and has agreed to put in an adjustment to take account of a large and long-standing debt for map paper for which we still await an invoice. Large recent payments have been for the newsletter, sprint relay entries and a contribution to Peter Bray's expenses while on international duty. We have received £1K for printing Skelmersdale maps with the overall result that we have raised our bank balance from £37.6K to £38.1K over the year to end of August 2021.

Helpers' refunds for the NW sprints will come to the Club and be passed on to the individuals concerned. In the past, some have chosen to donate their refunds to the Orienteering Foundation.

A query came in as to whether the NW Championship account would pay for engraving one of the trophies (~£10). Marie agreed to ask Trevor Roberts (event treasurer and organiser) to ask the trophy keeper what precedent exists, if any. **Action MR**. Trevor Hindle suggested that trophy winners should welcome the honour, and pay to have their name engraved if they wished.

### **5. Reports:**

#### **5.1 Event Operation/Planning:**

(a) Autumn Saturday Events. A flyer for the series exists and is on the website. The first two events have controllers. More are required for later ones.

(b) Night Steet League. Plans are progressing well.

(c) October Urban weekend. Outline details are on the website and entries will open in October. The Saturday event in Macclesfield will be a two part sprint to form the NW Sprint Championship. The Kings School grounds will not now be used. Parking will be at the Leisure Centre. The Sunday event is a standard urban event at Knutsford. The Booths Hall estate will not now be used. Trevor Hindle will

provide publicity material to Marie **Action TH and MR** and she will forward it to Nick Taylor and Matthew Snarr, for them to place on Twitter and Facebook. Details will also be on the website.

(d) Lakes 5 Day 2022. Derek Allison is co-ordinating. Two areas are definite and three are provisional. Bleathwaite will not be used but might be made available for the varsity match. See also 10c below.

**5.2. Mapping and Printing:** No Reports

**5.3. Membership:** Peter queried how club membership fees are set each year. These are agreed by vote at each AGM but the Treasurer is invited to make a proposal.

**6. GMOA:** Map sales are falling back to pre-covid levels. Some posts are becoming overgrown. Otherwise there is nothing to report.

**7. Schools:** Pete Hayes reports that September 6<sup>th</sup> is the first day of term and it is too soon to determine which schools are allowing visitors in. It may be some weeks before the situation becomes clearer.

**8. Performance and Training:** David Wathey, Cecelia Fenerty and Peter Hayes are due to receive coaching training during this month. Nick Taylor is also due to begin training with John Kewley but 3 attendees have withdrawn so the course is on hold.

**9. AGM:** This will take place on Thursday October 14<sup>th</sup> via Zoom. Peter Bray (MDOC) will then give a talk on preparing for and taking part in the 2021 World Cup. We will need to replace key people at the AGM. Marie (Chair) and Tom Fellbaum (Club Captain) are stepping down, and Sue wishes to scale down her work as Fixtures Secretary and ultimately retire (sometime before she is 90?). The aim is to spread the work over more people in a Fixtures Committee. Details of the tasks will be published in the Newsletter and volunteers are required. Trevor Hindle expressed interest in joining this committee and Chris Rostron is already very active but more are required. If we manage to take over the Lloyds account, currently run by Trevor Roberts, as detailed in Section 4, then we may co-opt him as a member of the main committee.

**10. AOB:**

(a) M60 MapRun relay. Marie will seek Simon Freytag's views as to how this might happen. **Action MR.**

(b) Trevor Hindle wishes to buy Condes 10. Condes 9 is no longer supported and version 10 will be valuable in planning the Knutsford event. He agreed to discuss the issue with Eddie. It will cost £200-300 and the purchase was agreed by the Committee.

(c) Lakes 5 day 'rest day' urban event. This has traditionally been run by Ulverston High School (UVHS). Trevor suggested that we could stage the event in 2022 in either Penrith or Kendal. He would be willing to plan. Proceeds could go to the NW junior squad and the O Foundation. Trevor agreed to consult Dave McCann (NW Chairman) and Sue will talk to Karen Parker to see whether BL have plans to use Penrith in the near future. **Action TH and SB.**

**11. Next Meeting:** The next (virtual) committee meeting will take place on Monday October 11<sup>th</sup> 2021 at 7.30pm!!