

## Minutes MDOC Committee Meeting 8<sup>th</sup> November 2021

**Ethereal Contributors:** Marie Roberts, Eddie Speak (Chair), Tony Wagg (Sec), Peter Cull (Treasurer), , Julie Brook, Trevor Hindle, Simon Freytag, , Kath Speak, Paul Watson, Alison Fryer, Pete Lomas, Rae Lomas, Graham Heap.

**Apologies:** Pete Hayes, Catriona Beynon, Dom Wathey, Sue Birkinshaw.

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

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

(a) Controllers' course. Ian Watson will arrange same, probably at Wythenshawe Park. Other NW clubs are interested. Eddie will check our current list of controllers and when they were last active. **Action ES.** All our events require a controller or adviser.

(b) M60 relay. A sub-group of interested parties will progress this, independent of the main committee.

(c) Urban event within 2022 Lakes 5-day period. Border Liners now intend to use Penrith in the near future. Kendal and possibly Keswick remain as alternatives. Eddie agreed to talk to LOC about the use of Kendal, with proceeds to the NW Junior squad. **Action ES.**

(d) Fixture co-ordination with SELOC. See section 5.1c of October minutes. Reply to Peter Brooke's email deferred. **Action SB.**

(e) Refund to helpers at urban weekend. Most fees refunded or donated. Instructions awaited from 5 people.

(f) Co-option of committee members. Kath Speak and Rae Lomas were co-opted. Rae agreed to contact Alain Kyd to see whether he is willing to be co-opted. **Action RL.**

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

**4. Finance:** The Lloyds account is working well so we now have 2 functioning accounts. Whether we retain the HSBC account is to be agreed later. The intention is to have 3 signatories for the Lloyds a/c – the Treasurer, Chairman and Secretary. Two are required to authorise on-line transactions. There has been little financial activity. The account is down by £420 but about £3k is awaited from Fabian 4 for the urban weekend takings.

### **5. Reports:**

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

(a) Spring Saturday series. Dates are fixed.

(b) Lyme John 'o goats, New Year. No offers to arrange this so far. Note that Lyme charge entrance fees per person rather than per car these days.

(c) May urban weekend, Sale West and M/c. Maps remain to be completed. Eddie will contact M/c City Council to secure permission. We intend not to venture into Salford (there be demons??). **Action ES.** Trevor Hindle and Eddie are both willing to plan. A M/c base is to be agreed.

**5.2. Mapping and Printing:** Activities cover tweaks to winter maps and the M/c map is ongoing.

**5.3. and 5.4 Membership and Marketing:** nothing to report.

**6. Schools:** Pete Hayes sent a written report, summarised as follows. Covid restricts current activity to providing schools with materials. Visits, lessons and after school work will resume in the Spring. Enquiries continue about schools' competitions and challenges. It is hoped to include juniors in planning and organising an event and Catriona is keen to be involved. Pete has also been in contact with the NWJS lead coach and they are to meet to discuss junior development issues. See also section 8 below.

The question arose as to what extent the schools' events are independent of MDOC or otherwise. Paul Watson agreed to talk to Pete and clarify how the club should work with him. **Action PW.**

**7. GMOA:** Nothing to report.

**8. Performance and Training:** Three (Pete H, Dave W, Cecilia F) have started the level 2 coaching course. They need to run 4 training sessions and hope to use schools' sessions (PH) and the spring series events.

### **9. NW AGM and CDM (club delegate mtg) and High Dam**

Official minutes will appear later and there is a vacancy for a secretary. Key points included;

- (a) Controllers. Level B events require controllers from outside the Region, (except for special exemptions). The consensus was that BOF should relax this restriction. Other clubs were keen to send members to the forthcoming MDOC controllers' course, given vacancies, and would like to know the date.
- (b) Expenditure during covid has been significantly lower and finances are strong.
- (c) Lakes 5 Day 2022. Provisional venues in date order are High Pike (BL), Threlkeld Knots (WCOC), Grizedale 1, Grizedale 2 (one or both middle distance, LOC but with extra help one day) and Helsington Barrows (SROC). MDOC has offered to run computing and central services each day. A publicity co-ordinator is required from each club, plus one person to take charge of overall publicity. **Action ES/Publicity group?**

Martin Bagness (alias Bilbo of Warrior OC) has been given permission to run a small elite competition on High Dam in December. He will remap the area involved, using LIDAR data and has offered to remap the rest at a cost of £325 (current map based on 1980's OS data). The committee accepted this deal.

### **10. AOB:**

(a) Event entry fees. Trevor queried how our event entry fees are set and whether there is a regular review mechanism. He also pointed out that some other clubs operated a two-tier fee structure, with discounts for BOF (and thus club) members. After much debate it was agreed that there should be an annual review of entry fees taking account of land use charges. The fixtures committee should then recommend a structure to the AGM. Eddie agreed to talk to Sue (floating round the Med at the time) and Trevor will survey what other clubs do about entry discounts. **Actions ES and TH.**

(b) New signs. Rae reported that Trevor Roberts had expressed a need for more larger road signs. Rae was concerned on the grounds that we are not officially supposed to put out road signs without permission. Nevertheless, the committee agreed that 3 large signs should be added to our existing one.

(c) It was agreed that henceforth meetings should alternate between live and zoom performances. Meetings will not be recorded as a general rule. Ladybrook offers good beer but poor lighting so Eddie agreed to investigate alternative venues in the Cheadle area. **Action ES.**

**11. Next Meeting:** The next committee meeting will take place on Monday December 13<sup>th</sup> 2021 at 7.30pm. The place and format to be agreed.