

Minutes MDOC Committee Meeting 13th December 2021

Attendees: Eddie Speak (Chair), Kath Speak, Tony Wagg (Sec), Sue Birkinshaw, Pete Hayes, Julie Brook, Alison Fryer, Alain Kyd.

Apologies: Catriona Beynon, Dom Wathey, Trevor Hindle, Simon Freytag, Paul Watson, Pete Lomas, Rae Lomas, Graham Heap, Peter Cull (Treasurer).

1. Minutes of Last meeting: Accepted.

2. Matters Arising and Actions:

(a) Controllers list. Eddie has sent to the NW our current list of controllers and when they were last active. Their registration does not expire so they have to inform BOF if they wish to officially retire. Pete Lomas and David Walker consider themselves to be retired.

(b) Urban event within 2022 Lakes 5-day period. Dick Towler (LOC) informs us that Kendal is most unsuitable for a tea time urban event in August because alleyways etc will be congested with visitors.

(c) Fixture co-ordination with SELOC. Sue has sent to Peter Brooke (SELOC) our list of future events.

(d) Alain Kyd has agreed to be co-opted to the committee, though he will need to miss a number of meetings.

(e) Schools. Pete Hayes and Paul Watson have conferred. There have been several responses from schools but Pete cannot visit under current covid restrictions. Juniors are currently involved in planning and organising (eg Lyme John o' Goats). Safeguarding issues are satisfied if parents are also involved. Pete is currently not coaching on behalf of MDOC. If such become MDOC activities at any point in the future we do not need to register with BOF as schools carry their own insurance.

(f) Club co-ordinator for Lakes 5 day. Eddie will talk to Dave McCann to clarify what is required. **Action continues ES.**

(g) Event entry fees. Sue pointed out that we currently give discounts for BOF members for major events. For local events she considered the difficulties would outweigh any benefits. For example, tracking which Fallibroome pupils are BOF members is not worth the effort. Reporting the policy of other clubs – **Action continues TH.**

(h) Future meeting venues. Eddie reported that many venues, including Ladybrook, were not available in December. The January meeting will be on-line and the Griffin near Cheadle is a likely future option.

3. Junior Issues: Two MDOC members have requested orienteering activities in their childrens' primary schools. The schools have yet to respond. The NW junior squad reported that they enjoyed their training activities at Chorlton Water Park.

4. Finance: No report. We have at last received an invoice for £1100 for map paper, delivered long ago. The Lyme event (Jan 8th) will be able to take iZettle payments. Eddie will discuss this with Peter Cull and inform Rhys Beynon (co-organiser).

5. Reports:

5.1 Event Operation/Planning:

Spring Saturday series. Dates are fixed. We lack two officials. Julie volunteered for one of these. Pete Hayes queried whether we should run a course for novice officials. At present there are detailed guidance notes on the website.

5.2. Mapping and Printing: Manchester mapping is on-going. There are massive road changes to be accommodated. Sale cannot now be used as too many changes are in progress. Tytherington/Riverside Park or Media City, Salford are possible alternatives. The latter would need SELOC approval. Sue stressed the need for a decision asap.

5.3. Membership: Renewals are coming through and we have 3 new members.

5.4. Marketing: Nothing to report.

6. Schools: See 2(e).

7. GMOA: The AGM was postponed. Map sales are dramatically down as a result of the earlier covid boom. Most map sales are now on-line, except at Lyme.

8. Performance and Training: Four linked coaching sessions will be held at the spring event series as part of the coach training/qualification activities. Pete Hayes will satisfy his requirements through schools sessions.

9. Fixtures Policy: Sue and Trevor submitted in advance policy documents on country and urban/sprint events respectively. Difficulties include our ability to find local quality country terrain and the shortage of willing officials. We currently concentrate on urban and park events, and struggle to attract newcomers. Paul was unable to attend the meeting but submitted comments on the two documents. He agreed with the comments and Trevor's proposals, and suggested that publicity to local schools might attract them to spring series events. Key officials (planner, organiser, controller) might be engaged a year rather than a month or two ahead.

10. AOB:

New signs. Rae reported that she has found a company that can supply large road signs if they are given a pdf of the required artwork. Eddie agreed to progress this. **Action ES,**

11. Next Meeting: The next committee meeting will take place on Monday January 10th 2022 at 7.30pm, on-line.

12. Acknowledgement: These minutes are available only thanks to the gymnastic skills of Alison, supported by a small team of advisors and a very small chair. Further details available on application.