

## Minutes MDOC Committee Meeting 14<sup>th</sup> November 2022

**Attendees:** Paul Watson (acting Chair), Tony Wagg (Sec), Trevor Hindle, Pete Hayes, Julie Brook, Sue Birkinshaw, Alison Fryer, Liz Hamer Davies, Alain Kyd, Simon Freytag, Marie Roberts.

**Apologies:** Peter Cull (Treasurer), Catriona Beynon, Dom Wathey, Graham Heap

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

**2. Matters Arising and Actions:**

Actions continue (PC) regarding requirements for club becoming a trust and the club benchmark survey.

**3. Junior Issues:** Nothing to report.

**4. Finance:** No report.

**5. Reports:**

**5.1 Event Operation/Planning:**

(a) John o' Goats (Lyme, Jan 7<sup>th</sup>). John Kewley has agreed to plan. No organiser has been forthcoming but subsequent to this meeting John agreed to also act as organiser if necessary. An early start time would allow non- NT members to avoid the large park entry fee but would allow less time for arranging the course. A decision is left to the planner/organiser.

(b) Autumn events. Werneth Low has taken place and Longford is in hand. The street league continues to attract a good turnout. Fallibroome are taking 36 students to the British Schools champs on November 20<sup>th</sup>.

(c) Further local events. Chris Rostron has appealed for event officials but a number of gaps remain. The Yvette Baker Trophy will be staged on April 23<sup>rd</sup> at Phillips Park. Pete Hayes is organising, Jim Trueman planning and controlling.

(d) Urban Events. A Birchwood event will take place on September 24<sup>th</sup> 2023 with Marie organising and Ben Kyd planning. Ian Gilliver and Trevor Hindle have agreed to offer planning advice and Trevor will seek a controller. Manchester city event 2024. Eddie will map an extra portion to the existing (M/c East) map. We could submit the event as part of the European City Tour. This would increase the entry but would demand a second day. Miles Platting or Collyhurst are possibilities.

Liz has investigated venues for semi-indoor events. Old Trafford cricket ground has said no. Remaining possibilities are the two major football grounds and Leigh Sports Village. The latter is adjacent to Pennington Flash, where SELOC have staged an event.

(e) The JK Trophy, Easter 2023. We are heavily involved. Sam Drinkwater and Eddie are organising and planning at High Dam on day 2. Marie proposed that the Club takes the staffing lead for that day. She has volunteered to be in charge of non-SI equipment for the four days. Trevor Hindle is planning the Lancaster event on day1. Dave McCann has requested a contact for each club to deliver helpers as required by organisers and planners. Jim Trueman has volunteered, assisted by Tony Wagg if necessary.

**5.2. Marketing:** Paul Watson agreed to contact Hanno Rostron and Matthew Snarr to supply them with information for Facebook and Twitter. **Action PW.**

**5.3 Membership:** Tony Wagg agreed to contact Kath speak to ensure that he and any other club candidates are booked on the DEE first aid course. **Action TW.** Liz is automatically qualified as a doctor. CompassSport Cup. We need to declare to the organisers how many BOF members we have. This then

places us in the group of large or small clubs. Kath can supply precise information but we are without doubt large. The first round is at Bickerton on February 12<sup>th</sup>. The Club will pay all entry fees.

As Club captain, Liz will issue a spread sheet covering relays throughout 2023. Seniors pay £10 per relay, the Club paying the balance. Juniors run free. Payment details will be explained but are likely to include a cash payment to Liz, i-Zettle, or a transfer into the club account.

Trevor Hindle has remaining stock of club O kit which he wishes to be rid of. Sue agreed to adopt this and it will be advertised at discount rates on the relay entries and at Saturday morning events.

**5.4 Mapping and Printing:** See 5.1 (d) re Manchester. Richard Parkin is expected to deliver a draft of the Birchwood extension map by the end of February.

**5.5. Schools:** Pete Hayes reported that all was progressing well. He is working with a school in Brinnington over 5 weeks. The school in Wigan has requested that Pete returns in Spring to provide training for staff who had missed the earlier session.

**5.6. Performance and training:** Nothing to report.

**6. GMOA:** Werneth Low has asked for the reinstatement of the permanent course. GMOA will decide.

## **7. AOB:**

(a) Lakes 5 profit distribution. The club is likely to receive a significant sum as a reward for our efforts in running the events. Similar to last time, the committee proposes to offer an amount to each helper, in accordance with the number of shifts and other forms of effort. Recipients can then opt for a cash payment (note that there were no entry discounts for helpers) or donate to the O Foundation.

(b) Newsletter editor. Sam was thanked for his outstanding work as editor and a replacement is required. Sue agreed to 'encourage' offers, with a particular team as possibilities.

(c) Digital archive. We have no formal archive for meeting minutes and other key documents, although in practice we have distributed hard and digital copies that can be found. Sue agreed to consult Dave McCann and John Britton as to how this might be improved.

(d) Committee membership. Simon suggested he may wish to withdraw from the committee and devote more effort to running events.

(e) Social. There will be no social this January but Rae and Cecilia suggested we could consider a club picnic at the Brereton event in June.

(f) Stores. Pete and Rae Lomas have reluctantly resigned their charge of stores. The committee thanked them for long and impressive service. Julie agreed to take over as she already has charge of certain valuable items. Tony Wagg and Paul Watson will also act as key holders local to the Didsbury stores.

(g) Future committee meetings. Four attended the present meeting via zoom but could not have attended in person. The remainder gathered at Sue's house. Hence this option will continue. It was also agreed in principle to reduce meeting to one every other month, and to rely on more regular input from subgroups. However, the next meeting will be held on Monday December 12<sup>th</sup>, at Sue's and via zoom. Paul agreed to chair and organise the zoom input. Trevor pointed out the need for a central effective microphone, available at modest cost.

**8. Next Meeting:** The next committee meeting will be held on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2022 at 7.30pm at Sue's house and via Zoom (link from Paul).