

## Minutes MDOC Committee Meeting 9<sup>th</sup> January 2023

**Attendees: In person:** Tony Wagg (Sec), Sue Birkinshaw. **Via Zoom:** Paul Watson, Trevor Hindle, Liz Hamer Davies (Chair), Peter Cull (Treasurer), Andy Thornton, Alison Fryer.

**Apologies:** Catriona Beynon, Dom Wathey, Pete Hayes, Simon Freytag, Alain Kyd, Julie Brook, Graham Heap.

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

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

(a) Distribution of Lakes 5 profit. The secretary distributed a document to the committee before the meeting, following discussions with Sue and Peter Cull. At the December committee it was agreed that the total sum awarded to the Club should be passed to helpers according to their contribution. The secretary provided a list of those assigned shifts on particular days and listed further key people who contributed on other tasks such as results computing and the series treasurer. The new document presented 2 alternatives: either all proceeds to be given to helpers (amounting to about £28 per shift with the option to donate to the O Foundation), or £20 per shift (roughly equivalent to a free run on the day of work) with the balance (about £600) given direct to the O Foundation. The committee agreed the second option. Individuals were free to make additional donations.

(b) MapRun support. As detailed in the December minutes, Pete Ross had recommended that we donate an agreed sum to MapRun, a service that is free and that we use extensively. The committee had agreed a £140 donation and further quarterly reviews. Pete Ross subsequently queried how exactly payments were to be made. Trevor suggested that ideally MapRun, now well established and widely used, should set up a licence fee similar to Condes, so that the financial burden is shared fairly. Meanwhile it was agreed that we will in principle give recurring support but approved roughly quarterly. Pete Ross should be invited to submit an invoice according to our usage every alternate 2 and 4 months to coincide with committee meetings (which are every other month in future). Whether the treasurer then pays or Pete Ross pays and reclaims the money is up to the two to agree.

(c) Twitter and Facebook. Our pages have been updated on both. Paul will consider how our use may be developed.

(d) Paul now has a stores key (in addition to Julie and Tony Wagg).

(e) Storage of archives. **Action continues SB.**

(f) Newsletter Editor. Liz will send out an appeal for a new editor. **Action Liz.**

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

**4. Finance:** Peter agreed to report in March. Also see 2 (a) and (b) above.

### **5. Reports:**

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

A fair number events are planned as listed on the website. We lack any volunteers for the CATI (come and try it) events and are short of controllers. Liz will advertise for actual or would be controllers. **Action Liz.** Note that the safety course needed for controllers, planners and organisers can now be completed on-line.

**5.2. Marketing:** See 2(c) above.

**5.3 Membership:** CompassSport Cup. We have had to change our entry from Bickerton (DEE) in February to the POTOE event at Park Hall on March 12<sup>th</sup>. Andy has moved his sunch event to March 18<sup>th</sup> to avoid a clash. Liz will email Fallibroome and Cheadle Hulme schools to invite them to take part. **Action Liz.** However, to count for MDOC you have to be a member (sounds reasonable?). While many at Fallibroome will be, Cheadle Hulme pupils are likely not. To join MDOC you have to also join BOF. For a junior the total cost is £5 (all to BOF).

Jim Trueman is co-ordinating MDOC helpers at the JK and has sent out an appeal.

First aid course payments. Tony Wagg and Paul Jarvis are due to attend the course arranged by DEE. Tony Wagg agreed to ensure Steve Round (NW treasurer) was aware that the region needs to contribute towards the cost and DEE need to bill MDOC to receive our contribution. **Action TW.**

**5.4 Mapping and Printing:** Jim Trueman is planning Phillips Park in April and will decide whether any re-mapping is required. Sue agreed to find a mapper if needed. **Action SB.**

**5.5. Schools:** No report.

**5.6. Performance and training:** Condes Course. Liz and probably others are interested in a course on the use of the Condes planning software. Trevor suggested the first step was to look at the user guide on the SOA website. If you attended a course long in advance of your wanting to use it, you were likely to have forgotten much of it. Trevor and Paul agreed to consider who might give a course and find out who might attend. **Action TH, PW.**

Coaching. Dave Wathy and Cecilia have completed their coaching courses. Liz agreed to contact them as to whether they might be able to offer coaching in preparation for the Yvette Baker event in April. **Action Liz.**

**6. GMOA:** Nothing to report.

## **7. AOB:**

(a) Sub committees. Sue was keen to see these up and running, typically reporting bi-monthly to the main committee. Such would include fixtures (including mapping), marketing and membership, and performance and training. To satisfy the constitution, anyone may be a member but the chair must be a committee member. Volunteer chairs were Sue (fixtures) Tony (performance and training) and Paul (marketing and publicity). The secretary was counting on Dave and Cecilia to do most of the performance work (thanks)! Andy Thornton and Alison agreed to join the marketing group and Marie Roberts will be kept informed with a view to contributing in the future?

(b) Committee membership. Some committee members were unclear who was elected at the last AGM. The secretary agreed to circulate draft minutes of the 2022 AGM (prepared by Marie Roberts) which answered the question. **Action TW.**

(c) Pete Lomas. Pete passed away recently. The club recorded its thanks for outstanding service over many decades. Andy agreed to send Rae flowers of behalf of the Club. **Action AT.**

(d) NWOA funding of projects proposed by the clubs. Nothing yet to report.

(e) Find Your Way project. This is a BOF project funded by Sport England, intended to get more of the public active via virtual orienteering. Andy reported that a professional project officer has now been appointed (a member of PFO) and that this might be a topic for our marketing group.

(f) NWOA badge scheme. This seems to be currently defunct in so far as no one has applied to receive a badge. Stella Heap ran the scheme and Steve Round holds stocks of badges.

**8. Next Meeting:** The next committee meeting will be held on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2023 at 7.30pm at Sue's house and via Zoom, subject to confirmation.