

## Minutes MDOC Committee Meeting 12<sup>th</sup> February 2024

**Attendees:** David Wathey (Chair), Julie Brook, Pete Hayes, Tony Wagg (sec), Paul Watson, Marie Roberts, Andy Thornton, Sue Birkinshaw, David Isherwood, Wang Ki Yuen, Kath Speak.

**Apologies:** Dom Wathey, Liz Hamer Davies, Peter Cull, Rae Lomas.

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

**2. Matters Arising and Actions:**

(a) Further committee photos have been added to the website. Peter Cull wishes to opt out.

(b) Entries for team events. See section 3 below.

(c) The website upgrade. See section 5 below.

(d) An intermediate committee meeting was held on January 29<sup>th</sup>. David W has circulated a note from that meeting which forms a synthesis of the discussion on Club Development.

(e) Proposed new membership structure. **Action continues KS.**

**3. Team Events:** A document was submitted but not discussed. The committee congratulated the Club juniors on winning their YB Trophy heat. It was noted that club entries for the CSC heat (Cannock) were low and Liz HD will explore with Ian Watson whether MDOCenties can be used to register to take part in team events in March and April (JK and Br Relays).

**4. Finance:** No report.

**5. Proposed Intermediate Committee Meeting 26<sup>th</sup> February:** David W has circulated an agenda to include items that will not be covered in the current meeting. The main item is website development, followed by further discussion of Club development.

**6. MDOC Branding:** David Isherwood is to develop a questionnaire to go to all members to seek views on redesign of the Club logo and branding. We already have some volunteers to join a kit design team with potential for them to add questions to the questionnaire relating to kit design preferences. **Action DI.**

**7. John O Goats Charity Event:** Alison Doyle organised this event in aid of Cancer Research. However, about £300 of the total collected will have to go to BOF as they have in the past refused to waive the levy for this event. Alison has written to ask whether the Club will cover the levy. The committee instead agreed to write to the chairman of BOF to ask for a waiver of the levy. TW was asked to draft a letter. **Action TW.**

**8. Fixtures Subcommittee Report:** Sue had submitted a written report. Key issues are as follows:

(a) Entry fees: Local events (level D), Adult £6, Juniors £3, £1 discount for all MDOC members (incl. junior members). There should be pre-payment (except at NSL) but allowing EOD. For regional events entry fees should be Adults £7, Juniors £3 with £1 discount for all members. Note that is a guideline and special conditions (eg land use fees) might induce increased fees. The above was agreed including pre-payment. For Manchester in May (2024) a proposed fee structure was also approved.

(b) Entry system. A small group will be established to evaluate the two main systems (SI and Race Sign up) and to provide a recommendation on a single-entry system that the Club should adopt (excluding NSL and Spunch events).

**9. MDOC Spunch Series:** Andy T submitted a proposal for a series of 4 MDOC Spunch events on midweek evenings between mid-May and the end of July. Events will be timed so as not to clash with any other MDOC events or any other events that are likely to impact participation or helper availability. Part of the aim is to help Spunch participants to transition to traditional orienteering. Andy will co-ordinate and promote these events. The committee agreed the proposal.

**10. Annual Social review:** This was a success, with around 100 attendees. The committee thanked Rae, Cecilia and Marie. It was flagged that the committee will need to agree the policy on the level of funding support it will provide for future social events, noting that this year's social was an exceptional case given the lack of any club annual social for 3 years.

**11. New membership report:** Up to February 8<sup>th</sup> a total of 44 new members have joined.

**12. Date of next meeting.** The next meeting will be on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March. David W is unavailable and Andy agreed to chair. Our recent venue is now closed. The meeting will now be held at Cheadle Village Hall at **19.00**. Note also the ICM in section 5.