**Minutes of MDOC Committee Meeting 9th February 2015**

**Present:** Dave McCann (Chairman), Tony Wagg (Secretary), John Britton, Trevor Hindle, Pete Lomas, Eddie Speak, Andrew Gregory, Steve Dempsey, Sue Birkinshaw, Julie brook, Kath Speak, Margaret Gregory.

**Apologies:** Carolyn Hindle.

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

**2. Matters Arising/Actions:**

(a) Minibus. Dave Mawdsley and Steve Fellbaum were firmly of the opinion that overall usage was unlikely to justify replacing the minibus. It was also hard to identify where to keep it and who should take charge of it. Sue suggested that we should make more effort to arrange car sharing. This already happens to some degree. The committee supported owning a minibus in principle so one could be purchased if circumstances changed. It was agreed that the existing minibus should be disposed of. **Action** Dave McCann to agree with Steve Fellbaum as to how best to do this.

(b) Proposed staging of DEE challenge at Alderley Park. Dave McCann has yet to meet Mike Greenwood. **Action Continues**. (see also 5(b) below).

**3. Treasurer’s Report:** The Treasurer had been unable to prepare a report but finances remain healthy.

**4. NWOA:** The Chairmanhad been ill and was unable to attend the last meeting. Minutes are awaited.

**5. Future Events**:

(a) City of Manchester 2016. Margaret has now heard from the City Council that there is a provisional booking for the Castlefield Arena but we should be able to run courses through it and could place the start and finish on the grassland by the Roman fort. Metrolink works including possible road closures are only predictable a few weeks in advance. Sue suggested extending the map to allow courses to avoid the Metrolink route. She also proposed that the committee should find project leaders for both the Castlefield and Offerton events. Margaret and Andrew offered to play a role in organising Castlefield and Pete Lomas offered to act as a liaison officer at Offerton and could talk to the community centre.

(b) DEE Challenge. DEE would like this to happen on Saturday June 13th. Mike Greenwood suggested that Alderley Park would be more likely to give permission for a small low key event, for which the Challenge would be ideal. Required activities are to seek permission and map. Mike was suggested as an ideal candidate for these!! Ideas for a suitably ingenious and junior- friendly format are required. Mike was also recommended as a source of way out ideas but offers from all are invited. Alderley village could serve as a replacement venue if the Park cannot be used. Dave McCann will issue the formal challenge **(Action DM).**

(c) Twin Peaks 2015. Entries are about to open. Engraved glasses are proposed as prizes. A supplier in Staveley can produce these for £7.50 each for 50.

(d) 50th Anniversary Activities. A dinner at Lyme Hall, preceded by a christening of the new permanent course was suggested for October. Present and former members would be invited. Sue agreed to seek costs **(Action Sue).**

(e) The GMOA advert for someone to redesign the above permanent course yielded no response. It was suggested that Chris Rostron might be persuaded.

(f) Watergrove. This former orienteering area is to house a windfarm. Ian Gilliver will monitor developments to find out whether it will be available for orienteering in the future.

(g) South Park Macclesfield. This was mapped by Kings School a long time ago and the map seems not to be on OCAD. About 1/3 of the area contains a football pitch, play area, BMX track etc. A high quality map would involve significant effort. Ian Gilliver would be willing to organise a small event as part of a park activity day (see minutes of last meeting). Options are to produce a quality map, an Xplorer type map or to forget the venue. The issue was not resolved.

(h) Relays. We have registered a team for the CSC at Sherwood Pines (March 15th). Steve Fellbaum has appealed for helpers for the JK relays. We hope to run a small number of competitive teams. Steve is investigating whether helpers can be offered some sort of run (eg non comp massed start). Costs for the JK and British will be juniors (incl students) free and seniors £10 per person per run. Helpers might be rewarded with food vouchers.

**6. Website:**

The new website is close to becoming live. Many results have been transferred. Detailed comments were as follows. Julie requested selfies from the committee for inclusion. Activities such as Wednesday runs should be listed separately rather than as events. The colour on the MDOC logo was too dull. Tabs were required for juniors and Club info/membership. There were too many options to find maps. The font size of some headers can be reduced. A note could be added to encourage drivers to events to advertise the availability of spare seats.

**7. AOB:**

(a) Fallibroome School. One or two pupils are now running green courses and the school plans that all its participants will join BOF. The Club could consider offering further training for them, though parental involvement will be important.

(b) Waterproof map paper. NWOA will not underwrite its purchase so the Club agreed to do so.

(c) Printer contract. Steve Lang has proposed an option which could save £400. A more costly alternative offers facilities that we do not need.

(d) New Year Social. High Lane village hall appears to have an annual booking for January 2nd 2016 and equivalent dates. Hence it was agreed that Pete should book for January 9th 2016.

**7. Date of next Meeting: 9**th March2015, Ladybrook Hotel .