**Minutes of MDOC Committee Meeting 11th May 2015**

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

**Apologies:** Kath Speak, Margaret Gregory.

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

**2. Matters Arising/Actions:**

(a) Minibus. This remains unsold.

(b) Proposed staging of DEE Challenge. This will be postponed from the 13th June to a later date to be agreed with DEE. Sue will de-register the event from the present date.

(c) Proposed Anniversary dinner. Lyme Park cannot offer a suitable venue. Pete Lomas will investigate the Five Ways Hotel as an option, though they cannot offer a private room. The date of Friday October 5th was suggested, preceding the DEE sprint weekend.

(d) Lyme Park re-mapping. SYO were unable to recommend a suitable mapper so we have yet to find a candidate (see 5 (h) below).

(e) Website. Julie has run a training session to enable a few others to add information to the site. A bill has been received from the site developer. As anticipated, this exceeds the initial quote. The treasurer queried one of the factors declared to justify the increase. The matter will be resolved between Julie, the developer and the Treasurer.

**3. Treasurer’s Report:** The Treasurer presented an unexciting written report for the last month. Major bills are due for the website and for software, but there will be significant income from the Twin Peaks event.

**4. Future Events**:

(a) Summer Evening Series. Lyme Park now closes at 8pm causing us serious problems. Blue courses will be shortened and last Blue starts will need to be 6.30pm. MDOC and DEE will be notified.

(b) Twin Peaks 2015 (Lakes). The organiser (JB) reported 203 pre-entries to date and just the bare minimum of volunteer helpers. More of both are expected. The JWOC squad are using both days. Starts and finishes are high and distant from assembly. Only Vodaphone offers mobile communication, and workable phones will be provided to key people. Equipment at the finish should send a prompt (!!??) text to download so that runners still out can be identified quickly. Courses will close 2 hours after last starts. Toilets and tents are near the farmhouse and will not be insured, saving a significant sum (with luck). Emergency shelter will be provided at the finish, along with highly trained in house first aid teams at the finish and at assembly. The local mountain rescue team has been alerted.

(c) Countryside Score. The first one will be based at the Shady Oak at Fernilee on June 3rd. There will be a massed start but with the option of a punching start for latecomers.

(d).Twin Peaks 2016 (Manchester/Stockport). Options for Day 1 in central M/c are still under review, as Castlefield cannot be used for start/finish. Paul Watson was suggested as a possible planner. For Day 2, Pete reported that Dial Park Primary School, on the S perimeter of the area, offers ideal facilities, including a large hall, toilets and parking.

(e) South Park Macclesfield. Ian Gilliver is planning an informal event there on behalf of the park support group and has sought permission to borrow Club equipment (mainly SI kit). It was agreed that this would be made freely available provided we were compensated for any loss or damage. No charge will be made for maps. The event counts as an ‘Activity’ for which no BOF levy applies. **Action Sue to reply to Ian as above.**

(f) The Fallibroome PE teacher is organising an orienteering event as part of a Macclesfield and District Sports Festival. All primary and secondary schools will be attending. It is possible that some NW development funding might be available.

**5. AOB:**

(a) New Club kit. Delivery is still awaited. Stocks of current kit are low.

(b) Support for Juniors. Further discussion was deferred to the next meeting.

(c) First Aid. A significant number of our first aiders will need to re-qualify by November. Sue has had informal discussions with a local outdoor pursuits instructor who runs apparently suitable courses and is an occasional orienteer. Sue will explore the possibility of a course in October.

(d) Sue reported that major officials at Level B Events and above will soon need to have attended a safety course.

(e) John reported that a good article on the Lyme Park introductory events had appeared in the ‘Inside Marple and Hazel Grove’ newspaper.

(f) The committee congratulated our medallists at the British Sprint Championships, including Golds for Heather Fellbaum (W50) and Andrew Gregory (M80) and Silver and Bronze for Sue and Margaret (W75).

(g) Trevor Hindle ‘volunteered’ (with encouragement from Sue) to co-ordinate urban events next year. The aim is to run one or more events each year.

(h) Peter Gorvett has reported that good mappers were too busy to help for such purposes as Lyme Park.

**6. Date of next Meeting:** 8th June 2015, at the newly refurbished?? Ladybrook Hotel.