**Minutes of MDOC Committee Meeting 12th October 2015**

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

**Apologies:** Carolyn Hindle.

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

**2. Matters Arising/Actions:**

(a) Plaques on POC posts. These have been installed in 7 parks so far.

(b) No reply has been received from Torver Commoners concerning Twin peaks 2017.

(c) Forthcoming AGM at Ladybrook. The room is booked and lasagne will be provided.

(d) Anniversary Dinner. See section 6 below.

(e) Birchwood urban map. This is progressing. Completion is expected by the end of November 2015.

(f) Shelter tent for local events. There is a need for a tent that can be erected rapidly to accommodate registration and download (a table and 2 chairs minimum). Such is believed to be available from Decathlon and Pete agreed to investigate further.

**3. Treasurer’s Report:** The treasurer reported finances to be in good health and a detailed annual report will be presented at the AGM in 3 days time.

**4. NWOA:** Dave McCann reported on a recent NW Exec meeting. Several clubs reported an increase in members over the year. We have gained 21 members (19 seniors, 2 juniors), an increase of 13% while WCOC have gained a 28% increase. Our fees to the NW will become £680, which roughly equates to our club membership subscription. Pete Hayes has enrolled Fallibroome pupils as BOF members but they seem not to be attributed to MDOC so far. There was surprise that the BOF website could allow enrolment without attachment to a club. It appears likely that John Britton will be confirmed as planner for the British Champs at High Dam but he commented that there is some risk that he may have to withdraw. Sue queried whether the Region will refund 50% or 100% of the cost of first aid courses.

**5. Future Events**:

(a) Twin Peaks 2016. Tom Fellbaum is midway through mapping the extension to the Manchester city centre map. At Offerton there will be a sprint late morning as part of the UK Orienteering League followed by a sprint relay and then a fun event Saturday evening at Torkington. There was debate about possible fee structures for this day, such as £10 for the individual sprint alone, while the others are free or an extra £5 maximum.

The events are in July so publicity will begin in the New Year.

**6. AGM:** Steve Dempsey is happy to remain as Treasurer but does not wish to become Chairman. Clare Griffin and Pete Ross are willing to stand as committee members. Carolyn has been unable to find a junior rep so far. A volunteer chairman has yet to be found.

**7. Anniversary Dinner:** Rae Lomas reported that 67 were expected. Membership lists from 1968 onwards are available. We have paid most of the food costs in advance.

**8. AOB:**

**(**a) No one has expressed an interest in attending the BOF Annual Delegate Conference.

(b) CASC (Confederation of amateur sports clubs). There might be some advantage, such as financial, in the Club joining. Steve agreed to investigate.

(c) New Year Social. The room has been booked for 10th January 2016. Club awards will be presented but the consensus view was not to have a ceilidh. A presentation was suggested from someone such as Steve Birkinshaw (ex member and notable man of the hills).

(d) A drop box to store and retrieve risk assessments was discussed without conclusion.

**9. Date of next Meeting:** 9th November 2015, at the Ladybrook Hotel.