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

**Present:**  Eddie Speak (Chairman), Tony Wagg (Secretary), Steve Dempsey, Andrew Gregory, Sue Birkinshaw, Pete Lomas, Kath Speak, John Britton, Julie Brook, David Wathey, Pete Ross.

**Apologies:** Dave McCann, Alan Ogden, Clare Griffin.

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

**2. Co-option of Committee Members:** Julie Brook (webmaster), Kath Speak (membership sec) and Andrew Gregory (newsletter editor) were co-opted onto the committee.

**3. Matters Arising/Actions:**

(a) CASC. **Action on Steve Dempsey continues** to investigate any benefits of our joining.

(b) O in the National Curriculum. Dick Collins (NWOA Sec) reports that Craig Anthony (BOF) is investigating how assessment can be made more consistent to allow orienteering to be re-introduced as an option in the NC.

(c) The BOF website allows you to join without selecting a club. By this means Fallibroome pupils have become BOF but not MDOC members.

(d) The committee thanked Rae Lomas for organising a highly successful anniversary dinner.

**4. Treasurer’s Report:** The treasurer presented a written report covering September and October. Significant bills are due to be received for the anniversary dinner and the re-mapping of Lyme Park.

**5. NWOA:** Dave McCann attended the NWOA AGM and CDM on October 17th but was unable to attend this committee meeting. Related issues are:

(a) BOC 2017 will be organised by the region rather than an individual club with BOF taking a super levy instead of a share of the profit/loss.

(b) NWOA will fund 50% of the cost of courses (such as First Aid) rather than the current 100%.

(c) BOF is revising its O Safety documents. David Wathey agreed to examine their proposals and report on implications for the Club. **Action DW**

**6. Future Events**

(a) A Challenger event will be held at Lyme Park on 12th March 2016 as part of a BOF initiative and will comprise 45 and 60 min score courses but involving brief physical or mental challenges at certain controls. It is aimed at adults/O16s. Sue will organise, Jo from the Park will arrange the ‘challenges’, staffed by their volunteers, but we need a planner.

(b) Night Event Phillips Park Feb 13th. This is now designated as the Northern Night Championship and thus needs more courses, a planner and controller.

(c) Birchwood urban event. Trevor reported that the map was expected to be completed by the end of November 2015 but that the proposed date of 30th October 2016 would coincide with school half term. It was therefor agreed to try to move to November 5th.

(d) Extension of urban maps. It was suggested at the AGM and at a previous committee meeting that maps of some areas such as Reddish Vale, Riverside Park and Woodbank Park could be extended to include both parkland and urban sections. This would help in planning junior courses that involve no major road crossings.

(e) John Britton suggested that the Twin Peaks sprint at Offerton could offer rapid non-contact radio punching. Existing SI boxes can be suitably re-programmed but contactless SI cards would need to be hired. Eddie agreed to sound out Martin Stone (Mr SI UK) as to how this might be done at minimum cost. **Action ES**

**7. Map Printing:** Steve Lang must resign soon as MDOC printer (operator) so the Club must try to find a volunteer replacement. A future candidate would need room to house the machine and would need to be certified by BOF if we are to print up to for medium level events. We have about 18 months left on the hire contract for the printer. No obvious candidate is apparent.

**8. AOB:**

**(**a) Cecilia Fenerty has drawn attention to a free source of publicity in the form of ‘Greatersport’, a website run by Manchester City Council. Once registered you can add details of forthcoming events and links to the Club. Cecelia is willing to post information and Tony Wagg is happy to act as Club contact

(b) Publicity via social media. The Club and GMOA now have Facebook pages. Members are encouraged to ‘like and share’ as a means of spreading the gospel. One club has reported increased event entries as a result of purchased adverts. The Treasurer suggested that we could reasonably spend £1000 per year on marketing – perhaps £30 per event. A media/marketing subcommittee was proposed, to included Twitter and Facebook, which might involve Steve Dempsey, Tom Fellbaum, David Wathey/Cecilia and Dave McCann. The issue will be deferred to the next committee meeting when John Britton will present a more considered proposal. **Action JB**

(c) MOBO (see website) is a recent system for using QR coded permanent courses with the aid of a mobile phone. The phone will record the ‘punching’ and retrieve results. John Britton suggested we should try this.

(d) New Year Social. Steve Birkinshaw cannot come but is happy to send a video of his ‘Lakeland Epic’. Other attractions under consideration include a ‘race night’, a conjuror, and an O fashion show. Pete Lomas agreed to seek more details of the race night. **Action PL**.

**9. Date of next Meeting:** 14th December 2015, at the Ladybrook Hotel.