**Minutes of MDOC Committee Meeting 11th January 2016**

**Present:**  Eddie Speak (Chairman), Tony Wagg (Secretary), Andrew Gregory, Sue Birkinshaw, Pete Lomas, Kath Speak, Julie Brook, Trevor Hindle, Dave McCann, Pete Ross, David Wathey, Clare Griffin, Ian Gilliver (part time).

**Apologies:** Alan Ogden, John Britton, Steve Dempsey.

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

**2. Matters Arising/Actions:**

(a) CASC. Steve Dempsey sent a note on CASC. We were and probably are still members, though this needs to be confirmed following a change in their rules on 1/4/2015. Financial benefits of membership are few if any. We could reclaim tax on (miniscule) investment income. Other theoretical benefits relating to tax on income and profits, and to business rates do not apply to us.

(b) Printing. Eddie reported as follows. DEE has an A3 printer. It is not BOF approved and they have no plans to arrange this. A possible plan is for MDOC to obtain a new A4 printer and gain BOF approval for events up to level B. Any A3 maps would require commercial printing. We have 5000 sheets of RA3 map paper which could be cut down and thus not be wasted. We need not renew the present contract, but could instead buy consumables as required. Hence we have no urgent decision deadline. **Action continues (Eddie).**

(c) Junior courses at Twin Peaks. David Wathey has produced a plan (see item 5(d) below).

(d) Club membership for Fallibroome pupils**.** Sue has spoken to Pete Hayes. Steps have been taken to register pupils as MDOC as well as BOF members. Approximately 50 are eligible to run in the Compass Sport Cup. The Club agreed to pay CSC entry fees for any pupils competing for the Club. (**Sue to inform Pete).**

**3. Treasurer’s Report:** The treasurer was unable to attend but submitted a written report for December. There was a net profit of £642, arising from subscriptions and a First Aid course grant, while BOF has been greatly enriched by our payment of outstanding levies.

**4. NWOA:** No recent meetings. Our spies tell us that £1000 is heading our way soon as a share of Lakes 5 day profits. It was noted that we support the continuation of the NW Sprint Championship, either as part of the Offerton Event, or elsewhere if another club is prepared to arrange it.

**5. Future Events:** Sue summarised future plans as follows.

(a) Saturday morning events. All events now have officials. There was a good turnout at Woodbank, with 32 running the park plus urban course.

(b) Lyme Park Challenge Event. The NT officer due to arrange the ‘challenges’ has departed for another job. We hope that NT will still rise to the challenge. The Yorkshire and Humberside Squad has been given permission to use the park for training in late January. We agreed to provide a PDF map file without charge so they may add their own courses.

(c) Birchwood Urban Event. SYO has an event at Burbage on November 6th so it was agreed that Birchwood will be arranged for Saturday 5th (should go with a bang?).

(d) Twin Peaks 2016, Saturday sprints at Offerton. Ian Gilliver sought committee guidance on the event format for himself and fellow planner John Britton, who could not attend. John had hoped to arrange a relay in the afternoon but this was rejected as it could give rise to a high density of runners in a busy area with significant traffic. SYO may also run a UK sprint relay championship in June. Hence it was agreed to have a two part sprint, each contributing to an overall result. David Wathey agreed to arrange a separate event for juniors in Woodbank or Torkington Parks, avoiding road crossings. The start times and parking arrangements were debated but final decisions are left to the planners and organiser.

(e) Twin Peaks 2017 (Torver/Bleathwaite). Planners are needed soon so that the area can be inspected at the same time of year as the event (Feb/March). Sue will seek planners via simple lists. **(Action Sue)**

(f) Explorer Events. Tom Brown has agreed that any local explorer maps will give MDOC contact details on the back.

(g) Summer Evening Events. It was agreed that these should be level C events, requiring a controller.

(h) Countryside Score. These will continue, co-ordinated by Dave McCann and Trevor Hindle. They will seek venues and planners while Sue will assign dates.

(i) Club Championship. This will continue as before with presentations at the Annual Social.

(j) Anniversary Event. Approximately 50 years ago the Club held its first event at Hayfield. Dave Walker has suggested that a celebratory event could be held on the same area. Sue agreed to investigate the idea further. **(Action Sue).**

(k) Lyme Park Charity Event 2017. John Kewley has offered to plan. An organiser is required.

**6. Marketing/Social Media:** John Britton has appealed for more help in collecting photos. We do not know how many (if any) came to the Woodbank Event as a result of publicity initiatives.

**7. AOB:**

(a) Alistair and Katy Lessells, friends and former members (now of ESOC), were thanked for their generous donation to the Club. While partnering the Secretary on a long ago Dartmoor Karrimor (OMM to youngsters), Alistair took an un-planned swim. His customary sense of humour was temporarily suspended!

(b) Free Club membership for new members. It appears that anyone joining via the BOF website rather than via Kath Speak does not receive the agreed £5 discount. In such cases Kath will inform the treasurer who will then make an appropriate refund.

(c) Tarp. Pete Lomas was authorised to buy same as a simple shelter for local events, following successful (!??) trials at Woodbank. Training courses in the erection and deconstruction of tarps and pop up tents are under consideration.

(d) New Year Social 2016. Rae Lomas was thanked for organising a successful event. The quiz will be published in the Newsletter.

(e) New Year Social 2017. Pete was requested to book the hall for Saturday 7th January, or failing that 14th January.

(f) Publicity. It was agreed that the night street league events should be advertised on the Greatersport website but with the note that advance booking is required. NSL entry forms should collect email addresses and determine how people heard of the events.

**8. Date of next Meeting: 8**th February 2016, at the Ladybrook Hotel.