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

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

**Apologies:** Alan Ogden, Clare Griffin, John Britton.

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

**2. Matters Arising/Actions:**

(a) Hayfield Commemoration Event. Sue has obtained from PFO a list of people from whom permission may be required. Steve Dempsey will contact them. **Action continues SD**.

(b) Dave Mawdsley has obtained a large TV monitor for results display but it currently lacks a stand. **Eddie will pursue in collaboration with Dave.**

(c) Dave Mawdsley has bought a new portable printer as agreed.

**3. Treasurer’s Report:** The treasurer presented a written report for March showing a small monthly profit. Major items were a large income from the street league and a large outlay for the Compass Sport Cup and JK Relay entry fees.

**4. NWOA:** Nothing to report.

**5. Future Events:**

(a) Birchwood. Mapping is in progress.

(b) South Park Macclesfield. Ian Gilliver has now received a request to stage an event.

(c) Twin Peaks 2017 (Feb 11/12th). John Kewley and Andrew Gregory are planning. Sue is still working on parking and assembly issues.

(d) Twin Peaks 2016. We seem to need lots of marshals and hence need to seek helpers asap. Ideally each event needs its own set of boxes, which may involve borrowing some from elsewhere. Numbers on the boxes do not meet level B event specification. A solution is to add laminated cards. Dial Park school toilets are not available so we will hire portaloos. The council has requested a plan and risk assessment for the loos and the maze. Seem to recall rhyme about old lady stuck from Monday to Saturday? Following a request from Dave Wathey, endorsed by Pete Lomas, it was agreed that a meeting of key officials should take place.

(e) Lyme Park Introductory Events. The first is being planned by River Edis-Smith.

(f) Summer Evening Events. Steve Dempsey agreed to plan Brereton but we still need a planner and controller for Alderley (12/7).

(g) MetrO . 20 have entered to date and reminders will go via simple and street league circulation lists.

(h) British shelter. David Wathey was thanked for managing the pop up shelter at the JK. He agreed to do likewise for the individual day at the British but will not be at the relays so another volunteer is needed.

**6. Safety.** John Britton had highlighted the risk to planners and controllers working alone in remote areas, such as Bleathwaite and Angle Tarn. He circulated a notice from the Scottish Mountaineering Council, discussing the merits of two types of device that can alert rescue services via a satellite link (mobile phones are often useless, except for playing games until you expire?). It was agreed that the Club should buy 2 Personal Locator Beacons. **(Eddie to pursue).**

**7. AOB:**

(a) Junior Training Camp in Norway. It was agreed that the Club should give our usual grant to 4 of our juniors towards the cost of attending the NWJ Squad tour.

(b) Coaching. Dave McCann has ploughed through the labyrinthine BOF coaching requirements which I hesitate to summarise. Several Club members have a coaching license which renews automatically. It is unclear who needs to satisfy DBS (to work with juniors/vulnerable adults). Renewal is simple. Work other than in parkland may require first aid certification via a two day course. We could loan GPS watches to juniors and review their courses with them. This would require an internet connection or a later download to OCAD (9+) then emailing a review. **Steve and Dave Wathey will draft and circulate a proposal.**

(c) Radio Manchester Interview. Their breakfast show producer requested an interviewee from the Club at short notice, following a newspaper article on how sat navs have made us all navigationally illiterate. Tom Fellbaum gave an excellent off the cuff explanation of what the rest of the world is missing. The Committee wishes to thank Tom as we prepare for the flood of enquiries.

(d) Victoria Baths Sports Open Day. They are organising a day (Sunday 7th August) to spur the public to greater activity. We have been offered a stall if we can staff it for a few hours. Many people are away at this time. **The Secretary agreed to seek volunteers via simple lists.**

(e) Recruitment via social media. John Britton reported that response had been poor to zero so far, despite the investment of time and money. Hence he proposed the project should be abandoned or passed to A N Other. He was unable to attend the committee meeting so further discussion was deferred to the next meeting.

(f) Bags. It was agreed that Pete Lomas should buy 4 large bags suitable for carrying stakes (or steaks?).

**8. Date of next Meeting:** 9th May 2016, at the Ladybrook Hotel.