**Minutes of MDOC Committee Meeting 9th May 2016**

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

**Apologies:** Alan Ogden, Clare Griffin, Andrew Gregory, 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 and a stand has been made for it.

(c) Two personal locator beacons have been obtained and are currently held by Eddie and John Britton. Their batteries last for 6 years.

(d) Coaching. A sub-committee has met and drafted a plan which will be presented to the main committee. The aim is to have 4 coaching days linked to the Autumn and Spring Saturday events and beginning in September.

(e) Printing. The main printer is now at Eddie’s and he will seek BOF approval as the new ‘Steve Lang’. Oversize A3 map paper has been cut down.

(f) Victoria Baths Sportacular Day (7th August). We have 2 volunteers to staff our promotion stall, co-ordinated by Cecilia Fenerty. Further volunteers are welcome.

(g) Hired wafters at Twin Peaks 2016. There was debate as to what to charge anyone losing same. The treasurer’s proposal of £30 was accepted even though the Club would pay a higher replacement fee.

**3. Treasurer’s Report:** The treasurer presented a verbal report given the demise of his printer. Income came from events at Riverside and Lyme (NT policy hath decreed it is no longer a park – to be known henceforth as just Lyme in order to save toner?). Expenditure covered the Newsletter and bags to carry control stakes. Overall assets remain in the region of £29k.

**4. NWOA:** Dave McCann reported on the April NW Exec meeting: Richard Tiley will add to the NW website details of the British (May 9th 2017 High Dam) and the next Lakes 5 Day. Clubs may apply for grants from NW but not in retrospect. The NW Urban League needs publicity. Twin peaks 2016 and Birchwood form part of this. John Carberry was thanked for his long and valuable service to the Junior Squad. The new BOF chair, Judith Holt, will be invited to the next NW CDM (club delegate meeting) where we may voice our views. Future BOF fees and levies will be discussed at the Clubs and Associations Conference in October.

A paid co-ordinator is required for the next Lakes 5 and a job spec will be placed on the NW website. For the British Champs Eddie has had informal discussions with Richard Tiley and the controller as to what computing is required and is likely to put in a bid when the spec becomes clear. Only about 10 people would be required so we may offer to perform other defined tasks such as download or finish rather than waiting to be assigned who knows what. John Britton (planner) may also require help collecting and transporting controls.

**5. Future Events:**

(a) Birchwood. Mapping is in progress. Trevor has begun planning.

(b) South Park Macclesfield. Unclear whether the Park Committee still want an event.

(c) Twin Peaks 2017 (Feb 11/12th). Contact with Coniston School about parking is yet to be established.

(d) Twin Peaks 2016. Many people are away and hence we are short of helpers. Given the short span of start times it is hard to arrange for helpers to also run. We hope that older Fallibroome pupils may be able to help run the maze at Offerton. On balance we will probably manage but without much leeway.

The school at Offerton is providing a hall and car parking for an 8 hour period and has requested our suggestion of a suitable fee. No caretaker is needed. We are suggesting £100 plus £1 per car. Prizes are essential. Access to the field for the maze is not yet established. The library and catholic church may be able to supply minibus parking spaces. The plan is to inform local residents about the event via ‘Stockport Homes’ email system.

(e) Summer Evening Events. At **Lyme** the planner will be at 30,000’ we know not where on the day but others can place controls. The Macclesfield Forest event is in hand and Steve Martin has agreed to plan Alderley, advised by Dave McCann. Dave is away on the day and Steve working till mid-afternoon so control placing assistance is again an issue. The organiser (TW) offered to put out controls when not actually organising (ie till 4 ish). Sue commented on the need to widen the pool of helpers at local events. Rae Lomas plans to phone people rather than relying only on appeals via simple lists (you have been warned!).

(f) Countryside Score. The first event is due on June 8th. Jim Trueman reports that the pub at Rowarth (event 2) is for sale. On balance the committee decided against submitting a bid on the grounds that running O events is more profitable than running many country pubs.

**6. AOB:**

MetrO. The second such event was a success with about 35 participants.

**7. Date of next Meeting:** 13th June 2016, at the Ladybrook Hotel.