**Minutes of MDOC Committee Meeting 18th July 2016**

**Present:**, Tony Wagg (Secretary), Steve Dempsey (Treasurer and acting Chairman) , Kath Speak, Julie Brook, Trevor Hindle, Pete Ross, Andrew Gregory, John Britton.

**Apologies:** Eddie Speak, Dave McCann Alan Ogden, Clare Griffin, Sue Birkinshaw, Pete Lomas, David Wathey.

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

**2. Matters Arising/Actions:**

(a) Hayfield Commemoration Event.. **Action continues SD**.

(b) Possible Goyt event 2018. Sue reported by email that United Utilities (Peter Sharples) has requested permission from the Goyt Committee.

(c) Charity Gift Aid. Rules have been tightened and we are advised that there must be a clear separation between an event charge and a further donation. Sue has plans in accordance and has booked the next Lyme Charity Event for January 7th 2017.

(d) Document storage. **Action continues.**

(e) A large banner has been purchased to publicise future events.

**3. Treasurer’s Report:** The treasurer presented a written report. There was a significant net loss for the month, with the purchase of emergency beacons and Twin Peaks costs forming major outlays but income from the latter is to come. We also gained £8 for services to Fulshaw WI (don’t ask!).

Matthew Fellbaum has written to request funding towards representing GB at EYOC in Poland and the Talent Development Camp in Swansea, both in July. The committee approved this funding in accord with the established formula. The treasurer agreed to write to Matthew. **Action SD.**

**4. Twin Peaks and Alderley Edge Reviews:**

(a)The Twin Peak events were highly successful. However a problem arose with a small number of wafters and this is still under investigation in conjunction with Martin Stone, who provided the majority of them. Some failed to ‘wake’ in response to the check box, leaving the unsuspecting competitor with no punches. A test waft in the start lane can identify the fault. Additionally wafting does not record on the finish box so that a further step is needed to identify missing runners at events with remote finishes.

(b) Alderley Edge. Ian Gilliver wrote to suggest that courses (usually Blue only) crossing the road at the top of the hill from Alderley village would be safer if we used a timed-out crossing. Although we have placed warning signs, and a crossing marshal when juniors are running, he found that cars speed, sight lines are not ideal and some runners do not heed warnings. This was noted and recommended for future planners and organisers.

**5. Future Events:**

(a) Peter Palmer Relay. Steve Dempsey has approached DEE with a proposal to enter a joint MDOC/DEE team, which he will then organise as required.

**6. AOB:**

(a) Safety and First Aid Courses. Ian Gilliver has offered to provide a further Safety Course for event officials. It was agreed that this was required in the autumn. A further First Aid course is also required on a similar timescale as qualifications for several of our current pool are due to expire shortly.

(b) Club Championship Format. Chris Kirkham, our master statistician who computes in accordance with our existing formula, sees no objection to changes. Discussion was constructive but inconclusive and the issue was deferred to the next meeting when most committee members are expected to be present.

(c) Coaching. A draft plan has been circulated. Discussion was deferred to the next meeting.

(d) Knees. The committee has been informed that our storeman (PL) and committee member has received a new knee within the last 12 hours. The committee expressed good wishes. We will need a new way to recognise him in the distance.

**7. AGM:** It was agreed that the AGM should take place on Thursday 13th October 2016, subject to confirmation at the next Committee Meeting.

**8. Date of next Committee Meeting:** 12th September 2016, at the Ladybrook Hotel.