**Minutes of MDOC Committee Meeting 13th February 2017**

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

**Apologies:** Alan Ogden, Clare Griffin, Steve Dempsey.

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

**2. Matters Arising/Actions:**

(a) Insurance. A claim for 3 lost SI boxes has been submitted. The insurers requested a police incident number and this has been supplied.

(b) OCAD. OCAD 11 is installed on a spare laptop which may be borrowed. A booking system will be advertised via simple lists.

(c) John Kewley has queried the report in the January minutes that OCAD 12 and CONDES cannot communicate directly. Eddie confirmed that the minutes were correct (as always?!).

(d) Event participation data. Sue has provided this data for our events over the last year to form a basis for costing future options.

(e) Assistance to Bowdon Duke of Edinburgh Award Group. Sue agreed to contact Dave Mawdsley who may have a useful video explaining navigation skills.

**3. Treasurer’s Report:** The treasurer was unable to attend but submitted a written report, showing a net loss of order £2000 for the last month. However significant income from Twin Peaks 2017 will arrive from Fabian in March and April, and a large payment was made for SIAC (wafter) hire and security SI base plate purchase.

**4. Twin Peaks Review:** Day one ran smoothly**.** Parking worked better than feared**.** Comments were favourable for the weekend. On day 2 one control was slightly misplaced but caused no complaints. Some winning times were fast but resulted in part from cautious planning, given the risk of severe weather. Most difficulty arose from the remote and exposed start. The allocated start system broke down and some arrived for the Yellow Course without having visited the school and hence collected a map. There were however sufficient additional maps at the start. Some SI boxes came off their baseplates. Modern boxes are too narrow for the plates and hence elastic bands are less effective for securing them. Cable ties might be a better alternative. Some people were running in post-race tops rather than cagoules and kit checks were not totally effective. However First Aid and rescue services were under-employed and the radio control monitoring worked to plan.

Andrew Gregory agreed to write a review to help in the planning and organising of future events **(Action AG).** Dave McCann agreed to set up a suitable archive for such reviews and Julie has an archive of risk assessments.

Sue requested help in obtaining Forestry Commission permits for TP2018 (Goyt) and highlighted the need for a co-ordinator other than herself!

**5. Future Events:**

(a) DEE is assisting with a ‘ROUTE’ challenge event at Delamere on 25th March. We have agreed to provide dibbers. (see DEE website for link to details).

(b) Summer Evening Events. Sue has permission for the first 3 events. Tony Wagg will arrange permission for Alderley and recruit officials for all events.

(c) Proposed British Schools at Lyme. We will withdraw our offer to stage this event as the car park will be undergoing major changes and the date (November 2018) will be very close to Twin Peaks 2018.

(d) DEE is staging a mixed sprint relay on 16th July and has asked if we will arrange a sprint the previous day at Birchwood. Trevor Hindle has agreed to plan a standard range of urban courses. A postcard flier will be required.

(e) The Finland celebration weekend in October is being organised by Chris Rostron.

(f) Pete Lomas reported that SYO have suggested that Gamesley near Glossop could become an interesting urban venue with a complex of circular roads.

(g) Sue expressed a wish to ‘back off’ next year from her commitments as fixtures secretary.

**6. NWOA:** Nothing to report.

**7. Event Fees:** The treasurer reported by email that local events currently provide a net income of £3500 pa which covers the cost of new maps, equipment and grants. Increases in BOF levies and land access charges will seriously erode this revenue if we take no action. He suggested that we should only deliberately run events at a loss if such a policy could be shown to attract more people. Our policy should also take account of charges by neighbouring clubs and the number of events should not overstretch our energy and resources. Ian Gilliver stressed the need for an overall policy, remembering our constitution requirement to ‘further develop the sport of orienteering’. We have assets of about £27k. Forth Valley has invested £15k in a part-time development officer/coach.

Sue agreed to find out what DEE and SELOC charge for Saturday morning events and we appear to be cheaper than SROC. DEE and ourselves charge £3 for the night street league. The committee proposed new fees of £5/2 (senior/junior) for level C (eg Summer eves) and £4/2 for level D events, including Saturday morning and night street leagues. Dave McCann agreed to recalculate and circulate the resulting likely income and the committee would then hold an on line vote on the issue. After this vote Ian Gilliver will seek the view of Grahame Crawshaw as NSL co-ordinator. No changes will occur before next October.

Sue suggested we should invest of order £5k in proper coaching.

**8. AOB:**

(a) Clubmark. Eddie will confirm to Craig Anthony (BOF) that we do not wish to renew our Clubmark membership, as agreed at an earlier meeting. **Action ES.**

(b) CONDES/Purple Pen planning tools. Dave McCann will provide a course for novice users.

(c) Broadening the range of helpers at events. It was agreed we need to involve more members. A brief discussion as to how to achieve this reached no firm conclusion.

**9. Date of next Meeting:** 13th March 2017, at the Ladybrook Hotel.