**Minutes of MDOC Committee Meeting 11th December 2017**

**Present:** Eddie Speak (Chairman), Kath Speak, Sue Birkinshaw, Tony Wagg (Secretary), Pete Lomas, Rae Lomas, Julie Brook, Ian Gilliver, Andrew Gregory, Pete Ross, Marie Roberts.

**Apologies:** Alan Ogden, Clare Griffin, David Wathey, Trevor Hindle, Dave McCann.

**1. Minutes of Last Meeting:**  Correction 5 (d). Proposed double sprint is at Offerton, not Manchester, Nov 2018.

**2. Matters Arising/Actions:**

(a) Disposal of redundant stores equipment. Dave McCann has suggested that redundant equipment such as old kites could be offered to Stockport Grammar School. **Action Continues (PL, SB, AG).**

(b) Event accounts. Following consultation with the treasurer it was agreed that for small events (up to level C) organisers should pay the net takings to the club account (ideally electronically) and send a statement of income and payments to the treasurer. Series co-ordinators are requested to instruct organisers to this effect, supplying club account details. For level B events and above a more detailed account is required with input from the organiser and treasurer as appropriate.

(c) Access to BOF IT system. Eddie reported that he believed Dave McCann continues to have access but will call BOF if this is not the case.

**3. Treasurer’s Report:** No report**.** Transfer of account control is still in progress with the bank.

**4. Future Events:**

(a) Lyme. A permanent replacement for their outdoor organiser is yet to be appointed and in the meantime negotiations have become more complex. John o’ Goats (6th Jan)) will begin at 11.00am to ease parking and normal parking charges will be in place (NT members free). The 4 summer events (3 intro plus evening series) are agreed and the park will supply a gate key to enable helpers to leave late.

(b) British Middle Distance and N Champs 2020. Richard Tiley (LOC) reports that sufficient access for the two events to be held at High Dam cannot yet be guaranteed. LOC has offered Haverthwaite as a fall back option for the Middle Distance.

(c) Saturday morning events. The last start time has this winter been extended to 12.00pm as advertised on the flyers. This has helped a small number of competitors such as those who have just flown in, at the expense of increased work for organisers and stores. The change originated from discussions on how to increase participation, especially given the success of SYO afternoon park events. An ingredient of their success was a paid co-ordinator to liaise with local schools, though parents rather than schools are active on the day. Orienteering has now ceased to gain support from the National Curriculum as the requirement to choose an outdoor activity has been withdrawn.

(c) Proposed Euro City Race (2018). This is proposed at Offerton on the Saturday and in Manchester on the Sunday. The preferred start location is Castlefield but the setting up of Christmas markets means that access is constrained in early November. Changing the date to May is no longer possible as Spain and Portugal have filled this gap. Other possible dates could be June 9/10th or October 27/28th. The latter weekend clashes with other events, including the OMM. Eddie agreed to check the availability of Castlefield in June and contact the Euro co-ordinator. **Action ES.**

(e) Macclesfield Urban, March 25th 2018. The map has been updated and is virtually completed. Subject to confirmation, assembly will be at Tytherington.

**5. New Year Social 13th Jan:** There is an invitation on the website and the event will be circulated via simplelists. There followed debate as to a focus and the favoured suggestion was U-Tube videos such as World Champs runs. It was suggested that Dave McCann or Doug Edwards might be able to help with this (as former world champions?).

**6. New Control Stakes (Episode 4):** Roger Hargreaves emailed details of printed control codes for SI boxes as used by Kerno and Devon. These have been used at the Caddihoe Chase and are proposed for the British Sprints. As codes can be read in any orientation there may be a need to omit possible ambiguities (eg 161/191). Marie presented 2 prototype stakes to which SI plates have been attached by Mark Roberts, along with an existing green stake from which most of the side obstructions had been removed but the code plate remained. The new yellow stakes and code system appears to work well provided elastic bands do not obscure the confirmation light (bands are judged inessential in most cases). It was agreed that Ian should cost a set of new code labels. Secondly Mark Roberts should be asked to remove the side knobs from 40 existing stakes, for a fee to be agreed.

**7. AOB:**

(a) Club Championships. The last defined event for the championship series at Eyam Moor was cancelled. The committee agreed that no substitute was possible and the final result declared as it currently exists. The scheme should remain the same for the coming year. The junior champion is likely to be one of the Fallibroome pupils. Pete Hayes will recommend an award for whoever has improved the most. Award winners and their parents will be invited to the social.

(b) Safety Workshop. 10 attended the latest workshop. A few candidates remain to be ‘workshopped’.

**8. Date of next Meeting:** 8th January 2018, at the Ladybrook Hotel.