**Minutes of MDOC Committee Meeting 23rd July 2018**

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

**Apologies:** Alan Ogden, Clare Griffin, Dave McCann, David Wathey, Marie Roberts, Pete Ross.

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

**2. Matters Arising/Actions:**

Manchester Urban Event (Nov 2018). Planning is ongoing. Julie is about to activate the web page. Provisional data exists.

**3. Treasurer’s Report:** The treasurer submitted a detailed written report. Steve Dempsey has finally managed to close the Scottish Windows deposit account and the proceeds will appear shortly in the current account. The committee was invited to consider a new home for some of this loot. Dave Mawdsley has now been refunded the cost of printer toner. Eddie confirmed that we do not owe any money for Pony Paper so the £1764 currently listed as a debt can be written off. Finances are in good order and the report was accepted.

**4. Future Events:**

(a) Levies. Sue has submitted to BOF details of all events to date for the determination of levies.

(b) Autumn Series (Saturday mornings). The aim is to provide urban extensions in each case. Some work remains to achieve this.

(c) November Urban W/end. See 2 above.

(d) Lyme New Year. Sue has yet to obtain permission. Margaret Gregory and Marie Roberts are interested in organising jointly.

(e) Spring Series. Alison Doyle is seeking permissions.

(f) Planners. We need planners for Irwell (Feb 2019) and the Schools Score Event (Oct 2019, Marie is organising), though Jim Trueman may be willing to do the former. Jillyan wants to plan an urban event and will talk to Trevor (Mr Urban) Hindle. Birchwood, including a new extension, may be an option in April 2019.

(g) Alderley (July 2018). There was a strong turnout of both competitors and vandals. Controls were removed and we lost 4 SI boxes. Tony Wagg agreed to contact the treasurer to seek advice on a possible insurance claim. **Action TW.**

**5. AGM:** This is booked for Thursday 18th October. The Secretary will be in Scotland so a deputy will be needed. Andrew Gregory intends to resign after a long stint as Newsletter Editor and suggested that the future newsletter format should be discussed. Options could include retention of the present paper format, website only or a combination of the two. Eddie agreed to contact Craig Anthony (BOF Development Officer) as a possible guest speaker. **Action ES.**

**6. AOB.**

(a) Printer. The Membership Secretary’s workload has been transformed by the purchase of a printer suitable for labels!

(b) Grants towards international representation expenses. Matthew Fellbaum has recently represented GB at JWOC (Junior World Champs), incurring large personal expenses. Heather asked whether he could re-join MDOC as a second club (EUOC now being his first) and hence become eligible for some support from us. This was agreed. There is a long established agreement that the Club gives a grant equal to 40% of the personal contribution in such cases. Eddie agreed to contact the treasurer to determine what evidence we need from Matt. **Action ES.**

(c) Event entry fees for students. Trevor Hindle suggested that the Club should promote a motion at the October Club Delegate Meeting on this issue. MDOC and some other clubs charge junior entry fees for students in full time education, irrespective of age. The aim is that this should become universal. This was agreed by committee.

(d) New Stakes. It was agreed that Ian Gilliver should purchase for the Club 50 stakes from All4O with BSF8 base plates at a cost of 11E each. **Action IG.**

(e) Peter Palmer Relays. Sue reported that there is a new class for juniors starting at dawn and requiring 5 runners rather than 7. Hence it might be possible to enter a MDOC team if Fallibroome are interested. Sue agreed to seek the views of Alan Kyd.

(f) Nick Barrable reports that he has an excess stock of highlights which he is offering at £1 each. They are suggested as mini awards. The committee showed a dramatic lack of interest!

**7. Committee Structure:** Pete Ross has submitted a written proposal for a new committee structure aimed to promote greater effectiveness and wider participation. A main committee meeting 6 times per year accepts or otherwise proposals from 5 specialist subcommittees, which meet 3 or 4 times per year. These committees cover fixtures planning, fixtures operations, mapping and printing, marketing and membership, and performance. Further details are listed, some but not all of which are already covered in some ways by existing subcommittees/informal groups. Each subcommittee would have a chairperson, who attends the main committee.

Sue and Eddie expressed support in principle but Andrew expressed concern about a lack of democracy as there is no provision for the election of committee members, as stated in our constitution. The main committee might avoid involvement in detail. Committee members were invited to submit any modifications to the existing document for the next committee meeting. **Action All.**

**8. Date of next Meeting:** 10th September 2018, at the Ladybrook Hotel.