

MDOC Committee Meeting 11 November 2013

Minutes

Present: John Britton (Acting Chairman), Tony Wagg (Secretary), Andrew Gregory, Margaret Gregory, Pete Lomas, Steve Dempsey, Sue Birkinshaw, Trevor Hindle, Kath Speak, Eddie Speak, Julie Brook.

1. Apologies for Absence: Dave McCann

2. Minutes of Last Meeting: Correction – Item 6 should read ‘Matters from NWOA’ (not NWOC). Minutes agreed and signed.

3. Treasurers Report: A written report was presented covering September and October. A profit is expected from Twin Peaks and £492 was spent on the minibus brakes.

4. Charity Event Levy: No response has been received from BOF but we expect not to pay a levy. Sue Birkinshaw proposed to increase the suggested entry donation for the forthcoming Lyme Park Event from £5 to £6.

5. Twin Peaks follow up:

(a) Assessor reports were received for both events and were favourable but raised minor issues which the Club will take heed of.

The Macc Forest map had some symbols slightly smaller than guidelines recommend.

Action Eddie Speak To review the map file

There was no results display at Macc. Sue explained that this was difficult to achieve given two car parks, with the main one remote from download.

Action Sue Birkinshaw To publish both assessor reports on the results page of the website. For Stockport the next to last paragraph should be omitted. For Macc she should add comments explaining why no results were displayed on the day and that other points are noted.

(b) The committee on behalf of the Club congratulates the planners and organisers in staging two successful events.

(c) The following points were raised with regard to the organising of larger events, including the CSC but not evening or Saturday morning events. Two easy to use start clocks should be provided. Start lanes for individual courses should be provided if flexible start times are allowed. Otherwise start officials find slotting people into gaps harder on busy courses. Some SI boxes are too large to clip to our stakes and difficulties can arise when they have to be taped (eg light obscured on clear boxes). Eddie explained that there are plans to increase the number of our standard size boxes so the problem will eventually disappear.

Action Sue Birkinshaw To circulate a list of points learnt to organisers and planners of future large events.

6. New Year Lyme Park Event and Social: Sue preferred an 11.00am start but large numbers of non orienteers wishing to use the car park may prevent this. It is also easier to operate download from a tent in the car park using a ‘quiet’ generator, rather than from the boiler room. Pete Lomas will discuss such issues with Lyme Park at a coming meeting (Nov 20th).

Trevor Roberts will organise a band for the Club social. Julie will liaise.

7. Compass Sport Cup: Sue expected that we would lose money in staging the event because of the need to hire loos, land and room hire fees, and the large number of juniors. No information had been received from the co-ordinator (Pete Guillaume) though he had promised an email.

Action Sue Birkinshaw To check fees, publicity and confirmation that the event is required.

8. Twin Peaks 2014: For the Castlefield event Margret Gregory reported that market stalls would cause no interference. A number of ideas were proposed to increase publicity and possible sponsorship, involving stalls, shops and cafes in the vicinity.

For day 2 (Platt Fields/Owens Park), Sue reported good café and toilet facilities were available at Owens Park but they require a £300 minimum spend. Options to achieve this are under consideration.

9. BOF Club Development Meeting: Dave McCann submitted written notes.

Key issues discussed were how to gain more volunteers to run events, the importance of juniors, including the need to seek their views, and communication between Run Challenge organisers and O Clubs.

10. Community O: Xplorer events are being planned in local parks and 2013 participants have been sent details of local club contacts, including MDOC.

11. First Aid: The course on November 16th is full, involving 7 MDOC members.

12. Website: Dave McCann submitted a written note on a constructive meeting with the web developer. The revised site should offer more content and easier updating. Julie will add historic data.

The Committee approved the spending of up to £1000 on the updated site, subject to agreed content and the receipt of NW development funding.

13. Stores: Pete reported that Jim Nightingale was pleased to receive many 90th birthday cards. Stakes 101 – 255 plus 6 blanks and start and finish sets are now available, suitable for our standard (small) size SI boxes.

14. AOB:

(a) John Britton drew attention to an article in the Autumn edition of Focus (P26), highlighting possible club responsibilities in the payment of tax in relation to volunteers paid for mapping, coaching etc. The treasurer’s initial view was that MDOC did not face a problem.

Action Steve Dempsey. To study the article and give a considered view.

(b) Trevor Hindle reported a possible fault with the minibus reversing sensors. The pitch appeared not to vary as he reversed into Dave's car!

Action Vicky/Andy Thornton To check whether the sensors are working properly.

(c) Mileage expenses paid by the Club were confirmed at 30p/m.

(d) Trevor Hindle suggested a photo trail competition for the forthcoming Manchester city race, with proceeds to the NW squad. The committee supported the idea.

(e) The committee congratulated Laura Hindle on winning her Nopessport Class.

15. Next Committee Meeting: Monday December 9th 2013, 7.30pm, Ladybrook Hotel.

16. Summary of Actions

Eddie S (1)

Sue B (3)

Steve D (1)

Thorntons (1)

Details in text above. Sue is declared the clear winner.