

Minutes of MDOC Committee Meeting 9th December 2013

Present: Dave McCann (Chairman), Tony Wagg (Secretary), John Britton, Andrew Gregory, Margaret Gregory, Sue Birkinshaw, Trevor Hindle, Eddie Speak, Julie Brook.

1. Apologies for Absence: Steve Dempsey, Pete Lomas, Kath Speak, Vicky Thornton.

2. Minutes of Last Meeting: Accepted.

3. Matters arising/Actions:

Minibus: reversing sensors appear to work intermittently. The garage will investigate. A wing mirror will be repaired.

Lyme Park Charity Event. The event details state there will be a BOF levy. Despite this issue of charity event levies reaching the agendas of BOF meetings, the issue has not been discussed or resolved. The committee agreed that MDOC should write to BOF requesting a ruling.

Action – Chairman and Secretary

If no satisfactory reply is received, MDOC should propose a motion to the BOF AGM.

Eddie Speak has revised the Macc Forest map file to adjust the size of certain features.

Trevor Roberts has arranged a band for the New Year social.

4. Treasurer's Report: The treasurer sent a written report. A profit of about £1000 is expected from the Twin Peaks event. It was noted that the church had not been paid the hire fee for the First Aid course.

Action Steve – Pay the bill.

5. Charity Events: There had been an email debate about the possibility of a retrospective donation of the proceeds of a street event to a charity. The committee agreed that charity donations should be restricted to one annual event, where the donation was advertised in advance.

6. Compass Sport Cup: Organisation is well in hand. Vicky (Thornton) should enter the Club for (our) Irwell Valley Event. Individual entries will be arranged later following a call for volunteers. Vicky was confirmed as Club Captain.

It was noted that Fallibroome School paid for MDOC membership on behalf of 6 pupils. These memberships expire in December 2013.

7. Lyme Park Event and Social: Planning and organisation is well in hand. We are permitted to use a generator in the car park provided it is fenced off.

The treasurer has agreed that the fees for the social shall remain as before. There was a debate as to how to attract more participants. It was agreed to think about a revised format for 2015 onwards. The next meeting will need to discuss venue bookings for January 2015 onwards.

8. NWOA:

(a) Dick Collins has been co-opted as secretary. Richard Tiley has replaced Carol McNeil as Lakes Liaison Officer.

(b) Lakes 5-day 2014. The mountain bike trail will close for the day of the Grizedale Event. On-line entries will open before Christmas.

(c) JK 2015. A meeting of day organisers has taken place. The next meeting will be held in March.

The chairman of NWOA has written to Mike Hamilton at BOF suggesting how clubs might be compensated when they lose the use of areas for the staging of major events. Future fixtures could lead to a large loss of income to MDOC.

(d) Finance. Grants of £500 per club will continue provided previous grants have been used. MDOC plans to use its current grant to update the website.

(e) Controlling. Roger Smith has become controller of controllers. 38 people attended a controllers course, including 5 from MDOC.

(f) Angle Tarn. This has been designated as a reserve area for Lakes 2014, should one of the planned areas become unavailable. John Britton, planner for the reserve area, raised a number of serious concerns as to how this might be organised, especially if such a change came about at short notice. Dave McCann said he would discuss these issues with Derek Allison during the coming weekend.

8. First Aid: Sue will provide event co-ordinators with an up to date list of qualified first aiders.

9. Safety Issues: A coroner made recommendations for the improvement of safety procedures, following a fell race fatality. The committee discussed whether changes to Club procedures might be necessary. The SI system should give a good means of identifying missing/overdue competitors. However, the following was agreed.

Action Eddie Speak – to write down what we currently do and to provide a documented future procedure, in consultation with Ian Gilliver.

10. AOB:

(a) COLA (community orienteering leaders award) Courses. Trevor Hindle attended this course to qualify him to lead MDOC training evenings. While the course was useful, he was frustrated that he was then only qualified to lead technique development in confined areas but not including circuit sessions. He and Dave McCann felt that they had been misled as to what the course would achieve.

(b) Insurance cover for SI boxes. DEE had lost 3 SI boxes and the insurer had rejected the claim. There was discussion as to how to comply with insurers' demands. John Britton opposed any system that seriously constrained planners. The consensus view was to consider more grippling in high risk areas and elsewhere accept the risk of financial loss. Planners should assess the risk and take care accordingly.

(c) Route Gadget 2. This free update is now available.

Action Dave McCann to ask Steve Lang to obtain RG2 software.

11. Date of next Meeting: 13th January 2014.

