**Minutes of MDOC Committee Meeting 9th June 2014**

**Present:** Dave McCann (Chairman), Steve Dempsey, Tony Wagg (Secretary), John Britton, Andrew Gregory, Trevor Hindle, Sue Birkinshaw,Pete Lomas, Kath Speak.

**Apologies:** Julie Brook, Margaret Gregory, Eddie Speak.

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

**2. Matters Arising/Actions:**

(a) Xplorer Events. Prompted by questions from Thomas Brown, the BOF NW participation officer, Vicky Thornton has sent her views on Xplorer thus far and how it might lead people into orienteering. Tom is likely to use this information in a forthcoming article in ‘Focus’. Tom will also inform us of future Xplorer and Run Challenge Events to avoid date clashes.

(b) Mike Hamilton (BOF Chief Exec) had sent a second email newsletter which few on the committee had seen. Sue Birkinshaw had received it and was requested to circulate it to the committee. **Action Sue.**

(c) CONDES. **Action continues -** Eddie to circulate CONDES key to all Club members.

(d)Revised website. Julie and Trevor Roberts have discussed proposed revisions and intend to submit these to the committee. (See also 3f below).

(f) File transfer and storage. Following the appeal to send maps with previous courses to Eddie, John Britton proposed that files should be deposited in a drop box for Eddie to withdraw, thus avoiding the emailing of very large files. Three related issues arose.

Eddie Speak was requested to estimate how much storage capability (eg hard disc or cloud) might be needed. **Action Eddie**.

Dave McCann was asked to refer members to a guide on the use of drop boxes**. Action DM.**

**Julie Brook** was asked to note that the website should have the capability for small files to be uploaded.

**3. Treasurer’s Report:** The treasurer submitted a written report for May. He noted that our juniors were increasingly successful in being nominated for development camps. This could increase the demand for financial support from the Club so he proposed that reference to the committee should be made on each occasion.

Relay scheme. The treasurer stated that Club policy was that relay fees (incl the Scottish) were paid by the Club but each runner contributed £10 per relay.

**4. Future Events**

Twin Peaks. All is going well. Pre- entries are in line with expectation and a significant EOD is likely. The need for further map printing will be reviewed on the preceding Thursday. Maps can be recycled if necessary and prizes have been ordered.

Summer Evening Events. Dave McCann (the planner) reported much of Teggs Nose was highly vegetated for the forthcoming event and recommended that future events there should take place earlier in the year.

Autumn Local Events. Chris Rostron was authorised to arrange 4 events each with a score course and a further more complex option for experienced participants.

**5. North West OA:**

Dave McCann attended the NW club delegate meeting on June 7th, along with 15 others. The following issues were discussed.

Lakes 5 day. Jobs will be allocated on the basis of whoever goes helps. If one of the planned events has to be cancelled the reserve area will be used but this may be on the following Saturday. The status of permission for the reserve area was raised. Sue Birkinshaw repeated to our meeting that we had confirmed permission from Side Farm if the reserve area were needed and that they could remove livestock from the car park field at short notice. Carol McNeil has permission from the National Trust. The 5 day organisers should know this. The reserve event may need to be registered but not placed on the fixtures list to ensure insurance cover.

The NWOA will confirm that we will hold the copyright for the Angle tarn and Place Fell maps.

JK 2015. Dick Towler, the local co-ordinator and Richard Tiley, the day 3 organiser, are likely to effectively swop roles on day 3, to satisfy BOF rules on organiser requirements at major events. The budget cannot be finalised due to uncertainty of marquee costs and other items. The NW continues to resist catering monopoly contracts and exclusion of the NW squad cake stall. Dunnerdale contains a SSSI. As a result, the finish may not be in the main arena. Building work at Lancaster University may complicate organisation of the sprint event.

Event Assessor Scheme. Some NW clubs completed a survey of views on this scheme. Views were mixed and a number of negative aspects were highlighted. MDOC decided to revert to the original practice whereby the controller collects comments at the finish and produces summary notes for inclusion with the results. For Twin Peaks Sue was asked to

(i) Email Fabian 4 to notify competitors of this policy, inviting verbal or email comments to the controllers.

(ii) Tell Julie to include controllers’ summaries with the results.

(iii) Inform both controllers of the above. **(Action Sue B).**

BOF issues. Craig Anthony, the BOF Development Officer, reported on Xplorer and Run Challenge.

A fee structure has been agreed with the National Trust for orienteering on their land in the Lake District. We noted that local arrangements in other areas (eg Lyme Park and Alderley) are a better option, as at present.

Existing grants to clubs from the NW will continue.

Provision of services avoiding possible tax liabilities to clubs. If services such as mapping, coaching etc are purchased from a self- employed contractor, clubs are advised to obtain two quotes to satisfy tax authorities.

**6. AOB:** (a) The secretary of Border Liners circulated a note to other NW clubs concerning the reproduction of maps based on OS maps. This contained details of the agreement between BOF and the OS. The secretary agreed to copy this to Sue Birkinshaw and Dave McCann. **(Action Tony Wagg).**

(b) Club kit. Three new vests have been sold. Stocks of Trimtex tops are low (6 in stock).

**7. Date of next Meeting:** 14th July 2014.