**Minutes of MDOC Committee Meeting 10th November 2014**

**Present:** Dave McCann (Chairman), Tony Wagg (Secretary), John Britton, Trevor Hindle, Carolyn Hindle,Pete Lomas, Kath Speak, Julie Brook.

**Apologies:** Eddie Speak, Margaret Gregory, Andrew Gregory, Steve Dempsey, Sue Birkinshaw

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

**2. Matters Arising/Actions:**

(a) Julie has updated the website.

(b) Public liability insurance. The BOF insurance does not cover non- members (with limited exceptions). An appropriate statement will be added to new entry slips and risk assessments.

(c) John Britton commented that Offerton provides a large enough area for both a prologue and final sprint event.

**3. Treasurer’s Report:** The treasurer was unable to attend due to urgent family issues but provided a summary note for Sept/Oct. There was a short term loss due to a number of purchases. Trevor Hindle queried the cost of the OCAD upgrade. Eddie (not present) could probably clarify its usefulness.

**4. NWOA:** There was nothing to report other than two emails from Derek Allison clarifying points in his report as coordinator of the Lakes 5 Day event.

**5. Future Events**: JK 2015 planning is progressing satisfactorily.

**6. Matters Arising from the AGM :** There had been a discussion on how to increase participation and membership, with no firm outcome beyond a new fee structure. Most juniors come from orienteering families rather than school groups. Once school transport is lost, pupils generally cease to take part. A variety of ideas were proposed as follows.

Our juniors could talk to potential new juniors. A map sticker for juniors at the finish. Cloth badges. Laminated certificates for completion of permanent courses. More follow up of participants at Lyme Park introductory events. A list of future local events printed on the back of maps. An A5 flyer of future events attached to download printouts at local events. **Action Dave McCann** to draft same.

Students were suggested as a large market, perhaps more stable than schools. Transport is again a problem, where small numbers or young drivers might make it hard to use a minibus. **Action Tony Wagg** to consult Andrew Stimson as to how we might attract students to events such as countryside score etc.

Lyme Park publicity. We could man LP during the day for a week (eg Whit week) to encourage people to try the permanent course. Apart from our events, the Park hosts a 5k run and Xplorer events. We may not be allowed to leaflet cars. **Action Pete** to seek views from the Park officials.

Commemoration of our 50th anniversary could include a celebration and commemorative T shirts, including a logo 1965-2015.

**7. AOB:**

(a) Minibus. The NW junior squad has been a major user of the minibus but this will now cease due to insufficient numbers. The viability of our elderly vehicle is thus in question. **Action Tony Wagg.** To seek Dave Mawdsley’s view of future usage assuming no squad use.

(b) Website. Paul Frost has begun work on the new website and invited Julie to view HAVOC’s new site as an example. Julie presented a series of screen shots giving options on colour schemes etc. These were discussed and preferences agreed. Paul suggested retaining the headline box as at present. It was proposed that ‘Juniors’ should be added to the new bar with a link to Facebook but not more than 8 items should be on the bar. The overall layout was approved.

(c) Scottish 6 day/WOC 2015. We have agreed to provide a team of helpers at WOC with details to be agreed. Their administrator has asked clubs to declare how many people they can muster and which day they prefer, by November 18th. They hope all helpers can run the same day but cannot guarantee this at present**. Action Tony Wagg**. To seek volunteers from the Club and preferences for which day.

(d) NW CDM survey on the future of the Lakes 5 Day event. The committee enthusiastically supported the continuation of this event.

(e) Future venue for committee meetings. Pete reported that High Lane village hall is available for £10 a go (cheaper than Ladybrook) and has good facilities (lights but no beer). The idea met with favour but a decision was deferred to the next meeting when more members would be present. Any move would be from January onwards.

(f) Social (Jan 10th). It was agreed to have a ceilidh. Julie will arrange via Trevor (Roberts).

**8. Date of next Meeting: 8**th December2014, Ladybrook Hotel (enjoy – could be your last visit – bring a candle!).