**Minutes of MDOC Committee Meeting 12th January 2015**

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

**Apologies:** Kath Speak, Margaret Gregory.

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

**2. Matters Arising/Actions:**

(a) Minibus. Steve Dempsey reported that an initial survey of potential replacements for the Club minibus suggested we needed to spend £6-7K. He will prepare notes on options. **Action continues.** Sue commented that a rear seat and roof rack from our existing minibus reside in her garage, and these might greatly enhance its resale value?!

(b) Committee meeting venue. The Five Ways Hotel does not have a suitable room so it was agreed to continue at the present venue.

(c) How to assist and reward helpers at the JK is still being considered. 22 have so far been lured to volunteer at WOC 2015 by the promise of a free ‘uniform’!?

(d) Future orienteering at Alderley Park. Dave McCann has been unable to visit. Mike Greenwood reports that during 2016 ¼ of the site will be used for housing and commercial developments. We can probably use what remains for the DEE challenge.

(e) Assistance request from Hazel Grove High School. Dave McCann has talked to the PE teacher and Dan Riley has supplied 2 maps.

(f) Route Gadget. The permanent courses at Lyme Park and Bruntwood will soon be added to the GMOA website so that people may add their routes on Route Gadget.

(g) COLA course. A meeting between the treasurer and Dan Riley to resolve our dispute with BOF has yet to take place.

**3. Treasurer’s Report:** The treasurer presented written accounts for December showing a profit for the month of about £200. Levy payments are up to date and a net income of £360 came from the NWOA (grant minus subscriptions). We should be able to buy a decent minibus and have £20K remaining.

Matthew Fellbaum has been chosen for the World Schools Championships and Heather has requested financial help from the Club. A 40% grant was agreed in accordance with established policy. Steve will reply to Heather. He will also add that NWOA funding should be available, if requested in advance from Steve Round. Laura Hindle will also seek funding for a different event.

**4. Events**:

(a) John o’ Goats (Lyme Park). Income was £1500, to go to the agreed charity, minus the BOF levy of £160. The park made no charge.

(b) City of Manchester 2016. Castlefield is not available as a base due to another (as yet unknown) event. Margaret Gregory has emailed the City Council to check whether this event will have a wider influence. No reply has been received yet.

(c) The Teggs Nose warden has requested photos for their publicity.

(d) DEE Challenge. Two venues are under consideration. Alderley Park with Ian Gilliver proposed as planner and organiser. **Action** **DMcC to investigate**. Steve Dempsey will investigate the option of part of Alderley Village combined with the Wood, mapped at 1:5000. There may be a problem with rules governing U16s crossing roads. **Action SD.** A provisional date would be late June 2015.

(e) Spring Saturday series. The co-ordinator (Clare Griffin ) is still short of organisers. These events are level D, for which a controller is not mandatory. Ideally the Club would like to provide controllers but we are also short of controllers.

(f) Compass Sport Cup. We have a choice of High Rigg or Sherwood Pines. Dave McCann will check that Vicky has entered a team for one or other.

(g) JK Relays. We are organising the relays and require all hands to the pumps. Runs will not be generally available to helpers but preference will go to the more competitive teams and to juniors. An appeal for helpers with more information will be forthcoming.

(h) A community group supporting South Park in Macclesfield has requested assistance in staging a small orienteering event at Easter. As this coincides with the JK the committee thought we were unlikely to be able to help on this occasion, unless Alan Ogden was willing and able.

**5. Website:**

The provisional new website met with general approval. Dave McCann and John Britton have submitted detailed comments. Twitter is not used and the link could be deleted. Colours were considered a little sombre and Dave McCann agreed to circulate further variants. Juniors should have a tab on the top bar and we need a search box top right. Further examples of maps and terrain description could be included. Julie will require assistance loading information, including the results archive, onto the site. A meeting between Julie and others inputting data will take place at a time of her choosing.

**6. AOB:**

(a) The Committee noted with sadness the death of Kath Rose. Pete Lomas agreed to write a brief article about her for the Newsletter and for Compass Sport.

(b) It was agreed that next year’s social will take place on Saturday 2nd January 2016, the date of the charity event. Pete will book the hall. The committee thanked those responsible for the success of the recent social, including Pete and Rae, Julie, Dave Mawdsley and Trevor Roberts.

(c) Clubmark. Craig Anthony, BOF head of development, circulated a final draft of revised Clubmark Criteria, inviting comments by 16th January. Rae Lomas decided to resign as our Clubmark representative and these events prompted a debate on the value of Clubmark. A number of requirements create problems for us, such as the need for 25 non-comp coached sessions per year. Some guidance is useful but the scheme has yielded no advantages to the Club. Schools, local authorities and members of the public seem indifferent to the scheme. We are involved in administration for no apparent benefit. Dave McCann agreed to convey these points to BOF and we will withdraw from the scheme unless a reply persuades us otherwise.

(d) The Committee congratulated Steve and Ruth Beresford for their Pointless triumph.

**7. Date of next Meeting:** 9th February2015, Ladybrook Hotel .