**Minutes of MDOC Committee Meeting 8th June 2015**

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

**Apologies:** John Britton, Julie Brook, Carolyn Hindle.

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

**2. Matters Arising/Actions:**

(a) Minibus. This has apparently been sold but not yet collected by its new owner.

(b) Proposed staging of DEE Challenge. The new proposed date is 4th September. **Action** Dave McCann to seek permission from Alderley Park in consultation with Mike Greenwood.

(c) Proposed Anniversary dinner. See item 7.

 (d) Lyme Park re-mapping. One quote has been received and a second is expected.

 (e) Website. Given that the original quote dated from 18/20 months ago and that additional work has been done, the treasurer is happy to accept the revised cost of £1500 and will pay the bill. Dave McCann’s eNews was complimented.

**3. Treasurer’s Report:** The Treasurer reported large inflows and outflows from Twin Peaks with £5k awaited from Fabian 4. Half the invoice for the auto download will be paid. It partly malfunctioned but was still useful.

**4. NWOA**

(a) JK Feedback. Comments were generally favourable. The profit of £23k will be shared 2/3 to BOF and 1/3 to regional clubs, in the form of £10 per club helper per session. Higher land access charges in the Lakes reduced the profit relative to the JK elsewhere. How the funds are used is up to individual clubs. The committee agreed that all JK helpers should be given £10 credit towards the entry fee for events controlled by the Club.

(b) British Champs 2017. High Dam will host the individual event and MDOC is given the first option to provide a planner. The relay area is to be agreed but Summerhouse Knot is a possibility.

(c) The Lakes 5 will be held in 2018 and offers of areas are requested. Trevor Roberts has agreed to be treasurer. The format of three long and two middle distance events widens the choice of areas. We agreed to offer Angle Tarn in combination with Silver point. We will need permission from the NT and Dalemain Estates. Relations with the farmer remain good and have been further lubricated by a bottle of whiskey.

(d) Organisers of future events will need to have attended a safety course. When this comes about and the level of event involved is unclear as yet.

(e) The NW website will be revamped. The junior squad will have its own section.

(f) WCOC was disappointed by the sparse attendance of NW clubs at their CS Cup event.

(g) There will be a Club Delegate Meeting on June 27th. Sue will attend in addition to Dave.

**5. Twin Peaks Review:** The event went well and received positive feedback. W75 s preferred Place Fell to their intended courses on Silver Point but the latter were supported by other agegroups. Parents liked being able to support offspring. The white mapping of open areas on Angle Tarn was appreciated. Some people missed the descent route from Place Fell after tapes were removed. Trevor expressed concern about the safety of control collectors. A solution would be to retain an extra person at the finish.

**6. Future Events**: Sue presented a fixtures plan for the next year. She drew attention to the following.

(a) Lyme Park may be very busy on Saturday January 2nd. Pete will seek their permission for the charity event. The social is booked for January 9th.

(b) Saturday morning events avoid school half terms. The spring series combines park and urban areas. Reddish Vale can be extended to include Brinnington. A dozen or so U16s currently run L Green so we need to provide an equivalent option.

(c) Watergrove may become available and Trevor is seeking a new urban area.

(d) Twin Peaks 2017. It is proposed to use Bleathwaite extended North to Walna Crag, followed by Torver Back Common as a middle distance event. Parking could be at Coniston School with shuttle buses. A date not later than mid February will be necessary. Overall mapping costs were judged acceptable.

(e) The Club will support a number of other events. Julie and Eddie are helping Pete Hayes run a forthcoming Macclesfield Schools event and we have been asked to provide maps and equipment for a Cheshire Schools event. It was agreed that our charges should cover the BOF levy plus 20p per map. We are also due to support Kate Bryant for a Wilmslow WI street event, an Out Door Active Group at Sale Water Park and Ian Gilliver at South Park Macclesfield (all in the absence of Club Mark!!!).

**7. Anniversary Dinner**: Pete reported that Hazel Grove Golf Club could provide a suitable room for £150 and a three course meal for £15-20 per person. This was agreed, with a date of Saturday 24th October, with Friday 2nd as an alternative if the former became unavailable.

**8. Support for Juniors :** Ideas were discussed to provide coaching for juniors and adult beginners. Pete Hayes is doing some coaching at Fallibroome. Perhaps we could organise monthly sessions aimed at Orange/LGreen level at varying venues. Trevor and Steve agreed to propose a scheme.

**9. AOB:**

(a) New Club kit. A sample has arrived and met approval.

(b) Stores Handrail. The need for a stairs handrail was agreed. Pete will get a quote. Pete is away 14th June – 7th July. Andrew and Tony will serve in his absence.

(c) First Aid Courses. Stuart McNeil can provide courses acceptable to BOF. A one day course will be arranged for October 31st. Dan Riley has recommended that a 2-day course is necessary for some of our areas. We will consider such a course next year.

(d) Mike Hamilton proposed that clubs should organise events in late August/early September for newcomers ‘inspired’ by WOC. This idea was dismissed on the grounds that it was at too short notice and many key people would not be available.

(e) Ian Gilliver reported the views of Tony Hulme , a leading local fell runner, to the effect that he would appreciate a summer version of the NSL, with a single course rather than various colour coded ones. This would attract his Wilmslow Running Club members. Dave McCann agreed to seek further clarification from Ian.

**6. Date of next Meeting: 13**th July 2015, at the (newly refurbished except for our bit) Ladybrook Hotel.