**Minutes of MDOC Committee Meeting 14th September 2015**

**Present:** Dave McCann (Chairman), Tony Wagg (Secretary), Trevor Hindle, Eddie Speak, Andrew Gregory, Sue Birkinshaw, Pete Lomas, Rae Lomas (part time), Kath Speak, Margaret Gregory, John Britton, Julie Brook.

**Apologies:** Steve Dempsey, Carolyn Hindle.

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

**2. Matters Arising/Actions:**

(a) Minibus. This has now departed. Vicky and Andy Thornton were thanked for helping dispose of it.

(b) MetrO (24th Aug). This was enjoyed. Trevor Hindle approved of the ‘mobile’ maps.

(c) Stores handrail. The church committee wish us to install a metal rail.

(d) Plaques on POC posts. These have been installed in 5 parks so far.

(e) Deeside Challenge Event. This has been abandoned for this year. Dave McCann agreed to organise something for next year.

**3. Treasurer’s Report:** No report. The annual account is in preparation.

**4. Future Events**:

(a) Twin Peaks 2016. For the Manchester urban event Margaret Gregory held a meeting with the mapper and planner and Tom Fellbaum has begun the additional mapping required. The City Council is happy for us to use the areas close to Castlefield and MMU will allow us to use their Birley (Hulme) building as a base. We may be invited to talk about orienteering to geography staff and the Birley community in advance of the event. John Britton is progressing with the mapping of Offerton for the other day.

(b) Twin Peaks 2017. The planned venue is Bleathwaite/Walna Scar and the favoured date is the weekend of Feb 12th 2017. Margaret has written to the Torver Commoners but has yet to receive a reply.

**5. AGM:** Pete Lomas has booked the room at the Ladybrook Hotel for Thursday October 15th. A hotpot will also be ordered.

(a) Agenda. It is suggested there should be a discussion about a club night. This could include a 1 off event for new members, training and discussion of events. See also 7(g) below.

(b) Officers and committee. We need a new Chairman. Dave McCann agreed to sound out Alan Ogden as a potential committee member and others were mentioned but their availability was uncertain. Margaret Gregory would happily stand down if a replacement is forthcoming. Sue agreed to remain as fixtures secretary provided she received assistance from others such as series co-ordinators. Carolyn will no longer be available as junior rep but was invited to email our juniors in search of a replacement. Tom Fellbaum has taken over as Club Captain. It was agreed that this should be formalised at the AGM. Rae Lomas has withdrawn as our Clubmark representative. As we have discontinued our participation (while supporting some of the objectives) we do not need a replacement. We understood that Craig Anthony (BOF) was to produce a final specification but none has been seen.

**6. Anniversary Dinner:** Rae Lomas reported that 31 past members had been invited with 4 replies to date. The Club will pay £75 for the room and members will pay £10 for a 3 course meal plus coffee and mints. This amount follows after a subsidy from the Club. Further publicity will be given via the Newsletter, Compass Sport and simple lists (**latter - Action Dave McCann**). Members are invited to bring historic items such as kit, maps photos etc.

**7. AOB:**

(a) Lyme Park Development Activities. The National Trust is keen to develop activities in its parks. A meeting is about to be held between Jo Rowbottom(LP development officer), Craig Anthony, Pete Lomas and Sue. At Jo’s request John Britton is producing a simplified version of the park map. She favours an event suitable for children and families which might incorporate additional ‘challenges’ while navigating round a simple course. This could be based on the new POC which is provisionally due to open on October 24th. The Park will ‘own’ and publicise the event and we will help run it.

(b) Birchwood urban map (edge of Warrington).It was agreed that Chris Smithard’s mapping quote of £1200 should be accepted. If agreed by the end of September, the map could be completed by the end of November. Three schools are on the map. It would be useful if one could provide an event base.

(c) It was agreed that the Club should purchase a shelter tent that was quick and simple to erect such as that owned by the Fellbaums and used recently in Scotland.

(d) Craig Anthony has contacted Sue to see whether we can help with sport for the deaf. We are happy to do this provided they can arrange a suitable teacher of the deaf. Dan Riley has already been in touch with Jenny Shaw who might fulfil this role or identify a suitable candidate.

(e) Anne Marie Keating from Manchester City Council has proposed staging weekly family orienteering in the parks. Beren Airstone has expressed an interest in taking this up.

(f) Chris Rostron has been approached on behalf of a group of 80 D of E Award candidates based in Altrincham. We can offer suitable events if they can make adequate preparations.

(g) Following the official procedures, it was agreed by those remaining that at the AGM Dave McCann would repeat an earlier presentation to the NWOA on publicity and club development.

**8. Date of next Meeting:** 12th October 2015, at the Ladybrook Hotel.