**Minutes of MDOC Committee Meeting 8th February 2016**

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

**Apologies:** Alan Ogden, Eddie Speak, Clare Griffin.

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

**2. Matters Arising/Actions:**

(a) Printing. Steve Lang wrote the following. He will initiate the sale of his house soon in preparation for a move to New Zealand. Thus there could be an urgent need to rehouse the printer. The contract for the running cost expires about April and the renewal cost of ~£1300 will be very similar to the annual cost of consumables. He currently has just over 4000 sheets of RA3 paper.

(b) Twin Peaks 2017. Sue has appealed for planners. John Kewley has agreed to plan Torver. For Bleathwaite – watch this space.

(c) Compass Sport Cup. Pete Hayes has been asked to submit names of Fallibroome pupils intending to run for MDOC within 2 weeks.

(d) Hayfield Commemoration Event. A map has been retrieved showing the courses for the Club’s first event, on part of Kinder. Sue agreed to seek permission to restage a similar event. **Action SB**

(e) New Year Social 2017. The hall is not available on the preferred date so it was agreed that we should confirm our provisional booking for 14th January. Rae and Sue proposed that we should buy plastic plates and ‘proper’cutlery and this was agreed.

(f) The Club is now the proud owner of a tarp that can be simply erected in 57 different ways to keep Julie dry (ish).

(g) A flyer for local Explorer events now gives contact information for MDOC.

**3. Treasurer’s Report:** The treasurer presented a written report for January showing a large net surplus, mainly due to a £1000 grant from NWOA. He did confess to a small planning error – the social made a profit! BOF levies are up to date at the end of December.

**4. NWOA:** No recent meetings.

**5. Future Events:**

(a) Birchwood. Trevor reported that Olly Williams has not completed the map and is not responding to enquiries. Chris Smithard will be invited to finish the job.

(b) Countryside Score. Sue has provided dates which are acceptable to Trevor and Dave McCann. Venues are agreed and details will be given to Sue in time for inclusion in the summer events leaflet.

(c) Metro O. April 19th will see Metro 2, based on the Gardeners Arms, near the Wythenshawe Park metro station and NW corner of the park (ride out on the tram and navigate back). An electronic map will be available and the pub will help publicise the event.

(d) South Park Macclesfield. The park supporters would like to host another mini O event. Sue and Ian Gilliver will organise same during the summer.

(e) Twin Peaks 2017.Spreading juniper bushes at Torver mean that minor re-mapping will be required. Sue will approach Bilbo for this task. Also see 2(b) above.

(f) Macclesfield Forest Ranger. Trevor Greenhalgh is about to retire and has been a great help to the Club over a long period. Sue and Vicky plan a thank-you visit and it was agreed that they should be accompanied by a bottle of whiskey (for Trevor!).

(g) The UK Urban League has asked for a £20 contribution towards a prize fund. This was agreed. We will obtain 200 League publicity postcards.

(h) Rewards for non MDOC controllers. It was agreed that outside controllers should receive an entry voucher for a future MDOC event.

(i) Saturday morning events. Attendance is good (83 at Macc Riverside) and park plus urban courses have proven popular. Further venues are needed to allow this option. Fletcher Moss (Didsbury) and Chorlton Water Park were suggested.

(j) NSL fees. Sue suggested that night street league fees for non BOF members should be increased to £5. Committee opinion remained divided after much debate. It was agreed that the treasurer should seek the views of Grahame Crawshawe (NSL co-ordinator) and any decision should be deferred to the next committee meeting. **Action SD.**

(k) Twin Peaks 2016. Our provisional intention is to offer the option of contactless punching (wafting) for a hire fee of £3.60 per day as currently offered by Martin Stone. However the BOF Events and Competitions Committee is about to rule that all competitors should use the same system at a particular event. In addition, gripples on urban controls lead to punching difficulties with older dibbers, giving ‘wafters’ a further advantage. Our controller will have the final say on what happens but Steve Dempsey agreed to re-approach Martin Stone to extend his free trial period so that wafters can be made available to all without a major entry fee increase. **Action SD.**

Sue B and Ian Gilliver met a representative from Stockport Sport and Leisure Services to discuss the Offerton Event. She was supportive, and agreed to talk to colleagues and report back. Technically we do not need permission to use pavements but may need permission to attach controls to lamp posts for example. Off road parking for about 90 cars has been arranged.

Tom Fellbaum has completed the Manchester map extension to cover Hulme. Margaret Gregory is happy to negotiate permissions once control sites have been defined.

(l) Stockport Grammar School. The Headteacher is happy for the grounds to be mapped and used occasionally by non-school orienteers. The school enters pupils for the D of E Award for which orienteering could play a part.

**6. AOB:**

(a) E-mail addresses. Kath Speak will seek permission via simple lists to allow email addresses to be included in the Club Directory. **Action KS.**

(b) Mike’s e-news (from BOF chief exec). The secretary agreed to circulate this to the committee and other interested individuals such as Ian Gilliver. **Action TW.**

(c) Safety and First Aid. BOF will require organisers, planners and controllers to have completed an O safety course by 2017. 41 members have now achieved this. Many of our first aiders will need to re-qualify soon. We need to organise another course this autumn. BOF also requires copies of certificates verifying the above two issues.

(d) Coaching. The Club only has 3 people currently licensed to coach. David Wathey stated that we should offer coaching to new members. Buying in outside coaching is an option. It was agreed that coaching should be an item on the next committee agenda.

**7. Date of next Meeting:** 14th March 2016, at the Ladybrook Hotel.