**Minutes of MDOC Committee Meeting 12th June 2017**

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

**Apologies:** Alan Ogden, Clare Griffin, Julie Brook.

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

**2. Matters Arising/Actions:**

(a) Booking system for laptop housing OCAD 11 .Prepared but yet to be circulated. **Action continues JB.**

(b) Map paper has been ordered.

(c) The Treasurer provided corrected statements for April and May.

(d) Light weight control stakes. Ian Gilliver reported initial research. SI sells a version at a total cost of approximately £20 each. A ‘home made’ version similar to those employed by CLARO would cost just over £3 each though certain construction options remain to be determined. The issue is not urgent and will be considered in more detail in September.

(e) British Middle Distance Champs 2020. Sue has offered High Dam to the NW fixtures Sec for this event as part of a Twin Peaks weekend. We also offered an area such as Birchwood for the British Sprint Relay Championships, provided another club organises the event.

(f) South Park Macclesfield. Courses are planned but Ian Gilliver had heard nothing from the Park Committee with less than 2 weeks to go (to June 24th) and would have to postpone if no arrangements were confirmed promptly.

(g) Saturday afternoon introductory events. See 4(a)

**3. Treasurer’s Report/ Finance:** The Treasurer submitted reports for April and May which clarified previous queries. All BOF levies are up to date.

Matthew Fellbaum has been selected for the Junior World Championships and associated events (congrats Matt) and has requested financial support from the Club. This was agreed in line with our long established policy. A small fraction of this sum may be recouped within the family as the Treasurer agreed to chase brother Tom for any funds collected from our relay teams. **Action SD.**

In relation to the recent Torver event (TP 2017), Sue reported that we yet need to give a donation to the National Trust and have in the past contributed towards bracken control. Sue has emailed Margaret Gregory for advice and will then suggest to Steve what we should pay (of order £100). **Action SB.**

Dave McCann suggested that flagship events such as Twin Peaks should have a stand-alone account, including such items. This would be useful in costing similar future events. The Treasurer agreed to piece together a retrospective account. **Action SD.**

**4. Future Events:**

(a) Sue reported views and experience concerning Saturday afternoon events. SELOC has run events from 12.00 – 2.00pm, with turnouts of order 20-30 people. Our regular school attendees also go to Cheshire League events on Saturday mornings, and fear that if we changed to the afternoon, confusion and reduced attendance might result. We might attract a few more families but on balance Sue saw no advantage in moving to afternoons.

Parents from many schools take their offspring to the Cheshire League events averaging 60 entrants per event. Courses up to Green are available we will investigate whether we can offer them an area.

(b) The Autumn and Spring Saturday morning events will be co-ordinated by Chris Rostron and Alison Doyle respectively. Chris also has in hand the ‘Finland 100’ events in October.

(c) Lyme (Park). We will assist their Summer ‘festival’ involving 4 days of activities during the school summer holidays. Planners of future evening events should avoid runners having to cross the play area. The park has requested timings and numbers for any possible British Schools Championship. The next John O Goats (Jan 2018) is agreed. They can lend 2 3x3m gazebos.

(d) Macclesfield Forest. Vicky Thornton has agreed to investigate the possibility of holding a Sunday event there.

(e) A date for a 2018 urban event is agreed. No venue is decided but Macclesfield town plus an extension is an option.

**5. AOB:**

(a) National Squad funding. UK Sport is withdrawing elite level funding for orienteering and there is currently a £6k shortfall for our WOC team for Estonia in July 2017 on a total of £15k. Ian Gilliver received a letter from the mother of a squad member inviting donations from individuals or funding from clubs able to stage specific fund raising events. A nameless troublemaker questioned whether BOF would take a levy from any such event!! The committee felt unable to arrange an event but was happy for Ian to circulate details of the appeal to Club members.

(b) BOF development funding. BOF has obtained Sport England funding for their strategic plan and to support clubs to assist and maintain existing membership. A survey has been sent to clubs seeking views on how such funds are directed. Suggested items include volunteering, marketing and coaching. The committee delegated Dave McCann, Eddie Speak and Tony Wagg to submit the Clubs views by 17th July. **Action DMcC, ES,TW.**

(c) Tom Fellbaum was congratulated on winning the OMM Long Score in Iceland with Nick Barrable.

(d) Steve Dempsey will become a level 2 coach by October.

**6. Date of next Meeting:** 10th July 2017, at the Ladybrook Hotel.