**Minutes of MDOC Committee Meeting 11th September 2017**

**Present:** Sue Birkinshaw, Tony Wagg (Secretary), David Wathey, Trevor Hindle, Pete Lomas, Julie Brook, Dave McCann (Chairman), Ian Gilliver, Andrew Gregory, Pete Ross .

**Apologies:** Alan Ogden, Clare Griffin, Eddie Speak, Kath Speak, Steve Dempsey.

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

**2. Matters Arising/Actions:**

(a) BOF survey on club development. Dave McCann and Tony Wagg have returned to BOF the survey seeking club views on issues of priority.

(b) Preparation of stand-alone account for TP 2017. **Action continues SD**

**3. Treasurer’s Report:** No report. Treasurer unable to attend.

**4. Future Events:**

(a) The Platt Fields Sprints, ‘Finland in Greater Manchester’, Night Street League and Autumn Saturday morning series events are all progressing without problems.

(b) Twin Peaks 2018. There has still been no response giving permission for an event at Errwood. However our bid to stage a Euro City Race Tour event in central Manchester has gone for approval. It could then become TP2018 in combination with an event at Offerton.

(c) British Middle Distance Champs 2020. The NW fixtures secretary has been informed that we could stage TP2020 at High Dam, to include the Championship, provided the number using the SSSI zone is increased from the current limit of 400. Sue has notified that we would need help from beyond the Club on one day and in obtaining permission from English Nature. Richard Tiley (LOC) has already tried to establish contact for permission.

(d) Lyme Charity Event 2018. This will take place on Saturday 6th January. The annual social will be held on January 13th at the High Lane village hall.

(e) March Urban Event. Tom Fellbaum will extend the Macclesfield map.

**5. NWOA:**

(a) Lakes 5 Day 2018. The courses at Graythwaite have been moved to a less vegetated part of the area. Some flyers have already been distributed. MDOC will staff central services each day and distribute bibs. One third of profits will go to individual NW clubs. 35% of this will be distributed to those 5 supplying areas and 65% to those supplying labour. Our labour counts as worth 1.5 out of 5 days as we are doing some of the work every day.

(b) The British Champs made a profit of £5k, of which we will receive £500.

(c) The Pomona Docks area (Irwell/ship canal) is being redeveloped. We need to encourage Tom to map this to link with the existing Manchester map.

(d) BOF EGM. It is import that the meeting is quorate to permit changes to the constitution. Otherwise what remains of Sport England funding will be lost. Dave McCann agreed to clarify whether proxy votes count to the quorum and then to encourage members to vote and/or attend. **Action DMcC.**

The Isle of Man has applied to join the NW (and turn us all into a tax haven). This will happen when they have joined BOF (otherwise our constitution does not allow it).

**6. AGM:** The room at the Ladybrook Hotel is booked for 19th October. Numbers wanting supper are needed in advance. Sue will email Alan Ogden to clarify whether he is willing to be nominated for election as treasurer as Steve Dempsey wishes to resign. **Action SB**

**7. New Control Stakes:** Jillyan Dobby emailed to say that as a major event planner she was happy with our existing green stakes but John Britton and Ian Gilliver, planners for the recent British Champs, disagreed. The controller at level A insisted on stakes rather than ground plates. Tony Wagg also argued that at summer evening events (level C) controls can be collected faster and with fewer people. The light SI stakes have numbers permanently attached but are expensive. The cheaper partly ‘home made’ equivalents need numbering for each event or reliance only on SI box numbers at level C and D. Further investigation is required and Ian Gilliver will be away for the next meeting but will report again in two months. **Action IG**

**8. Distribution of income from major Events:** Dave McCann proposed that income to the Club from external events such as the Lakes 5 Day , British Champs etc should be used to reward helpers rather than just to go into general Club funds. The principle was agreed and Dave accepted an action to devise a plan. For example vouchers could be awarded that could be redeemed against club kit, entry to our events (or towards tickets on Monarch Airline?). **Action DMcC**

**9. AOB:**

(a) Pete Lomas reported that stores contained a large amount of old equipment which we are unlikely to ever use, such as old control kites, heavy tents and tables. Pete Andrew and Sue agreed to draw up a list of items to be disposed of. **Action PL, AG, SB.**

(b) Trevor Hindle reported that Chris Smithard requires a fee of £600 to map a further part of Birchwood.

(c) Junior coaching. BOF has arranged 4 1-day coaching courses in October aimed at 12-16 year olds of orange standard or above. Two are near Buxton and cost £20 per day. It was agreed that the Club would pay half the cost of any junior attending. Sue agreed to draw this to the attention of Pete Hayes in case any Fallibroome pupils might be interested. **Action SB**

**10. Date of next Meeting:** 9th October 2017, at the Ladybrook Hotel.