**Minutes of MDOC Committee Meeting 13th November 2017**

**Present:** Eddie Speak, (Chairman), Kath Speak, Sue Birkinshaw, Tony Wagg (Secretary), David Wathey, Trevor Hindle, Pete Lomas, Julie Brook, Ian Gilliver, Andrew Gregory, Pete Ross , Marie Roberts.

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

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

**2. Matters Arising/Actions:**

(a) Disposal of redundant stores equipment. **Action Continues (PL, SB, AG).**

(b) NW Colour Badge Award Scheme. Tony Wagg has appealed for a volunteer to administer the awards within the Club, with no response so far. Pete Hayes (Fallibroome School) welcomes the scheme and suggested that there could be presentations at the end of the spring events series.

**3. Co-option of Committee Members:** Dave McCann, Kath Speak and Andrew Gregory were co-opted as NWOA Chairman, Membership Secretary and News Editor respectively.

**4. Treasurer’s Report:** The banking mandate is being transferred between the outgoing and incoming treasurers. Steve Dempsey submitted a written statement covering September and October, showing a net income of £852, mainly from small events. Alan Ogden, our new treasurer, will be unable to attend committee meetings due to other regular engagements. However he submitted detailed proposals as to when and how he intends to seek committee approval for payments. These were broadly in line with current practice and were accepted by the committee. In the past organisers have often paid any event expenses and sent in net proceeds with an explanatory statement. Eddie agreed to seek Alan’s views on this issue **(Action ES).** Dave Wathey suggested that in future it should be clear that annual accounts are audited before the AGM and this is then minuted.

The Secretary reported that he had informed BOF of changes to Club officials. This was in response to their annual request and influences who is granted access to the BOF IT system. Eddie suggested that Dave McCann might still require access and agreed to consult him and then email BOF if Dave and anyone else should be added to the BOF list **(Action ES).**

**5. Future Events:**

(a) Spring Saturday Series. Officials have been hard to come by. Alison Doyle is organising two of the four events and Brabyns Park (March 10th) still lacks both a planner and organiser. Marie Roberts immediately volunteered to plan.

(b) Summer Evening Series. Sue is still negotiating, with the possibility of adding Riverside Park (Macclesfield) to the standard 4 venues. Tony Wagg (Su co-ordinator) commented that it is usually hard to find planners and controllers and more events increased the problem. An urban sprint at Torkington is also under consideration.

(c) Macclesfield Urban (Provisionally UK Urban League). We are staging a National Event on March 25th. Eddie will extend the map to provide an additional crossing point of the main road. Trevor Hindle is planning but we have no organiser as yet.

 (d) Euro City Race November 3/4th (2018). This is proposed at Offerton on the Saturday and a double sprint in Manchester on the Sunday. The preferred start location is Castlefield but the setting up of Christmas markets means that access remains uncertain. Other options are under review, including changing the date to mid- May. This would have to be registered by 17th November. If this goes ahead for May, Macclesfield (above) would be withdrawn from the UK League as the dates are too close. Eddie pointed out that Euro City race maps should have 2.5m contours and only one of our maps currently complies.

(e) Twin Peaks 2019. The weekend of November 13/14th has been registered. The plan is for one day 1 at Errwood and the other in Stockport.

 **6. New Control Stakes:** This topic has become the new ’OCAD’ and is responsible for much wear and tear of my inbox. Ian Gilliver reported as follows. Lightweight SI stakes cost £16.94 each and very similar fencing stakes £1.75. In each case a plate to house a BS8 SI box must be added at a cost of £3.66, though existing plates could be transferred. Hence the fencing stakes are vastly cheaper, are in use by two other clubs and were used at the British Champs. However control code numbers must be attached. These could take the form of plates on the side of the stake, similar to our present controls, but the stakes are much easier to stack and carry if control numbers are only attached to the SI boxes. Much research continues, with advice coming in from far and wide. The trick is to produce a 3 digit code large enough to meet IOF requirements while not masking the verification light. Mark Roberts and Dave McCann have offered help in producing stakes and one or more prototypes will be obtained. Watch this space for the next gripping instalment....

**7. Date of next Meeting:** 11th December 2017, at the Ladybrook Hotel.