**Minutes of MDOC Committee Meeting 12th February 2018**

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

**Apologies:** Kath Speak, Pete Ross, Alan Ogden, Clare Griffin.

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

**2. Matters Arising/Actions:**

(a) Disposal of redundant stores equipment. Continuing.

(b) Eurocity Race, Manchester. The choice of a base is on-going. The Lowry Hotel is too expensive. Gmex/Conference Centre will be investigated. Andrew Gregory offered help as the Chairman only seems familiar with the airport in Manchester.

**3. Treasurer’s Report:** The Treasurer sent a written report, detailing progress on the bank account handover. The process has been fraught with difficulty but seems near to success, allowing payment of outstanding bills. The committee accepted Alan’s report and noted that GMOA and the forthcoming Lakes 5 Day Event seemed to have less problematic arrangements. The Chairman agreed to phone the Treasurer to discuss whether there were better options for us in the future. **Action ES.**

**4. Future Events:**

(a) Sue apologised for the clash between the Brabyns Park Event and the D of E Award training in Wythenshawe Park on March 10th. The date for the latter was forced upon us.

(b) The Twin Peaks 2019 Event has been registered for November 9/10th.

(c) British Schools Events. SELOC are due to run the 2018 British Schools Championships and we agreed to try to lend them an area. Initially this was to be Heaton Park but the Park is unavailable on the required date. The second choice is Phillips Park, though parking issues remain unresolved. Heaton has also agreed that we can run small events based on the permanent course without a land use fee, provided we offer instruction for the general public. MDOC will also run the British Schools Score Event in Heaton Park in October 2019.

(d) NT Alderley has yet to confirm permission for the summer evening event planned for July 17th 2018. Their administrator has been off ill. We anticipate no problems as the annual race should be on July 12th, avoiding the clash that arose last year.

 (e) David Wathey proposes to arrange a 2 part sprint event at Torkington, to form the first Saturday morning event of the Autumn series.

(f) Watergrove. Ian Gilliver reported that the wind farm operators have withdrawn permission for their facilities to be used for event access and parking.

(g) The Glossop and Macclesfield events are on consecutive days (24/3 and 25/3) but we should have enough stakes and kites to cover each independently. It is possible that other items may need to be transferred. **Officials please note.**

(h) British Middle Distance Championship 2020. Dave McCann has spoken to Richard Tiley concerning the need to chase the SSI officer with a view to increasing the access permit from 400 to 600 runners. If/when this is achieved, Dave will seek a parking venue on the Western side of the area.

**5. Club Social:** It was agreed that the 2019 social should take place ideally on Saturday 5th January, if the hall is available, or alternatively on 12th, though this would clash with a Lakes NW night league event. A review of the recent social suggested that quizzes might be attached to walls rather than on tables .Videos were a good idea but needed organising long in advance. Cakes went down well!

**6. AOB:** 30 people had not yet renewed their membership, delaying issue of the directory. An email reminder will be sent and then they may be listed in a supplement. Communication with Fallibroome members will be via the school. The directory will then be issued either at the Compass Sport Cup (March 11th) or via a special mailing including a flyer for the summer events.

All is quiet on the stakes front!

**7. Date of next Meeting:** 12th March 2018, at the Ladybrook Hotel.