

# Minutes of NWOA Club Delegate Meeting

## Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> March, 2017 Caton Village Institute

**Present.** Richard Tiley (LOC) – Chair, Dick Collins (SROC) – Hon. Sec, Steve Round (SELOC) - Treasurer, Christine Goulding (BL), Alan Irving (WCOC), David Maliphant (BO/LOC), Dave McCann (MDOC), Pete Owens (DEE), Martyn Roome (SROC), Gillian Rowan-Wilde (PFO), Ian Smith-Ward (LOC).

### **Apologies for absence**

Mark Edwards (SROC), Gerry Garvey (BL), Jean Payne (DEE), Miriam Rosen (SROC), Eddie Speak (MDOC), Paul Turner (SELOC), Hamish Willis (PFO).

### **1. Minutes of CDM held on 1<sup>st</sup> October, 2016.**

These were approved, prop. DMcC, sec.SR.

### **2. Matters arising**

There were no matters arising other than those dealt with below.

### **3. BOC/BRC 2017**

RT reported that one of the farmers (Steve Watson) has complained about a hurdle being left open, resulting in sheep mixing.

**Action: RT to visit the farmer.**

RT reported some helpers are still needed, particularly with regard to control collection.

AI reported on relay progress. Relatively few helpers had been arranged so far, but the organization was generally going well.

There were questions concerning costs. RT reported that the access fees for the Individual day could be of the order of £3,000, there being eight land owners. Costs could be similar for the Relay day and there were potential mapping costs of the order of £3K for the areas which have not been used recently. Printing (off-set litho for the individual day, digital for the relays) would be in the range £2-3K. Total costs are estimated at £38-40K. There have been 970 individual entries so far and this may generate of the order of £20K. Another £5K might be made with later Individual entries. The Relays have few entries so far but might make £10-12K.

There was considerable discussion concerning the super-levy. DM felt that the super-levy should be payable on all BOCs and pointed out that the March 2016 CDM Minutes implied that this would happen. However, it was pointed out that in answer to specific questions at both the NWOA CDM and BOF EGM in October 2016, it had been stated that the EGM proposal was for a single rate of levy covering all events from level A to level D. Event planning had therefore proceeded on the basis of that single rate of levy.

There was discussion concerning helpers and it was felt that one needs a Co-ordinator of Helpers for each club.

### **4. Finance**

SR had nothing major to report. All clubs have paid their membership fees and outgoings are in line with expectations. The Junior Squad is producing more costs than planned but is also producing more income. They had an overall budget of £3.5K but were still unable to produce a detailed budget reflecting plans for the year.

There has not been much development activity apart from a few grants for Safety and Coaching courses.

A cautious view is being taken with regard to discretionary funds. Assets at the moment stand at approximately £50K. We are trying to ensure that we can withstand a loss of up to £5K on BOC.

Funds will drop by about £2K over the year and we may get development grant applications (maybe £4K) over the next 18 months. Professional services and mapping for L5D 2018 will require about £20K. This will bring us down to £19K. We need to keep £5K in reserve so we may have £14K to spend by August 2018. By then we should have an idea of the L5D surplus.

### **5. Lakes 5-Day 2018**

RT reported that there were three good applicants for Director and Derek Allison has been appointed and is now in post.

BL were concerned about clashes with other events and so we have tried to re-organise the days. Grasmere Showground has been booked to support Silver Howe and Harrop Tarn. Events will be held on the following days:

Sunday, Silver Howe, Monday – Angle Tarn Pikes, Tuesday – Harrop Tarn, Thursday – Askam Fell, Friday – Graythwaite.

There had been a suggestion that MDOC, who are doing the IT on all days, may be over-worked if they are required to run Angle Tarn Pikes. DC reported that SROC would be willing to take this day over if required and have an Organiser.

**Action: DMcC to investigate willingness of MDOC to run Angle Tarn Pikes.**

There were discussions concerning helpers and professional help may be needed to set up marquees etc. CG tabled a number of questions concerning the event; Firstly, the budget situation. It was reported that Trevor Roberts has been appointed as Treasurer and is working on the budget. Individual club organisers will need to talk to Derek and Trevor. CG asked if we are trying to make a profit and it was pointed out that the L5D is our primary source of income and since it is only held every four years we hope for a substantial profit. Numbers of cars which might be expected was estimated at about 700. There have been logistics problems concerning the communications system/walkie talkies at previous events and users need to be trained, provided with spare batteries etc.

There was concern about the willingness of First Aiders to go out onto the fells in the event of a serious accident.

There was concern that areas should be mapped, especially Silver Howe, at the correct time of year in view of bracken growth.

## **6. NW Urban League**

Paul Turner had presented proposals for the NWUL. These were agreed by the meeting. There was concern about how the League would be publicized. It will appear in the Fixtures list and hopefully Club newsletters will include information.

## **7. Colour Badges**

MR, who is on a BOF Working Group which is trying increase membership, proposed the re-introduction of the Colour Badge Award Scheme. There was general agreement that this was a good idea, this being the most popular incentive scheme in other regions. It was agreed that clubs should be encouraged to put Colour Standards in results lists. There is a supply of badges left over from the previous scheme and the purchase of new badges would probably cost about £1.50 per badge. More complex designs would cost more and printed badges would be cheaper than woven badges. It was agreed that the Exec. have authority to approve new designs and costs..

**Action: ISW (in conjunction with RT and Sue Roome) to investigate this.**

## **8. World O-Day (24<sup>th</sup> May, 2017)**

GR-W showed a jacket which WOD are promoting, which can be purchased from the WOD website. She further reported that PFO had a heavy involvement with a number of schools on that day.

## **9. Any Other Business**

SR reported that the Isle of Man wishes to form a new O-Club and have approached BOF and NWOA for help. They have a permanent course and wish to stage a level C event. They need administrative help, loan of equipment and advice on setting up a club. It was agreed that we should encourage them and that where funding was the best way to achieve this, we were prepared to use up to one third of the residual MEROC assets to help. There are political/constitutional issues. The NW Constitution refers to 'England' and the BOF Articles of Association refer to 'UK Clubs'. Both of these could be changed but not in the short-term.

IS-W reported that a new paper order is being put together and he will need to know paper requirements for each of the clubs.

DM presented an update of the situation at BOF. Sport England funding has been reduced and the staffing situation will need to change. Details of this will be decided ASAP. Some use of the reserve is envisaged. The challenge for BOF is to raise revenues and to "take the members with us".

**Date of next CDM – Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October, 2017**