INTERLØPERS SECOND COMMITTEE MEETING, FIRST YEAR

UPPER KINNEDDAR HOUSE WEST, SALINE MONDAY 12 JULY 1976 20.00

MINUTES

Present

Chairman - Liz Mills
Secretary - John Barrow
Ordinary Member - Steve Terry

Because of circumstances, it was not possible to hold the Meeting as planned on 13 June 1976 at Norman's Law. The present Meeting was convened at short notice in order, mainly, to make some decisions with regard to the 1977 S.O.A. Score Championships.

The Meeting proceeded by referring to the Minutes of the Committee Meeting of 25 April 1976.

1. John reported that he had heard rumours that the next Newsletter was about to appear from the Peck stable. Steve hoped that this was so, because he wanted to circulate some information sheets on mapping to club members. If necessary, these should go out independently, rather than be held back awaiting the main Newsletter.

2. An item had appeared in the May Newsletter about Transport arrangements.

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a),d) Glentress and Norman's Law had both happened, successfully. About 15 or so club members assisted at each event. About 150 competitors appeared at Norman's Law; it was hoped that a modest profit would accrue to the club.

b) Steve presented a brief summary of the results of his research into two possible venues for the 1977 S.O.A. Score Championships, a) the Eildon Hills, near Melrose, and b) an area about 4 miles west of Glen Farg, on and above the north scarp of the Ochil Hills, hereafter called Culteuchar/West Dron. Steve's preference was for Culteuchar/West Dron, as offering better possibilities for both a Score event and Cross Country courses. He felt that the Eildon Hills would be too steep, and would not offer the same course planning challenges. Steve's preferences found general acceptance, and there followed some detailed discussion on the next stages of preparation for the event. Liz agreed to find out about ownership of the various parts of the area, and to approach the landowners; to assist in this, John would send her some S.O.A. "Short Guides" to help to explain orienteering to uninitiated landowners. Steve would approach Gordon Petrie to find out a) if aerial photos could be obtained, and then b) if a photogrammetric plot could be done. John agreed to contact Fiona Jolly (a new club member, a fact unknown to the Secretary!), and see if she were available to assist Steve and Liz in initial preparations.
John (half-) agreed to plan courses, but choice of Organiser and Controller was deferred. Steve stressed the need to appreciate the timescale for preparing the map, viz.: ready for printer by end-November, hence all field work done by end-October, or soon after. John indicated that the S.O.A. may soon buy a couple of overprinting machines, which would ease the problems of time and cost of overprinting the courses over the Christmas period.
Should severe problems arise with access to the area, we should be prepared to revert to using the Eildon Hills, or, failing that, an area near Menstrie.

c) There had been a recent communication from the B.O.F. T. & D. Sub-Committee giving a list of local contacts for WOC Impact Scheme enquiries which would be farmed out by the National Office. Some concern was felt that there was no Edinburgh address. The Meeting agreed that the Secretary should send a completed form to B.O.F. with his own address, and should seek from the South East District a list of local events planned for September onwards and should include this information on the form. It was also agreed that a club representative should attend each local event to be held at that time, and that some publicity material should be prepared to be available for enquirers. John agreed to contact Marjorie Thoms to see if she could dream up

some appropriate publicity, such as a poster. A rota would be prepared of those people willing to represent the club at each event.

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b) Steve produced a copy of a map by Andrew Hewat of the area that Robin had suggested as suitable for a Relay. He was keen to compile a list of areas for which mapping could be usefully done (he had 16 under consideration at the time of the Meeting!). Liz reported that she and Doug were planning to improve the quality of the map of Tulloch Hill in Angus, which could be a Badge event venue in 1977 or later.

c) The photogrammetry course mentioned before was now to be held in Glasgow in August; it would last a week, and was intended to train participants in the use of stereo plotters. It was suggested that it would be useful to have someone in the club with such a skill.

d) Marjorie Thoms was the Edinburgh Social Convener, and had already organised a very successful Beach Party, on 24 June at ~~Gullane~~ Tyninghame. It was suggested that a short report should appear in the next Newsletter.

e) The Edinburgh Clubs Dinner Dance was definitely on, but at the Grosvenor Hotel. Tickets were now available from Morris Conlan, Hilary, and Carol McNeill, at £4 each.

g) For a while, these pub nights had been at the Claret Jug. However, a majority verdict was in favour of returning to Jenny Ha's, so this is the current venue.

The Meeting dissolved with the arrival of the Laird at about 22.30.

The next Committee Meeting was fixed for Wednesday 11 August at 20.00, to be held at 10B Forrester Park Grove, Edinburgh.