INTERLØPERS SIXTH COMMITTEE MEETING, FIRST YEAR

10B FORRESTER PARK GROVE, EDINBURGH THURSDAY 25 NOVEMBER 1976 20.00

Present

Chairman	- Liz Mills
Secretary	- John Barrow
Treasurer	- Bob Stobie
Ordinary Member	- Steve Terry

Matters Arising from previous Minutes

1) Finance

The only matter to report was that the Lothian O-League event at Beecraigs on 31 October was expected to break even.

2) Scottish Score Championships 1977

Liz reported that she had made contact with the two remaining landowners, but had still to write to them confirming arrangements.
Steve reported that nearly 150 hours of surveying had been spent on the area. There was a possibility that printing could be arranged in conjunction with other areas, and Steve was liaising with Gordon Petrie in this connection. The overprinting of courses was discussed; it was known that some machines existed in England, and that the S.O.A. had two on order - John would check the position on the latter. It could still be done commercially, as a last resort. Steve also suggested that an Information Sheet be prepared soon, and that the Organisers be informed as soon as possible of the method of course planning to be adopted.
John, having just been given the Mark 3 version of the base map, agreed to proceed with haste in crystallising ideas for course planning. The immediate necessity was to arrange a Coordinating Meeting, at which the Organisers, the Planner, the Mapper, Liz, and the Controller should be present. Liz agreed to phone the Organisers to try to set up such a Meeting. John reported that Jim Rand had been approached by the S.O.A. to control the event, but had not yet made up his mind - John agreed to contact him.
The advertisement had been agreed by Steve and Bob, and sent to the "Orienteer" editor.
It was agreed that the questions of Shooting Rights and the movement of livestock had to be settled.
Graham Pyatt's article on Score Orienteering was shown around; John agreed to obtain copies for principal officials, and to provide copies of the Balance Sheet for the 1976 event for the Coordinating Meeting.
To clear up any misunderstanding, it was decided to seek from the S.O.A. a formal decision on financial support of club-organised S.O.A. events. It would be stressed that the only way that clubs can make money is by staging events; if a loss is made, it would be unfair if the organising club were deprived of the map stock.

3) Lothian O-League Event on 31 October at Beecraigs

In retrospect, several points emerged as contributing to a certain "last minute panic". It was agreed that there was not enough communication between the Organiser and the Controller, that not enough helpers were present, and that the Committee did not oversee the organisation sufficiently. However, the event was a success, and considered to be better organised than O-League event no. 2.
Thanks were recorded to Dave Kershaw, Marjorie Thoms, and Graham White.

4) Notepaper

Steve presented final artwork for the letter heading. John agreed to send it to the S.O.A. printers with a colour sample.

5) Interlopers (Fife)

The idea of this suffix was to coordinate orienteers living near Dunfermline (to include the Gaskin family), to keep the suffix "(Fife)" for 1977 at least, and eventually to form a separate club.

6) Newsletter

Bob asked that the issue of the Social Newsletter be timed to coincide with the issue of the main Newsletter, to save the considerable postage costs. John reported that he had already mentioned this point to Hilary, and that, in the present case, the Social News already received could wait a few weeks.

New Business

1) Club Gear

Liz admitted that the woolly hats project had still to get off the ground. It was assumed that Eileen was still looking around for T/Sweat Shirts.

2) Highland 77

Several rumours were abroad about this initiative of Scottish Clubs to hold a 6-Day Event from 7 to 13 August 1977 on the World Championships maps. Unfortunately, there was no time to raise the matter at the last Committee Meeting on 14 October. John presented a brief summary of the main proposals of the current organising group, and distributed copies of the conclusions reached by this group at its first meeting on 9 October. There was general agreement by the Meeting on the proposals; in particular, it was accepted that the club would organise the first event at Alvie on Sunday 7 August 1977, using the more recent map, to be consistent with the other maps to be used during the week. It was suggested that the club stay at Woodlands for the first weekend, if possible, moving to somewhere in the Elgin/Forres area for the remainder of the week (for those competing, and any who would be assisting in the Combined Group event on the Saturday). Geoffrey Peck had suggested that it would be possible to obtain somewhere to stay in that area fairly easily; the Committee agreed to ask the Pecks to try to arrange something. John would contact Carol about the use of Woodlands. It was suggested that an item should appear in the Newsletter, asking club members to indicate if they wanted to attend the week's competitions, and therefore wanted such accommodation as the club could arrange.

3) Scottish Sports Council Capital Grants Scheme

John reported on discussions that he, in his capacity as S.O.A. Treasurer, John Colls, and Dorothy Gaskin had had with the Grants Officer and the Development Officer (Orienteering) of the Scottish Sports Council recently. It transpired that preparation of O- maps, and acquisition of tentage, could be regarded as Capital Expenditure, and therefore eligible for Capital Grants under the Scheme run by the S.S.C.; such Grants, however, were only made available to clubs, not to national organisations. Various conditions were set on this Scheme, and John explained some of them. The Committee received this information very favourably, and John agreed to distribute copies of the S.S.C.'s own "Notes" on the Capital Grants Scheme to Committee Members.

4) A.G.M. and Dinner

It was agreed that this combined function should be held in the Elgin/Forres area on the Saturday evening of the Scottish Championships Weekend, and perhaps guests could be invited. Social arrangements for the Weekend would be referred to Hilary, who might obtain helpful advice from the Pecks.
With reference to the previous item, the S.S.C. Capital Grants Scheme required that the club's Accounts be properly audited, and John agreed to contact Dave Kershaw in this connection. In addition, the Scheme required an acceptable Constitution, and it was agreed that Eileen be further prodded on the matter!

5) Edinburgh Clubs' Dinner Dance

This function was a great success, with 110 people attending. A small profit was made, and the question of what to do with it had been raised. The Meeting's suggestion was to put it towards next year's function, and John would communicate this suggestion to E.S.O.C..

6) Transport Coordination

Bob reported that, so far, the only contacts were received from those who wanted lifts. It was suggested that it be re-emphasised in the Newsletter that people with spare seats should ring Bob as well as those who wanted lifts.

7) It was reported that Roger Vander Steen would be attending the B.O.F. Mapping Conference at Ambleside on 27/28 November. Steve would have liked to go, but couldn't because of commitment to Glenearn/Berryknowe.

8) Steve replied to the request in the "Scottish Orienteer" for news of mapping projects to be sent to Iain Garrick with a list of Interlopers' commitments.

9) Bob was keen to get his minimum-organisation ideas into practice, and possibilities were a small Dunfermline event in the Spring, or a Duns event in April for the Borders Fair (but probably already being organised by others).

10) The Committee were worried about Hilary's "John Colls" fixation; they wondered whether it was a subtle means to encourage John to join Interlopers!

The next Meeting was fixed for Thursday 6 January 1977 at 20.00, to be held at 9 Bramdean Rise, Edinburgh.

The Meeting closed somewhere between 22.15 and 22.45.