FIFTH COMMITTEE MEETING, FOURTEENTH YEAR

8 p.m., Monday 12 February 1990, at 26 Swan Spring Avenue, Edinburgh

Present:

John Barrow, Jane Cherry, Janet Fallon, Lucy Patterson, Gordon Riemersma, Pat Squire, Steve Terry, Charlie Walton

Apologies for absence were received from Ian McIntyre.

Apologies for absence from the previous Meeting were offered in retrospect by Gordon Riemersma.

1 Minutes of previous Meeting

The Minutes were accepted without amendment.

2 Secretary's Report

A paper had been received from BOF, dealing with a wide-ranging review of Membership Structure, and the overall role of the BOF. An accompanying questionnaire was to have been completed and returned by 31 January, but the Club had not had time to consider the paper's implications. Copies of the paper and questionnaire had been distributed to Committee members before this Meeting, so that the questionnaire could be considered with prior knowledge. Some time was then spent in going through the questionnaire and providing the Club's considered response. John agreed to collate the views, and send off the completed questionnaire.

A letter had been received from John Biggar of the LBOA, asking if Clubs would be prepared to sponsor the Association's Junior Squad, to the tune of about £50 each. The Meeting considered this request favourably, and John would reply accordingly, pointing out that the Club also supported its own Junior members when competing for the Association. However, it was felt that we should seek some sort of feedback from LBOA as to how the sponsorship money was allocated.

David Lane, the organiser of the 1990 Summer Series, had written asking if the Club could organise two of the forthcoming Series events, and offering suggested dates. After some discussion, it was agreed to ask for the dates of 9 May and 6 June. The address for details, to go on publicity, could be that of the Club Secretary. John would contact David Lane.

Certificates for place winners in the 1989 Scotlandsgaloppen series had been received, and appropriate ones were handed out. Brenda Nisbet had written, asking if the Club would be prepared to sponsor a trophy. Members would think about what form this trophy could take, and be prepared to discuss it at the next Meeting. John would reply to Brenda, indicating the Club's willingness to provide a trophy, perhaps for the W21 class.

3 Treasurer's Report

A cheque for £834.72 had been received from the Directors of the Scottish 6-Day Event Co.; it was not known what proportion this represented of the net profit allocated to the Day.

The Lomond Hills Badge event had produced a net income of about £460. This was mostly because of a larger than expected entry.

1400 control cards had been purchased to replace those used for the Badge event. It was agreed that the Club should also purchase some punches, probably two sets of 10.

John mentioned that he had entered two teams for the BOF Relays, and had sent a Club cheque for £23.40, to be recovered from the participants later.

Pat asked for postage expenses for the recent Training Day.

4 Events

4.1 S.O.A. Championships 1991 (8 June)

Gordon asked for confirmation that the venue was to be Birnam. He asked because his father, Rudolph, was to be organising sponsorship/publicity for the event. Jim Herdman (ESOC) was to be Controller. Jan McClean had written seeking formal permission for the use of the area, but had not yet had a reply. ESOC had settled on a venue for the Training Day. Application forms had been submitted to the National Event Panel, seeking to register the event's status. There had been no negative response, and the implication was that the registration had been accepted. The Panel was to be meeting in the near future.

Pat mentioned that the Scottish Sports Council provided a Sponsorship Advisory Service, and organised regular mailshots to selected companies. It might be possible to enlist this service to assist in preparing for the event.

In summary: main Officials had been chosen; permission for land use was being sought; National Event status was probably OK. As for the map, the situation would be assessed after the 1990 JK Training Event to check on stocks, and to see if a re-print, or even a re-survey, would be needed.

The next thing to do would be to establish what needed to be done before the end of 1990. Details of the event would be submitted to the IOF to try to have the event included in their fixture list.

4.2 LOL 7

Andrew Bankhead had agreed to plan the event on 11 March. He had already visited the forest, and Colin Inverarity would assist with transport. Some of the forest had still to be checked. Pat had contacted the Forestry Office at Peebles, who denied all knowledge of the event (even though John had spoken to them last November). Apparently, a Brownie pack was visiting the forest at 2 p.m. on the same day, and this might influence the choice of Finish site. Starting times had been advertised as being from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m.. Car parking and toilets were satisfactory, being located at the Forestry Offices at the main car park. There was no work planned to take place in the forest on the day, and there may be a hut available for use.

John would write to the Commission, confirming arrangements for the event, and stressing the need for some access to the forest before the day of the event.

Some discussion was had on allocation of main officials on the day. Eventually, it was decided that these would be as follows:

Parking	Bob Cherry
Registration	Jane Cherry
Start	Riemersma family
Finish	Ken Ovens
Results	John Barrow

4.3 Training Events

The Training Day had been held on 20 January, and 18 members had attended. All thought it had been valuable, and well planned. Pat was thanked for his efforts.

It was suggested that another event could be staged nearer the summer, perhaps at Gullane.

4.4 JK 1990

A Meeting would be arranged soon, to finalise plans for the Club's involvement in the organising of the Finish at the Relay event. It would probably require about 20 people.

5 Newsletter

The January/February issue had appeared, and Charlie was congratulated on its content and layout. He pointed out that the next issue had to contain the Notice for the Annual General Meeting - this would be adequate to abide by the Constitution. A copy date of 11 March was suggested and agreed.

As for the A.G.M., last year's Meeting had been a bit late, and we ought to try for the middle of May. The date of Thursday 17 May was suggested. There had been a suggestion last year that the staff at the Pleasance had been less than helpful in arranging a meeting room. John said he would contact Alan Chainey, the Director of P.E., to see if arrangements could be made to find a suitable room for the A.G.M., at an acceptable cost. (The advantage of using a room at the Pleasance was that it was relatively cheap.) John also agreed to prepare papers to be made available at the A.G.M., such as Minutes, Constitution, Reports, etc..

The following Newsletter, to appear after the J.K. in April/May, would carry the Agenda for the A.G.M., as well as Notice of the Annual Dinner. Some felt that a different venue for the latter should be chosen this year, and a suggestion of finding an Italian restaurant was made. Lucy would make enquiries.

6 Club Weekend

There had been no further development in trying to organise a Weekend to coincide with the Solway event in April. However, it was pointed out that INVOC were holding another event in the Spey Valley (in Glenmore) on 23 September, and that it might be possible to book the Moray House accommodation at Kincraig again. Pat said he would check the availability of the house.

7 Juniors

Gordon mentioned that there were two LBOA Training Days in the near future, the second clashing with the CompassSport Cup match against ESOC on 25 February. In connection with the latter, John promised to provide Jane with an up-to-date address list, so that she could embark on a badgering process to persuade Club members to turn out in force on that day.

8 Mapping

There was nothing to report.

9 LBOA

John mentioned that he had not yet received any Minutes of LBOA Meetings. He would chase this up with Ian and with David Lane.

10 Socials

The Burns Supper was held on 24 January, and 8 club members had been there (out of 40 people in all).

Lucy suggested holding a Ten-Pin Bowling evening in April. Venues suggested were the Megabowl, near ASDA, and Knights Bowl at Livingston. It was mentioned that it was fairly expensive at the Megabowl (£15 per alley per hour), with a maximum of 5 players per alley. Steve said that he would be going to Knights Bowl in the near future, and would let Lucy know what it was like.

The other main social event in the near future was the Annual Dinner, held in conjunction with the A.G.M. in May.

11 A.O.B.

Perth Orienteers wanted to borrow some equipment for an event in May. This was agreed.

Janet asked if the finances for the Lothian O-League event on 11 March could be dealt with quickly, so that she could include the figures in the accounts to be prepared for the end of the financial year.

Someone mentioned that control codes should be produced, in particular for the Lothian O-League event. It ought to be possible to produce a quantity of 80 or so from an A0 sized piece of suitable plastic sheeting. Andrew Bankhead would be contacted for his needs for the O-League event.

Pat asked if anyone going to an event on 18 February could take a bundle of information sheets for the Lothian O-League event.

Gordon asked if there were any proposals to produce a new stock of O-suits. He had some ideas for their design. Charlie would put an item in the next Newsletter asking for ideas. These would be discussed at the next Meeting. It might be possible to have the suits ready in time for the A.G.M..

The next Meeting would be held on Monday 23 April at 116 Marchmont Road, Edinburgh.

The Meeting closed at 10.45.