FIFTH COMMITTEE MEETING, FIFTEENTH YEAR

8 p.m., Monday 11 February 1991, at 26 Swan Spring Avenue, Edinburgh

Present:

John Barrow, Janet Fallon, Ishbel Mollison, Lucy Patterson, Eva Riemersma, Gordon Riemersma, Jane Smith, Pat Squire, Charlie Walton.

1 Matters Arising from previous Meeting

None. Any action items from the Minutes would be dealt with during the appropriate Agenda item.

2 Secretary's Report

Matters concerning the LBOA would be dealt with later in a separate Agenda item.

A notice had been received, advertising an SOA Competitions Conference, to be held at the University of Stirling on 9 March.

There was some further discussion of the S.O.A.'s Five Year plan for major events. Apart from the S.O.A. Relay Championships in 1995, there was no commitment on the Club, and it was unanimously agreed not to bid for the 1996 British Championships.

Details had been received from the Scottish Sports Aid Foundation, informing of their intention to sponsor a husband and wife team to compete in this year's London Marathon, and seeking the Club's assistance in organising further sponsorship. The intention was to disburse a proportion of any resultant sponsor money, so that both the Club and the S.A.F. would benefit. It pointed out that Lorna Boyd had benefitted in the recent past from a grant from the S.A.F.. After some discussion, the Meeting decided to take no action on this request, given the amount of work involved for an uncertain return.

Charlie had received two separate letters from Russian Orienteers, seeking exchanges.

The Archerfield file had not yet been returned by Ewart Scott. Neither had a cheque been received for the maps. These matters would be pursued.

ACTION John

There was a possibility that Archerfield would be used by ELO for a Badge event in November this year.

3 Treasurer's Report

There had still been no account received for the hire of Woodlands for the Club Weekend.

Despite the increase in cost, there was still a reasonable attendance at the Moray House gym sessions on Wednesdays.

3.1 Equipment

Another multi-memory watch had been acquired.

Pat reported that a pole set had been ordered for the Club tent.

The new O-suits were expected by the beginning of March.

With regard to headlamps, the same company which supplied the O-suits had recommended a Silva model, providing about 10-20 watts. Given the approx. cost of £81, the Meeting felt there was no need for immediate action to acquire any.

4 Events

4.1 Lothian O-League

The Lothian O-League event at Beecraigs had taken place, with about 300 competitors. All had proceeded more or less according to plan. The unused maps had been bought by the Club to serve as possible training material.

4.2 Summer Series

Pat had agreed to organise the event on 8 May, at Colinton Dell, and this decision had been communicated to David Lane, the Series organiser. LBOA had recommended that a flat entry fee of £1 be charged. Pat had acquired a stock of maps.

4.3 S.O.A. Championships 1991

Organisation for the event was on schedule. Charlie mentioned that some re-budgeting had been carried out in the light of the levy situation (described in the Minutes of the last Meeting). It was expected that costs would just be covered. It would still be nice if some sponsorship could be sought for extras, such as prizes, drinks, and programme/results production. There was some further discussion on publicity, and a suggestion that a mechanism which the Scottish Sports Council employed could be utilised.

The view was taken that it would be good to be able to provide enhancements to the event, but the crunch was that people would need to be found to provide them.

4.4 Southern Uplands 91

No word had yet been received from MAROC as to what they would specifically like Interløpers to do on the day. However, the Club would soon have to appoint a Day Organiser to liaise with MAROC.

4.5 CompassSport Cup

The Club's tie against Clyde was to be held at the Tinto event at Happendon Woods on 24 February. After some discussion, Janet agreed to coordinate teams.

4.6 Relay Teams

The closing date for entries for the J.K. was drawing closer (23 February), and so far only 1 J.K. Open and 1 Short Open had been entered. Charlie would bring some pressure to bear on the M21 Club members to decide on their intended participation in Relay teams.

5 Newsletter

The next issue would appear in early March, with a copy-date of the end of February. Information to appear would include details of the Club's involvement in organising the Scottish Championships, formal notification of the date of the Annual General Meeting, and any possibilities for accommodation at the J.K.. With regard to the A.G.M., it was agreed to seek the use of the Meeting Room at the University P.E. Department at the Pleasance, possibly on Thursday 16 May.

ACTION John

6 Socials

Lucy announced the holding of a Pancake Night, to be held the following evening at Ian McIntyre's flat at 1 Leven Terrace.

There was also a possibility of having an evening at the Megabowl in March.

There was also some discussion about what form the post-A.G.M. meal should take, with a suggestion that it be held at a Mexican restaurant at Tollcross.

7 LBOA

Pat reported on the meeting of the LBOA Committee held on 7 February.

There was some discussion over the possible use of Archerfield by ELO for a Badge event next November.

It was reported that WFO were hoping to stage L O-L 7 at Tentsmuir on 28 April.

At the next meeting of the Committee, it was hoped to discuss dates for the 1991/92 Lothian O-League. As for Interløpers, this Meeting thought it best to seek a date in February 1992.

A map register was to be established, and local Clubs would be asked to provide details of any areas they held stocks of maps for.

Clubs had been circulated with details of finances of the Junior Squad, and had been asked if they would be prepared to contribute in a similar fashion this year. This Meeting decided to agree in principle to this request, and Pat was asked to communicate this to the nest Meeting on 10 April.

ACTION Pat

At the previous meeting on 5 December, RR had initiated a discussion on the matter of prize presentations, with the suggestion that such presentations could be held at following events.

8 Juniors

Congratulations were extended to Club members who had represented Scotland in both Junior and Senior Home International Squads.

With regard to the letters from the Club to Headteachers of schools which successful Club Juniors attended (as mentioned in the Minutes of the last Meeting on 3 December 1990), it was suggested that, as a courtesy, copies of the letters should be sent to the relevant parents. The letters had not yet been written, but information would soon be collated, and Pat would prepare a draft letter.

ACTION Pat, John

9 A.O.B.

A brief review was held of the state of payment of event levies for events held during 1990.

The S.O.A. participation survey for 1990 had been completed.

Further discussion was held on the manner of the selection for the BOF tour to the Soviet Union in the coming summer. It was suggested that letters be written to Peter Palmer, and to Derek Allison, seeking clarification of the selection policy. The implication, so far, is that not all tours are being made open to all BOF members; it should be stressed that equal opportunity should be given to Juniors in all BOF regions, including Scotland.

ACTION John

Charlie gave brief details of a discussion being staged in the pages of Compass Sport, on the matter of the Scottish 6-Day Event Co. not paying BOF levy. Apparently, agreement had been obtained some years ago that this series would not pay levy, since one reason for staging it was to provide funds to pay for a part-time S.O.A. Development Officer. However, the S.O.A. case had not been presented in the best light (particularly in view of the fact that some S.O.A. Officers were also Directors of the 6-Day Event Company). This had meant that the opposition case had made unfair accusations about the S.O.A. position.

The next Meeting would be held at 8 pm on Monday 8 April 1991 at 2/4 New Orchardfield, Edinburgh.

The Meeting closed at 11.00 pm.