THIRD COMMITTEE MEETING, SIXTEENTH YEAR

8 p.m., Monday 14 October 1991, at 36 Buckstone Loan, Edinburgh

Present:

Andrew Bankhead, John Barrow, Pakit Hyman, Colin Inverarity, Eva Riemersma, Ynske Riemersma, Jane Smith, Pat Squire, Charlie Walton

1 Adoption of Minutes of Meeting of 19 August

Apart from a minor error (the date of the present Meeting being shown as "17 October"), the Minutes were accepted as a true record.

2 Secretary's Report

A copy of the 1991 SOA Statistical Survey questionnaire had been received, and needed to be returned by 20 October.

A letter had been received from Brenda Nisbet, asking if the Club would be prepared to assist in the staging of the Veterans' World Cup on Speyside in August 1994, in accordance with a suggested plan of responsibility. The Meeting agreed in principle, but noted that our involvement would be on a weekday.

There was to be an SOA Controllers Course on 18 January 1992, and the letter of notification from Jim Heardman described the SOA's concern about the number of Grade II Controllers. It set out the requirements for becoming appointed as a Grade III Controller (one of which was to attend a Controllers Course); it asked the Club to encourage members to apply to attend this Course, and also to try to persuade existing Grade III Controllers to apply for promotion to Grade II (after satisfying the relevant requirements).

BOF had advised that a Coaching Conference would be held at Lilleshall in early December, and pointed out that any BOF member could attend. Notification of the Conference would be posted in the nest newsletter.

3 Treasurer's Report

Pending the analysis of some bank statements which had been sent to the previous Treasurer, Jane reported that the current bank balance was approx. £2000. All outstanding claims for expenses referred to in the Minutes of the previous Meeting had now been settled. Pat mentioned that, although the Club Championships had made a slight loss, the Club Weekend had made about £35 profit (owing to some miscalculation of catering costs, and consequent slight over-charging of members).

Charlie commented on the bank balance, and pointed out that, now that profits from staging events were likely to be much reduced because of map costs and increased levies (from both BOF and SOA), the amount in the account would serve as a useful cushion to support any activities the Club might plan in future.

4 Equipment

An invoice for the printing of the badges and the lettering on the new O-suits had now been received, and the unit cost for the badges was 80p. Hence, charging £1 each was considered to be quite appropriate.

Pakit mentioned that some halogen bulbs and battery packs, subsidised by the Club, remained after the Harvester Trophy.

Pat reported that, in their recent move of house, Jane and Bob Cherry had unearthed the old Club banner, together with some books and a few sweat shirts, and had given these items to Pat.

5 Events

5.1 Harvester Trophy - 1 September

Pakit reported that the team had enjoyed the event, although the weather had been very misty and a couple of members had been adversely affected by the conditions. The final position was 7th or 8th; the results were not yet out. Next year's event was to be in Devilla.

5.2 SOA 14-person Relay - 8 September

John had managed to scrape together a team, and everyone thoroughly enjoyed the experience. A rather sour note was introduced when another team complained about our decision to run a pair on one of the yellow courses, and had the Club team declared non-competitive; this other team (unidentified) did not even have the courtesy to discuss the matter with our team on the day, and the action only became evident when the results were received. A letter of complaint was sent to the Organiser and a copy sent to the SOA Secretary; it was agreed, however, that no further action was necessary, since the entire matter was quite outwith the spirit of the competition, and dragging it out further would serve no useful purpose.

5.3 Junior Home International - Cork - 5/6 October 1992

Ynske reported that several Club members had represented Scotland in this event; Gail Balfour had won W13 by 2 seconds, Anthony Squire was 3rd in M13, Gordon Riemersma was 4th (and 1st Scot) in M17, and Ynske was 9th in W15.

5.4 Veterans Home International - Craig A'Barns - 6 October 1991

Ray Heyworth had competed in this event.

5.5 Senior Home International - Wales - 19/20 October 1991

Lorna Boyd had been selected to represent Scotland in this event, while Joanna Mitchell was Reserve.

5.6 Lothian O-League 1991/92 event 7 - 12 April 1992

There was a problem with the originally preferred date for this event; 5 April 1992 was earmarked for a Badge Event (even though no-one had taken up the option of staging an event on that day). Accordingly, the Club had to settle on 12 April, which was only one week before the JK.

Pakit presented the Meeting with a proposal that members of the British Squad take on the responsibility for Organising and Planning the event, as part of a series of events run by Squad members, with a view

to participating in any profit-sharing from the events, and thereby boosting Squad funds (and as a side effect making the general membership more aware of the Squad and its activities, particularly its financial position). Pat mentioned that he had discussed the matter with Robin Strain, who foresaw no problems. After some discussion, the Meeting agreed with the proposal.

Some discussion was had on a suitable venue for the event. Since there was considerable doubt about the availability (and indeed the suitability) of Archerfield, other areas were considered. The use of Bowhill was suggested, and Pakit, as self-appointed Organiser (!), promised to check its availability with members of Roxburgh Reivers. Another possible area was the Eildon Hills.

The summary of the O-League programme was therefore as follows:

20 October	Roxburgh Reivers	Gala Hill
10 November	EUOC	(tba)
8 December	LINOC	Bowden Hill
12 January	ELO	Binning Wood
9 February	WFO	Tentsmuir
8 March	ESOC	Hillend
12 April	INT	Bowhill?

5.7 Other Events

Some discussion was held on any future events the Club might wish to hold, or is already committed to. In the latter category were included a Lothian O-League event in 1992, the 1993 Scottish 6-Day event, the 1993 Scottish Score Championships (in December), and the Veterans World Cup (in August 1994). As discussed at the previous Committee Meeting, the SOA Fixtures Secretary had circulated Clubs in August with a list of free Badge Event dates in 1992, and this was further talked around. The perennial problem of available areas was mentioned, and one opinion was voiced that, in view of the amount of effort required to stage an event and the likely financial return, perhaps the Club should devote its effort more towards internal training courses for its members. However, it was recognised that, to a certain extent, the Club had to be seen to be contributing towards the good of Scottish orienteering as a whole, and consequently an effort should be made to stage some sort of event, in addition to the programme already mentioned, in the next year or two. To this end, John agreed to contact Ben Bate to check which dates, if any, were still available for a Badge Event in 1992, preferably in the latter half of the year. As well, it was suggested that it might be possible to stage an event in a different format, perhaps a Sprint-O$_{TM}$.

6 LBOA

The Committee met on 9 September, but there was not much to report. Some O-League event dates were confirmed. The Annual General Meeting would be held at the Southsider at 8 pm on Wednesday 30 October. The Handbook will appear in due course. The Junior Squad performed well at the Inter-Area Championships at Anagach on 22 September.

7 Newsletter

Charlie echoed the sentiments of all in congratulating the Editor on the recent newsletter. Colin suggested that the deadline for next issue should be the end of the current month. Various suggestions were made for articles for the issue, including a "Where Are They Now" item about the founder members of the Club. A few amendments to the address list were noted, and a copy would be included in the newsletter.

8 Socials

14 members enjoyed a meal at Jolly's Pizzeria in Elm Row on 9 October.

The City Chambers tour, referred to in the Minutes of the last Meeting, would not now take place, but a Ghost Tour, starting at the Mercat Cross at 7 pm, had been booked for the night of Hallowe'en. Other social events were discussed, and it was decided to arrange a Skittles Night at the Sheep Heid towards the end of November, a Mince Pies/Mulled Wine evening on 18 December (a repeat of the well-received event of last winter), and an informal meal at a Mexican Restaurant (Pancho Villas in the Canongate) organised by Pakit, probably on 15 November.

Pakit mentioned that, in August 1992, a Relay was being organised for a 12-14 person team to run from Broughton Brewery to a brewery at Cockermouth in the Lake District. He would bring more details to the next Meeting.

9 Club Weekend

A thoroughly enjoyable time was had by all who attended this year's Weekend. Magnus Davidson (AUOC) had organised a training session at Glenmore Forest on Saturday morning, which some members went to. John mentioned that Carol McNeill joined the Club for the Weekend, staying at Woodlands with a fellow Lakeland member, after the proposed main party of Lakeland Orienteers failed to materialise for their own weekend on Speyside. Pat and Jenny were thanked once again for their efforts in organising the Weekend.

10 Training

The sessions at the Meadows, the Moray House gym, and Meggetland were continuing as usual. As well, several people had been going to the Pentlands run from Balerno. Pakit mentioned that the Scottish Squad would be holding training sessions in conjunction with Badge Events, starting next Spring, and it might be possible for Club members to participate in these.

11 Juniors

Ynske and Anthony were still preparing an article for the newsletter on Junior activities over the Summer. A suggestion to help Juniors was for a sample M21 to write up a brief description of his route, and provide a map with the route overdrawn, for a typical large scale event, and submit it for inclusion in the newsletter.

12 A.O.B.

Pat was able to provide further details of Club affiliation to the Moray House Sports Injury Clinic at Cramond. There was no restriction on numbers, but each would still cost £10 per named person, and membership would run for a pre-determined period of twelve months, during which time no unnamed members would be able to use the facilities. It would now be up to Club members to respond to a notice in the newsletter by sending an application to Jane by 15 December, together with the money, to be included in the membership, so that this could begin on, say, 1 January 1992.

The next Meeting would be held at 8 pm on Monday 9 December 1991 at 161 Dalkeith Road, Edinburgh.

The Meeting closed at 10.55 pm.